

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE



ON BATS



WHY ARE BATS IMPORTANT?



BATS PLAY A BIG ROLE IN PEST CONTROL BY EATING HARMFUL INSECTS



BATS HELP POLLINATE PLANTS- INCLUDING MANY OF OUR FAVORITE FRUITS



BATS HELP DISPERSE SEEDS - HELPING GROW TREES AND OTHER PLANTS



BATS CAN EVEN HELP REGROW FORESTS THAT HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

THREATS TO BATS

BAT HABITATS ARE GETTING DESTROYED BY HUMAN ACTIVITY LIKE CUTTING DOWN FORESTS



WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME IS A FUNGAL DISEASE THAT HAS KILLED OVER 5 MILLION BATS

WHAT IS RABIES

RABIES IS A DEADLY DISEASE. PEOPLE GET RABIES BY COMING INTO CONTACT WITH A MAMMAL LIKE A BAT THAT IS INFECTED WITH THE RABIES VIRUS.



HOW TO STAY SAFE:

- DO NOT TOUCH WILDLIFE, INCLUDING BATS
- MAKE SURE YOUR PETS HAVE THEIR RABIES VACCINE UP-TO-DATE

WHAT TO DO IF YOU COME INTO CONTACT WITH A BAT:

- WASH ANY BITES OR SCRATCHES WITH SOAP AND WATER
- SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY

HOW ARE WE STOPPING THE SPREAD OF RABIES?



MAKING SURE THAT PETS HAVE THEIR RABIES VACCINES



DISTRIBUTING ORAL RABIES VACCINE BAITS THAT PREVENT RABIES IN MANY WILDLIFE SPECIES



EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE DISEASE



USING A ONE HEALTH APPROACH ALLOWS EXPERTS FROM HUMAN & VETERINARY MEDICINE, AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH TO WORK TOGETHER

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[HTTPS://WWW.ONEHEALTHCOMMISSION.ORG/EN/PROGRAMS/BAT_RABIES_EDUCATION](https://www.onehealthcommission.org/en/programs/bat_rabies_education)