

Poorly dog abandoned in Midlothian



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after a dog in poor condition was tied to a tree in Midlothian.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted after a member of the public discovered the abandoned dog on wasteland near Easthouses Industrial Estate in Dalkeith at 8.30pm on Thursday (20 November).

The tan and white male crossbreed dog, estimated to be around five years old, was weak and very underweight and began fitting on arrival at a vets. Tragically, the vet had no option but to put him to sleep to end his suffering.

Senior Inspector Jenny Scott said, "This was a very cruel case where a poorly dog was abandoned by being tied to a tree in a remote area.

"He must have been extremely frightened and we don't know how long he had been there before he was found. Thankfully, a man noticed him after his own dog ran over to him.

"If anyone can shed any light on who owned this tragic dog we would urge them to contact us."

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.