

# Bat Conservation Trust



## DOCTOR'S DECLARATION (Northern Ireland)

In Northern Ireland, the rabies vaccine is available free of charge for licensed non-occupational bat handlers (e.g., bat work undertaken in a voluntary capacity) via their GP using an HS21 prescription. GPs can obtain supplies of **free** vaccine and have access to advice on rabies immunisation from the Public Health Agency on 0300 555 0114.

If you have questions about the Bat Conservation Trust's policy on rabies vaccination for volunteers, please e-mail [batcare@bats.org.uk](mailto:batcare@bats.org.uk) for the attention of the Bat Care Co-Ordinator.

Once the vaccine is administered, which should take place as soon as possible after the request is received, please complete the details below as evidence of the applicant having received the vaccinations.

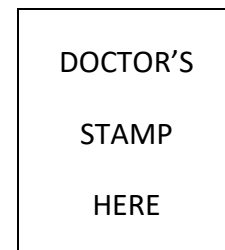
This is to confirm that .....[name] is in receipt

of the ..... vaccine [name of brand].

Date of 1<sup>st</sup> vaccination: .....

Date of 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination: .....

Date of 3<sup>rd</sup> vaccination: .....



**OR**

Date of first booster vaccination (1 year after the primary course): .....

**OR**

Date of subsequent 3-5 yearly booster vaccination: .....

**OR**

Date of serology test confirming presence of rabies antibodies:.....

*Please note that serology tests are not free and must be paid for by the patient. Guidelines on timing of rabies boosters based on antibodies levels can be found online at:*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rabies-post-exposure-treatment-timing-of-vaccine-booster>

**Signed:** .....[GP/Nurse/Health professional] (delete as appropriate)

**Please print name:** .....

**Date of signature:** .....

*To the patient:*

If you are listed, or would like to be listed on the Bat Conservation Trust's UK Bat Care Network, please send a copy of this form to [enquiries@bats.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bats.org.uk) or Bat Care Co-Ordinator, Studio 15 Cloisters House, Cloisters Business Centre, 8 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4BG.



In order to protect your right to confidentiality, the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) sets rules for processing personal information. The information we hold about your vaccination status is collected to enable the Bat Conservation Trust to maintain a list of vaccinated people who are able to care for grounded and injured bats.

Under some circumstances, to fulfil our responsibility to protect the public against rabies, we may share information about your vaccination status with the Animal and Plant Health Agency, your local public health body or your local Statutory Nature Conservation Organisation. If you would prefer us not to do this, please tick this box.