

Scottish SPCA appeal after cat abandoned in Livingston



The Scottish SPCA is appealing for information after a cat was abandoned in a cat carrier at the side of a road in Livingston.

Scotland's animal welfare charity was alerted after the male cat was discovered on Firbank Grove in East Calder on Tuesday (17 April).

The feline is now in the care of the charity's animal rescue and rehoming centre in Glasgow where he has been named Gustav.

Scottish SPCA Inspector Jenni Surgeon said, "It appears that someone has abandoned Gustav in a cat carrier. He could have escaped the carrier and easily run on to the road and been killed by an oncoming vehicle.

"Gustav is now doing well in our care and we will look after him until we can find him a loving new home.

"This is not only a cruel incident but it is also a crime and we're appealing for anyone with information 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.