

# Leanne climbs Kilimanjaro for charity



Just last week Leanne Ross, who works for the Scottish SPCA, climbed almost 6000 metres and raised over £5,500 for the charity in the process.

Last February she made the decision to start fundraising and that she would climb the highest freestanding mountain in the world – Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, and she did it just a week ago!

Leanne said: “Over the last year and a half I have done bag packing in various stores, car boot sales and even held a 1950’s themed night in Glasgow City Centre raising over £5,500 in total to date.

“On the 14th August I set off to Tanzania in order to fulfill my challenge of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro. After 5 long agonising days filled with sweat and tears on Thursday the 20th August at 9:30am I reached the Uhuru Peak (5895m).

“This adventure was a massive accomplishment for me as I do not keep in the best of health. I have a rare blood disease called Neutropenia, this affects my immune system, leaving me open to infection and making it harder for me to fight any illness that if not dealt with promptly can become life threatening. I have to inject myself on a weekly basis to help me live out a normal life but can still become very ill very quickly.

The animal welfare charity, [Scottish SPCA](#), works to help rescue and rehome as many animals as possible in Scotland.