

Bearded dragon found on number 20 bus



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after a bearded dragon was found on a bus in Edinburgh.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted on Thursday around midday when the creature was discovered on a Number 20 Lothian Bus, which runs from the Slateford area of the city to Ratho.

The bearded dragon is now in the care of the charity's Edinburgh and Lothians Animal Rescue and Rehoming Centre, where staff have named him Blakey after the character from *On the Buses*.

Animal Rescue Officer Fiona Thorburn said, "A passenger found Blakey inside a plastic pet carrier within a large carrier bag and alerted the driver.

"At this stage we can't say for sure whether Blakey has been abandoned. Someone could have been transporting him and forgotten him but this seems unlikely and as far as we are aware no-one has been in touch with Lothian Buses looking for him.

"We understand Lothian Buses will be reviewing CCTV footage. In the meantime we would ask anyone who recognises Blakey and knows who might have owned him to contact us.

"This isn't the first animal we have rescued having been left on a Lothian Bus. Last year we took in a kitten who we named Ticket and in 2013 a guinea pig was left behind.

"Blakey is in good condition and is now receiving the care he needs with us. If he has been abandoned we will soon be

looking to find him a loving new home.”

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