

Two terrapins discovered on Musselburgh street



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after two terrapins were discovered on a street in Musselburgh.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted on Saturday (8 July) after the terrapins were found on South Street in Musselburgh at around half ten.

Inspector John Toule said, "Not only was it irresponsible of someone to abandon these animals, it was also an offence.

"People are often fooled into thinking that terrapins are easy to look after and don't fully consider the time and commitment required to care for them.

"They can live for over 30 years so the decision to take one on shouldn't be made lightly.

"However, they can make excellent pets for exotics enthusiasts and we always have lots of terrapins, many of which have been abandoned, looking for suitable new homes.

"If anyone noticed any suspicious activity or has any information we urge you to get in touch."

Abandoning an animal is an offence under the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006. 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.

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