

# BATS & RABIES



Washington State Department of  
**HEALTH**

# LEARNING GOALS

- Know what rabies is and where it comes from
- How bats benefit the environment
- What to do if you find a bat
- How to prevent rabies



# BATS IN WASHINGTON



**Big brown bat**



**Spotted bat**



**Little brown bat**



**Pallid bat**



**Hoary bat**



**California myotis bat**



**Canyon bat**

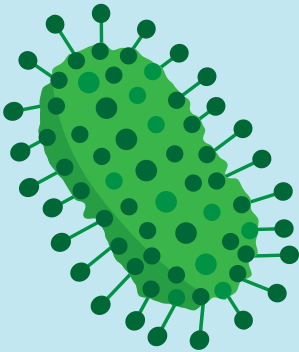
# BATS & THE ENVIRONMENT



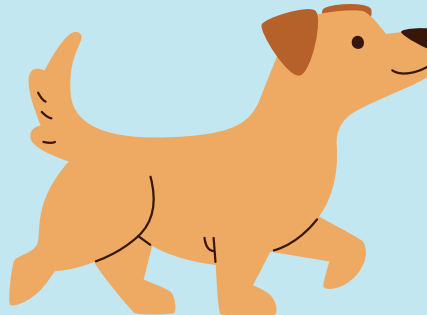
**Bats eat bugs and pollinate flowers. Enjoy bats from far away so they can work!**

# WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a virus that can cause death.



Bats can carry rabies, and they can spread rabies to other animals, including your pets.



You could get rabies from a bat scratch or bite.



# IF YOU SEE A BAT:

Bats are cool animals. But if you see a bat, stay away from it!



If you see or touch a bat, or a bat bites or scratches, or touches you, tell an adult right away. You won't be in trouble!

