

## Bat World Sanctuary Intake Waiver

## IMPORTANT—PLEASE READ

Bats are a rabies vector species. Rabies is an infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. People get rabies from the bite of a rabid animal. Any wild mammal, like a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, can be infected with rabies and transmit it to people. It is also possible, but quite rare, for people to possibly be exposed to rabies if infectious material from a rabid animal, such as saliva, gets directly into their eyes, nose, mouth or a wound. People cannot get rabies from having contact with bat guano (feces), blood, or urine, or from touching a bat on its fur, although bats should never be handled. You should contact your local health department if you have been bitten by a bat, or if infectious material such as saliva from a bat has gotten into your eyes, nose, mouth, or a wound, or if the bat has been found in a room with a person who cannot reliably rule out contact, such as a sleeping person, a child, a mentally disabled person, or an intoxicated person\*. If, to the best of your knowledge, no one has been bitten or had direct contact with this bat, please initial the statement below:

\_\_\_\_ I have read the above information about bats and rabies. By initialing this statement, I verify that I am at least 18 years of age, and to the best of my knowledge, no one has been bitten or had direct contact with this bat.

Please describe the circumstances under which this bat was found:	
Today's date:	Date found:
Location found: (address, city)	
Time of day: Weath	ner:
How did you find the bat?	
Did you feed the bat? If so, what?	
How can we contact you if necessary?	
Name:	
Address:	
City, state, zip:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Rehabilitator Use Only:	
Species:	Age (pup, juvenile, adult):
Sex: Notes on condition:	