

# Scottish SPCA appeal for donations of food to help hedgehogs

The Scottish SPCA is appealing to animal lovers in Scotland to donate tinned and sachet cat and dog food for the hedgehogs in their National Wildlife Centre in Fishcross.



Scotland's animal welfare charity rescued over 9,600 wild animals last year.

Centre Manager Colin Seddon said, "We are constantly caring for a large number of hedgehogs but this number rises over the winter months.

"We currently have over 150 in our care, most of which will be staying with us until the new year and because of this, we are struggling to keep up with the demand for cat and dog food.

"The majority of the hedgehogs are late litter youngsters that have not yet stored enough body fat to survive hibernation and are often found out during the day looking for food, which is

alarming as hedgehogs are nocturnal.

“In 2017 Fishcross cared for 1,470 hedgehogs which came in as a result of strimmer injuries, orphans, dog attacks, late litter juveniles and more.”

Tinned or sachet cat or dog food can be handed into the Wildlife Centre located at Fishcross, Clackmannanshire FK10 3AN, or the nearest Scottish SPCA Animal Rescue and Rehoming Centre between 10am and 4pm (closed Tuesday). Alternatively, products can be purchased from the wildlife centre's Amazon wishlist – <http://amzn.eu/3DrbLqg>