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Spring has sprung in the city - Lambs loose in London

Animal Home called out to rescue baby sheep from urban housing area

London – Spring time is synonymous with baby animals, daffodils and lambs springing across the fields, but **The Mayhew Animal Home** wasn't expecting a call to rescue two 10-day-old lambs from a residential area in Kilburn.

The Mayhew's Animal Welfare Officers were called on Monday 30th March regarding reports of two tiny lambs wandering around the gardens of a property development company in the urban area of North West London. They have now named the female, Spring, and the male, Summer.

Animal Welfare Officer, Claire Harper, said: *"We certainly don't receive calls like this often but it was a couple of days too early for an April Fools. When we arrived the little lambs were cold and dehydrated and probably wouldn't have lasted much longer outside as they are less than two weeks old. However, they are back at our Veterinary Clinic now and doing really well, and will be looked after round the clock by our animal care staff."*

As The Mayhew doesn't have facilities to house farm animals permanently, they will be caring for the lambs until they are healthy enough to be transferred to an experienced sanctuary to find them a new home.

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For the Editor

The Mayhew Animal Home was established in 1886 for the benefit of "the lost and starving dogs and cats of London so that they should have sanctuary from the cold inhumanity they are being dealt outside". Today, The Mayhew is one of the busiest animal sanctuaries in London, rescuing thousands of animals from cruelty and neglect each year. We provide shelter and care for cats, dogs, rabbits and when the need arises, for a wide variety of other animals.

The Mayhew Animal Home strives to tackle the companion animal welfare crisis from every possible angle. The organisation is pro-active, innovative and continually works to assist animals and their carers. The Mayhew offers a wide variety of community services providing advice, care and assistance to animals and their carers whatever their circumstances.