

BAT FACTS

- Bats are mammals, and they are the only mammal that can truly fly.
- Baby bats are born live (like all mammals) and are called pups.
- **Bats are very beneficial to our environment:**
 - » Most species eat insects and small bugs—they can eat up to 1,200 mosquitoes an hour.
 - » They pollinate plants.
 - » They disperse seeds.
- Bats rely on sound (echolocation) to navigate, communicate, and capture insects.
- Bats can see in the daylight; however it is very unusual for a bat to be out during the day. If you see one out during the day, the chances of it being sick are very high.
- Bats do not like to be near people; if a bat is not actively trying to avoid people, that is also a good indicator it may be ill.
- When not in flight, a bat's normal position is head down (upside down)—this is how they sleep.
- Bats that live in Utah either migrate to warmer climates or hibernate during the winter months.



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Contact with a bat

If someone touches, gets touched, bitten, or scratched by a bat call Salt Lake County Health Department IMMEDIATELY at 385-468-4222 so we can evaluate the person for receiving preventive treatment for rabies.

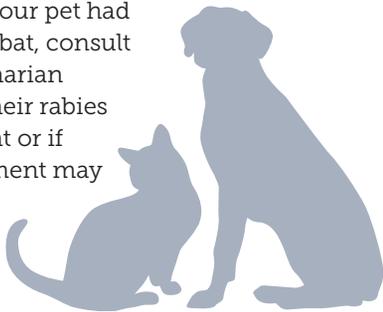
If you have the bat, **DO NOT DISPOSE OF OR RELEASE IT!** If possible, contain/cover it and call Animal Services; they may have the bat tested, which could eliminate the need for preventative rabies treatment.



Not sure if you had contact with a bat? If you find a bat inside your residence—dead or alive: If possible, without coming into contact with the bat, contain it to one room or place a container over it and call Animal Services immediately.

Bats & Pets

Vaccinate your pets against rabies; **dogs and cats in Salt Lake County are required by law to be current on their rabies vaccine.** If you find a bat dead or alive—near your pet, remove your pet immediately and try not to let the bat go! If possible—without coming into contact with the bat—place a container over it and call Animal Services immediately. If your pet had contact with the bat, consult with your veterinarian about whether their rabies vaccine is current or if preventive treatment may be necessary.



Local Animal Services Numbers

If exposure occurred in:

- Bluffdale
- Copperton
- Cottonwood Heights
- Draper
- Emigration
- Herriman
- Holladay
- Kearns
- Magna
- Midvale
- Millcreek
- Murray
- Riverton
- Salt Lake City
- South Jordan
- South Salt Lake
- Taylorsville
- West Jordan
- West Valley
- White City
- unincorporated Salt Lake County

CALL 801-840-4000

- Sandy
CALL 801-799-3000



Excluding bats from your attic or soffit:

Bats like to live in dark nooks and small spaces—their homes are called roosts. Even though bats are very beneficial, we should not share living spaces with them. Exclude bats from attics and other spaces by:

- **Installing a one-way door;** this will allow the bats to leave the space but they will not be able to get back in.
- **Use mesh wire or caulk** to seal up small access holes.



DO NOT use exclusion methods from May 1 to September 1

The pups are not old enough to fly during this time and if the mother bat cannot reach them, the pups will die and **it is illegal to cause them harm.** Do not physically relocate bats or a bat roost yourself; only a licensed professional may relocate bats. Professional pest control companies can assist with exclusion methods.