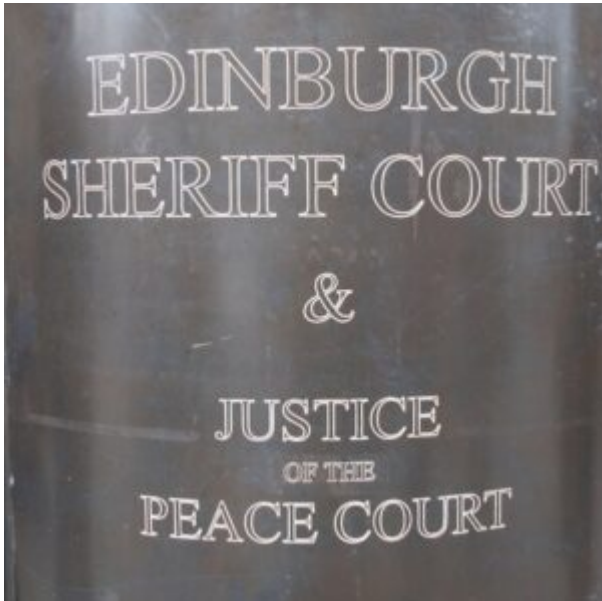


Tranent man banned from keeping dogs for five years



An East Lothian man who caused his eight-year-old American bulldog, called Capone, unnecessary suffering has been given a £360 fine, deprivation order and has been banned from keeping dogs for five years following a Scottish SPCA investigation.

Robert Lunn, 25, of Ormiston Crescent West in Tranent was sentenced at Edinburgh Sheriff Court on 5 October.

Lunn pled guilty to causing unnecessary suffering under section 19 of the Animal Health & Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006.

Commenting on the investigation and court case, Scottish SPCA Inspector Stephanie McCrossan said, "Capone was found in an emaciated state lying in a cage soaked in his own urine. He had large wounds on his hind legs and was struggling to stand up.

"After being examined by a vet it was found that he had no overlying fat and was extremely dehydrated. Lunn had a duty of care and caused Capone to suffer by failing to provide an adequate diet and veterinary treatment.

“Thankfully Capone is on his way to a full recovery and, when he is ready, we will find him a loving forever home.”

The inspector added, “We welcome the fact that Lunn has been dealt with by the court and the sentence handed down. We hope he will give serious consideration about his suitability to care for other animals in the future.”