

# Two female rabbits discovered near the entrance to Old Musselburgh Golf Club



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after two female rabbits were discovered near the entrance to Old Musselburgh Golf Club in Prestonpans.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted after a member of the public spotted them hopping about at the side of the road on Saturday (26 August).

Animal Rescue Officer Melissa Maitland said, "There was a cardboard box found close by with holes on the top which suggests these rabbits had escaped after being dumped. "This is not only a cruel incident but it is also a crime. These animals could have easily been hit by a car and killed.

"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.