

Scottish SPCA looking after Hugh the Shrew



The Scottish SPCA is caring for a Shrew who was found orphaned in Gifford alongside his brother.

Scotland's animal welfare charity picked up the pair last Wednesday (02 November) although sadly one later died.

The 16 day old male shrew is being hand reared at the charity's national wildlife centre in Fishcross, where he has been nicknamed Hugh.

Centre manager Colin Seddon said, "One of our staff members, Nicola Turnbull, has been rearing Hugh since he came in.

"This is a very difficult task and takes a high degree of dedication but she has been doing an amazing job.

"He needs fed every two hours during the day and every three during the night.

"The young shrew has only just opened his eyes and is now starting to feed himself on mealworms.

"Within the next ten days he should be totally independent and he will be able to be released into the wild."

Anyone who discovers an injured or distressed wild animal should call the Scottish SPCA animal helpline on 03000 999 999.

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