

Stolen tortoise Huck found safe and well



The Scottish SPCA was delighted to return Huck the tortoise after he was stolen from Edinburgh Butterfly & Insect world on 21 February.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted after a member of the public spotted the tortoise in a park in Edinburgh on Thursday.

Animal rescue officer Sarah Aulds Smith said, "We're so pleased to have helped Huck get home. The caller noticed him as her dog was found rolling near him so she took him home before giving our animal helpline a call.

"I took him to our centre in Balerno and Diane, the centre manager, recognised him immediately."

Centre manager Diane Aitchison said, "As soon as Sarah mentioned an abandoned tortoise I thought of poor Huck.

“Once we got him to the centre I identified him with pictures from the original appeal and then contacted Edinburgh Butterfly & Insect World to get a formal identification.”



Butterfly and Insect World – Huck the red-footed South American Tortoise returns home after being stolen from his enclosure at Dobbies Butterfly and Insect World on 21 February 2018. Picture Shows; Huck the red-footed tortoise is welcomed back to Butterfly and Insect World, by keeper, Lyndsey Paget.

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Lyndsey Paget, one of Huck’s keepers said, “We’re so happy to have Huck back home with us at Edinburgh Butterfly & Insect World. We really missed him, and so did our visitors. Everyone has been absolutely overjoyed to hear that he is safe and sound.”

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