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# Possum torture 'h

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**WILDLIFE RESCUE VOLUNTEER HEARTBR**

THE DPI is investigating a horrific animal cruelty case.

Animal welfare groups labelled the torture of two possums a disgrace.

South Oakleigh Wildlife Shelter's Michele Phillips was called to New St, Brigh-

ton, on May 31 and found two brushtail possums that had been severely mistreated.

"Brushtail and ringtail possums are protected," Ms Phillips said.

"Hefty fines and penalties

apply to those who harm them."

Ms Phillips reported the incident to the Department of Environment and Primary Industries, which is investigating.

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site.

“It’s completely heart-breaking when a volunteer witnesses such horrific cruelty at the hands of our fellow humans,” Ms Amato said.

“It’s so distressing.”

Report sick, injured or orphaned wildlife to Wildlife Victoria on [1300 094 535](tel:1300094535).