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RE: Humane Bat Exclusion Practices

To Whom It May Concern,

Bats are a vital part of our ecology. They eat up to their body weight in insects that damage crops each night. Their guano provides some of the best natural fertilizer available. Some bats are critical in the pollination of plants.

Most bat species have only one or two pups a year and these bats stay together in a family (colony). Colonies can range in population size dramatically depending on the species. When a bat colony loses its roost due to a fire, construction, deforestation or an exclusion, their survival is put at risk until they find another adequate roost.

When a colony establishes a roost inside a home or building, the owner of the structure is rightly concerned about his property value and the safety of his tenants. Get Bats Out supports and only performs humane, live bat exclusion to serve the interests of the building owner while also giving the bats their best chance of survival. This is of course in the long-term best interests of our planet and ecology as well.

Out of ignorance, for convenience, or to save money, some unscrupulous Nuisance Wildlife Operators will perform an exclusion while flightless pups are in the roost – leading to the separation of mother and pup, and effectively sentencing the pups to death. Since only one live birth typically happens a year, this can be a catastrophic loss for the colony. Other operators have posted videos online showing how they have destroyed bat colonies either with shop vacs, gas, inhumane traps, and other brutal means.

Get Bats Out is grateful to the states who have enacted legislation to protect the precious resource we have in our bat colonies. We hope all states will follow suit, demonstrating responsible stewardship as we try to preserve our planet and the wildlife that sustains our ecology.

Sincerely,

Michael Koski
President