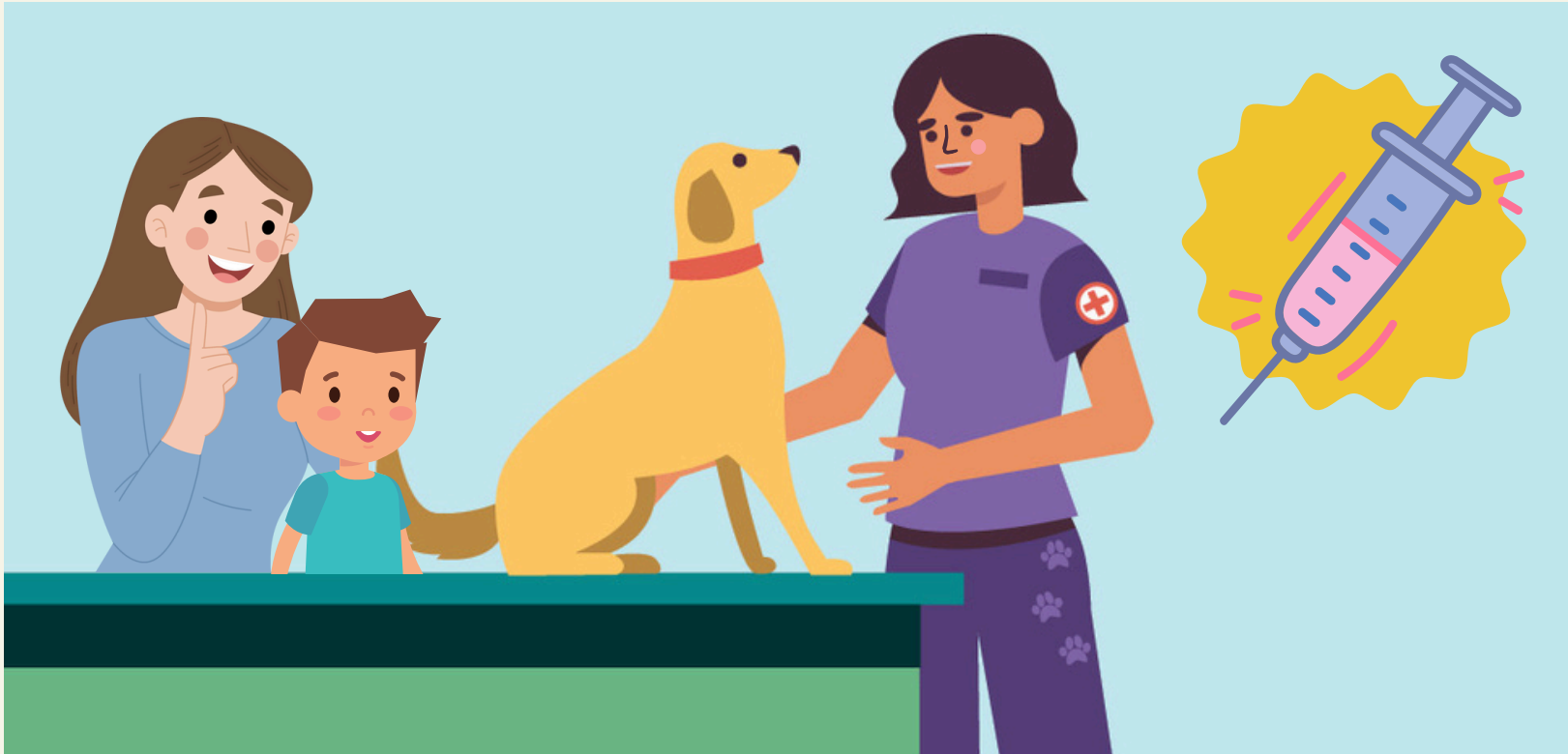


# IF YOU SEE A BAT:



If you see a bat on the ground, tell an adult right away and don't touch it. The bat may be sick.

# KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE:



**Ask your family if your pets have gotten the rabies shot.**



# DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

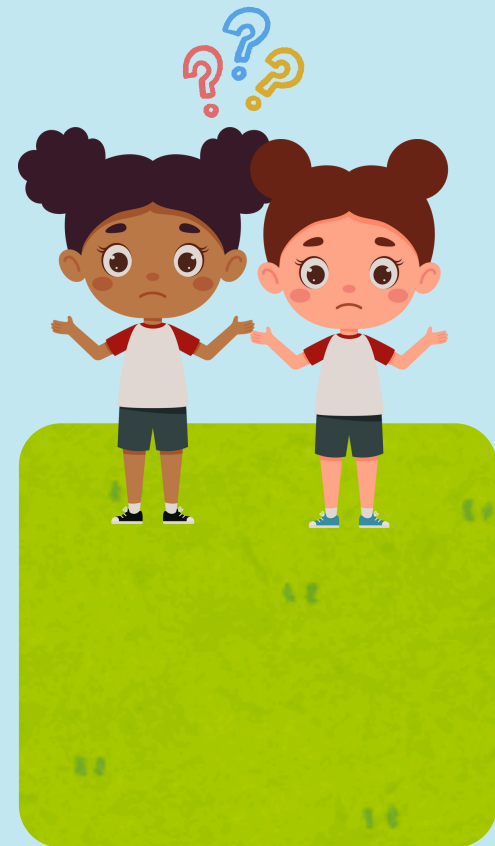
You're playing with your friends at recess.



You go to the playground and notice a bat underneath the slide.

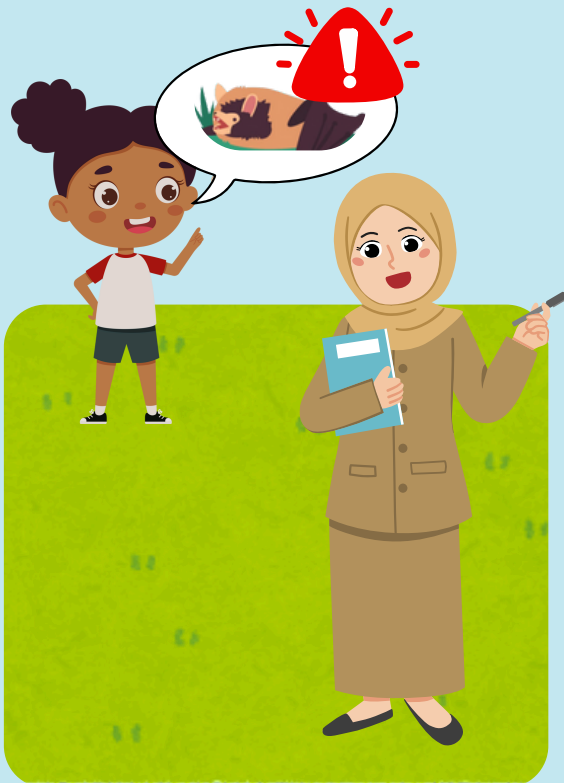


What should you do?



# WHAT TO DO:

Don't touch the bat and tell an adult right away.



An adult will make a call to public health for next steps.



# REMEMBER:

Bats are important to our ecosystems, but they can carry germs that can make us sick.



Respect bats by observing them from far away. If you find a bat, tell an adult right away!



**THANK YOU!**  
**ANY QUESTIONS?**



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