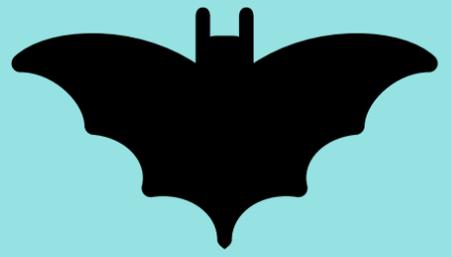


WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A BAT



BATS ARE PROTECTED WILDLIFE

It is illegal for members of the public to kill, harm or keep a bat.

IF YOU FIND A BAT OUTSIDE THAT IS SICK, NOT MOVING OR DEAD

Place a box or bucket over the bat and call your local animal control to retrieve it for testing.

IF YOU FIND A BAT INSIDE YOUR HOUSE AND YOU DID NOT SEE IT ENTER

Do not release the bat. Exit and close off the room (doors and windows). If safe to do so, place a bucket or box over the bat to contain it. Keep people and pets away from the bat. In this case it is important to call your local animal control* to retrieve it for testing.

NEVER TOUCH A BAT WITH BARE HANDS

Teach children and family members to never touch a bat and to alert an adult if a bat is found on the ground or inside the house.

BATS CAN TRANSMIT RABIES

Rabies is a deadly disease to both humans and pets such as dogs and cats. Any bat that had potential exposure to a human or a pet should be collected by animal control and tested by the Department of Public Health.

FOR RABIES RISK CONSULTATIONS

After an animal bite or a bat exposure, call 213-288-7060 or email vet@ph.lacounty.gov. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8AM-5PM.

KEEP PETS INCLUDING INDOOR-ONLY CATS AND DOGS UP TO DATE WITH A RABIES VACCINATION

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*Call 211 to find your local animal control

