



## Important Message from the Weber-Morgan Health Department

### **Rabies: Touching Wild Animals Could Mean Trouble**

It is not uncommon to find bats throughout Weber and Morgan Counties. Most of the time bats are friendly and keep to themselves – only coming out at night.

That's why the Weber-Morgan Health Department would like to remind you that seeing a bat during the daytime is a sure sign that something is wrong. If you or a family member come in physical contact with a bat or find one – dead or alive – inside your home, please contact your local Animal Control agency or the Northern Utah Division of Wildlife Services.

- Weber County Animal Control, 801-399-8244
- Ogden City Animal Control, 801-399-8244 (same last four digits)
- Morgan County Animal Control, 801-829-0590
- Northern Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, 801-476-2740

Seek immediate medical attention from a physician if you are scratched or bitten by a bat or another suspect animal. Please ask your physician to make sure the incident gets reported to your local health department. The WMHD reporting line is 801-399-7232.

To protect your pets, it is important to keep up vaccinations.

Other animals known to carry rabies include squirrels, foxes, raccoons and skunks. Cats and dogs can also become infected if they have contact with one of these sick animals. Stay away from animals – domestic or wild – that are acting aggressively, having trouble walking and or swallowing. Do not touch them or bring them into your home to nurse them to health. It is best to call one of the agencies listed above.