

# Severely malnourished dog abandoned in Bathgate



Police are appealing for information as part of an ongoing investigation into the abandonment of a mistreated dog in Bathgate.

Officers were called to a roundabout near to Wester Inch and the Tesco Supermarket on Blackburn Road around 1.20am on Monday 3rd September, following a report of a dog being found abandoned.

The dog, which was wandering alone but could barely walk, was severely malnourished with its ribs visible and had cuts and untreated abscesses on its body.

The dog was taken to an emergency vets in Whitburn however, despite their best efforts, the dog sadly had to be euthanised the following day (Tuesday 4th September).

The dog was described as male, a Staffy-cross and golden-coloured. He was not microchipped or wearing a collar when found.

PC Kat Mackay of Bathgate Police Station said: "This poor animal was clearly in pain and needed urgent medical treatment, but was instead left alone to suffer.

“By the time help came, it was sadly too late. His health continued to deteriorate and he had to be put down. Our enquiries into this continue and we’re asking for the help of the local community.

“If anyone recognises this dog, or may have seen someone leave him in the area, I would urge them to contact either us or Crimestoppers anonymously as soon as possible.”

Those with information can contact Police Scotland on 101, quoting incident number 0236 of 3rd September, or the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.