Badger found having a nap in a Linlithgow house

The Scottish SPCA was alerted yesterday to a badger which was spotted in a house at Beecraigs Country Park in Linlithgow.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was called to the property after the badger had snuck into the property through the cat flap and made himself comfy on the cat bed.

Animal Rescue Officer Connie O'Neil said, "I got a surprise when I arrived at the property and saw a badger having a nap!

"He had gotten in through the cat flap and had eaten all the cat food before going for a sleep on the cat bed.

"He didn't seem too happy when I tried to move him but I was able to slide the cat bed round and it was then that the badger noticed the back door was open so made a run for it!"

Scottish SPCA Chief Superintendent Mike Flynn said, "It is highly unusual for a wild badger to enter a house and we would urge anyone to immediately contact our animal helpline on 03000 999 999 should they find one in an unusual place.

"Like all wild animals badgers can be aggressive when injured or cornered so we would advise not to go near or touch them without giving us a call first."

Anyone concerned about the welfare of an animal should contact the Scottish SPCA animal helpline on 03000 999 999.

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