

# Scottish SPCA appealing for volunteers to help raise money



The Scottish SPCA is appealing to people in Edinburgh and the Lothians to help raise funds for abused, abandoned and injured animals by volunteering in their community.

Scotland's animal welfare charity is urging locals to get involved this Scottish Animal Week, which runs from 3 – 9 September, by raising funds in their local area.

Diane Aitchison, manager of the charity's animal rescue and rehoming centre in Balerno, said, "Last year our centre cared for 987 animals and this year we have already cared for 735 animals so we really need the support of the public more than ever.

"As an animal welfare charity, we receive no government or lottery funding and rely on the generosity of animal lovers to continue our vital work.

“During Scottish Animal Week we have opportunities to fundraise throughout Edinburgh and the Lothians and we’d be really grateful if locals can get behind our appeal and help.

“Door-to-door fundraising can be carried out between Monday and Friday, while people can hold street collections on the Saturday.

“We encourage people to have a bit of fun and some of our past volunteers have dressed up in costumes or taken a canine friend along with them.

“Even if someone can only spare an hour or two to collect vital funds, their time and efforts would be hugely appreciated.”

To stay up to date on Scottish Animal Week you can follow #InYourLocalCommunity and #ScottishAnimalWeek18 on social media.

Anyone who would like to help fundraise for the Scottish SPCA can contact the fundraising team on 03000 999 999 or email [fundraising@scottishspca.org](mailto:fundraising@scottishspca.org)