

Guinea pig dumped in Old Dalkeith Road



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after a guinea pig was abandoned in Edinburgh.

A member of the public found the pet in its carrier on Old Dalkeith Road on Saturday.

The guinea pig is currently being cared for at the charity's rescue and rehoming centre in Lanarkshire, where he has been named Oreo.

Senior Inspector Jenny Scott said, "Whoever dumped Oreo couldn't have known he would be found by someone who would help him.

"He was left in his open carrier on a grassy area across from Craigmillar Park near the tip.

"His carrier had a few wisps of hay in it and there was an empty water bottle lying on its side. The poor thing didn't have any bedding in his carrier either.

"Oreo is a lovely boy who is full of fun and mischief. He also appears in good condition.

"We're now hoping to find this sweet boy a new home with an owner who is committed to caring for him for the rest of his life.

"If anyone has any information about who may have dumped Oreo or is interested in giving him a loving new home, we'd ask them to call us on 03000 999 999."

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.