

Portobello man finds tarantula in his cupboard



The Scottish SPCA is seeking the owner of a tarantula found in a cupboard in Portobello.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was called out on Sunday (22 June) after a man was shocked to discover the tarantula in his home in Baileyfield Road.

The creature is now in the care of the charity's Edinburgh and Lothians Animal Rescue and Rehoming Centre in Balerno, where he has been nicknamed Sebastian.

Centre manager Diane Aitchison said, "Sebastian is in good condition so I think there's a chance he's escaped from home and his owner is looking for him.

"Tarantulas are quite popular pets, although most people would probably get a fright if they came across one.

"Thankfully, the man who found Sebastian wasn't too fazed and he managed to contain him until we got there.

"It would be wonderful to return him home if he has gone missing.

"If no-one comes forward for Sebastian we'll find him a caring new owner who understands his needs."

Anyone who recognises Sebastian is being urged to contact the Scottish SPCA's animal helpline on 03000 999 999.

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