

BATS & RABIES



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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



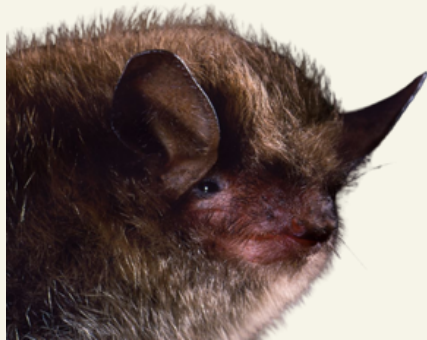
BATS IN WASHINGTON



Big brown bat



Spotted bat



Little brown bat



Pallid bat



Hoary bat



California myotis bat



Canyon bat

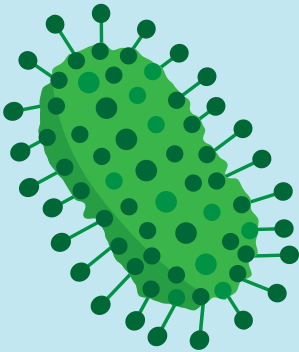
BATS & THE ENVIRONMENT



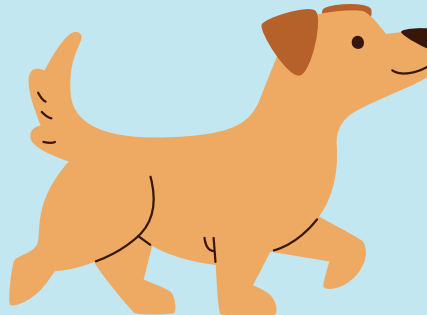
Bats eat bugs and pollinate flowers. Enjoy bats from far away so they can work!

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.

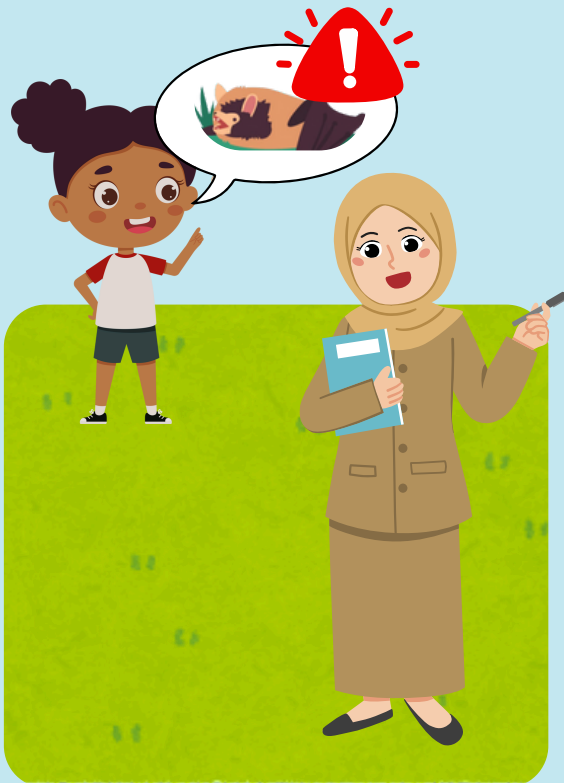


What should you do?



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 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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