



# BAT WORLD —SANCTUARY—

Vaccinating Insectivorous Bats Against Rabies  
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Bat World Sanctuary has been routinely vaccinating all insectivorous bats against rabies since 1990. To date, we have had no rabies transmission from bat to bat at the Sanctuary. We currently administer .05 ml to .10 of Imrab 3 rabies vaccine or Nobivac 1-Rabies vaccine, subcutaneously, for insectivorous bats weighing between 2 to 35 grams. Non-releasable bats are vaccinated annually. Releasable bats are vaccinated upon arrival or prior to release. We encourage the vaccination of all insectivorous bats in captivity, but remind everyone that this is extra-label use of the vaccine. Exposure to potentially infected individuals should continue to be treated as recommended by the CDC.

([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)).

