



Scottish Charity – Registered No. SC034297

REHABILITATION POLICY

Definition of policy

This policy sets out the Scottish Badgers (SB) approach to the rehabilitation of badgers in Scotland and needs to be read in conjunction with the SB Rehabilitation Guidance Notes.

Policy Headline

Scottish Badgers recognises the need for a stratified policy to satisfy the organisations aim of health and welfare issues related to rehabilitation for badgers in Scotland.

Background

Scottish Badgers recognises the need for a list available to all of approved animal rescue centres which have suitable facilities to cater for badgers health and welfare prior to rehabilitation. To encourage and monitor new and existing animal rescue centres to provide facilities suitable for badgers. To promote good working relationships between SB, Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA), veterinary practises and approved animal rescue centres. To encourage the general public to report incidents, this may otherwise lead to health and welfare considerations for badgers. To assess and maintain a list of suitable release sites for badgers, with regard to habitat and future welfare issues. Whenever possible monitor and evaluate the success or otherwise of rehabilitation cases to inform future decision making.

Policy Statement

As a national organisation, SB will work closely with Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH), Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA), veterinary practises and approved animal rescue centres throughout Scotland, with the aim of promoting best practise with regard to the health and welfare of badgers in need of assistance prior to and during the rehabilitation process to ensure best practice is adhered to.