

How to safely capture a bat

1. Wear leather gloves
2. Place a box or large can over the bat
3. Punch holes in a piece of cardboard under the container
4. Slide the piece of cardboard under the container to trap the bat inside and secure it with tape.
5. Contact your local health department or animal control office to arrange for rabies testing.

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Central Michigan
District Health Department



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The mission of the Central Michigan District Health Department is to promote health & physical well-being by providing preventative health care, education, & environmental safety to all members of the community.

The vision of the Central Michigan District Health Department is to become recognized by the public as the local advocate in promoting, assessing and safeguarding public health and the environment.

Rabies Prevention For You and Your Pets



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General Rabies Information

Rabies is caused by a virus that both animals *and* people can get. It is caused by contact with the saliva or nervous tissue from an animal that has Rabies. It nearly always leads to death without proper treatment. Rabies is 100% preventable. In most cases, preventing Rabies is as simple as:

- ◆ vaccinating pets against Rabies
- ◆ avoiding contact with wild animals
- ◆ educating those persons who may have been exposed.

Special Information for Animals

You can prevent Rabies by getting your animals vaccinated, such as dogs, cats, ferrets, horses and livestock. Animals that have frequent contact with people should be vaccinated. Pet owners are advised not to let your animals roam freely, to prevent exposure to potentially rabid animals. Spaying or neutering your animals may help reduce the chance that your animal may wander away from home. Do not feed or water your animals outside, as even empty bowls may attract wildlife.

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Reduce Your Risk

- ◆ Keep your garbage covered to prevent attracting wild animals.
- ◆ Wild animals should not be kept as pets.
- ◆ Teach your children never to touch unfamiliar animals even if they appear friendly.
- ◆ If you see a wild animal acting strangely, report it to animal control officials.
- ◆ **Never pick up or touch a dead animal.**
Call Animal Control to pick up the animal's body.
- ◆ Bat proof your home in the fall and winter.

What To Do If Your Pet Bites Someone

- ◆ Contact your local health department or animal control office.
- ◆ Animals may be observed in quarantine for 10 days at home or at the local animal control office.

What To Do If Your Pet Gets Bitten By Another Animal

- ◆ Call your veterinarian immediately
- ◆ Contact your local animal control office if the bite was from a stray or wild animal

What To Do If You Are Bitten By An Animal

- ◆ Wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water for at least 5 minutes.
- ◆ Contact your physician immediately.
- ◆ Report the bite to your local health department.

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Bats have very small teeth which may leave marks that are not easily seen. Although most people may know that they have been bitten by a bat, there are certain circumstances when a person might not be able to tell you that they have been bitten. These circumstances include:

- ◆ A sleeping person awakes to find a bat in the room
- ◆ If you find a bat in the room with an unattended child
- ◆ If you see a bat near a person with disabilities
- ◆ If you see a bat near an intoxicated person

In these circumstances, you are advised to safely capture the bat for rabies testing. Contact your local health department right away for assistance with bat testing and medical advice.