

# Four kittens abandoned near Merchiston Castle School



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after four kittens were abandoned in Edinburgh.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted after a man walking his dog discovered the four to five week old cats near Merchiston Castle School in the early hours of Saturday morning (26 July).

The kittens, three females and one male, are now being hand-reared by staff at the Scottish SPCA's Edinburgh and Lothians Animal Rescue and Rehoming Centre in Balerno.

Inspector Heather Lawson said, "A man was walking his dog at around 1am on Saturday morning when he noticed a car pull away without its lights on.

"He thought this was suspicious so went over to where it had been parked and saw the four kittens. "We've been told the car was red but unfortunately we have no further details about the make, model or person driving it.

"The kittens are too young to be away from their mum as they can't yet feed themselves. They're now being syringe-fed milk around the clock and are doing well.

"We're very keen to trace the person responsible for abandoning these helpless kittens. It was only by chance they were found and they could easily have come to harm.

"We'll continue to look after them until we can find them loving new homes."

Abandoning an animal is an offence under the Animal Health and

Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 and anyone found guilty of doing so can expect to be banned from keeping animals for a fixed period or life. Anyone with information is being urged to contact the Scottish SPCA Animal Helpline on 03000 999 999.