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City of Kyle Asks Residents to be Aware of Bats

KYLE, TX – The City of Kyle is asking residents to be "Bat Aware". Bats do a lot of good in terms of keeping insect populations down and even pollinating plants, but like some wild animals can also pose a health risk to humans and pets.

"This time of year is when the bat populations are at their greatest number as the babies are learning to fly and feed themselves," said Briana Brecher, City of Kyle Animal Control Officer. "If you see a bat, alive or dead, please stay away from it and don't touch it. If the bat is in an enclosed area like your home, please call Kyle Animal Control at 512-268-3232"

Avoid contact with a sick or dead bat on the ground. As soon as a grounded bat is found, it should be isolated to prevent further contact with people and animals. If you can isolate the bat, wear leather gloves cover it with a pail, coffee can or similar container and place a heavy object such as a brick or rock on top of the container to secure it. If a human exposure has occurred the bat will need to be tested for rabies.

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“We’ve been fortunate to have not had any human exposure to rabid bats,” said Brecher. “It is also important to remember to keep you pets vaccinated against rabies. You may not realize until it is too late that they have been exposed. Prevention is the best strategy to keep your pets safe.”

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