

Bat Conservation Trust



DOCTOR'S DECLARATION (Wales)

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the Department of Health have agreed that pre-exposure rabies vaccines should be available, free of charge, to those who regularly handle bats in the UK in a voluntary capacity. It has been agreed that UKHSA will provide the vaccine for Wales as well as England. Guidelines for GPs and other medical professionals on the process for requesting pre-exposure vaccinations can be found online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rabies-pre-exposure-prophylaxis-guidelines>.

Requests for advice should be directed to the UKHSA Rabies and Immunoglobulin Service (call: 0330 128 1020 or email: rigs@ukhsa.gov.uk).

Patients who work with bats in their paid jobs or are only planning to work with bats outside the UK, are **not** eligible.

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

Once the vaccine is administered, please complete the details below.

This is to confirm that[name] is in receipt

of the vaccine [name of brand].

Date of 1st vaccination:

Date of 2nd vaccination:

Date of 3rd vaccination:

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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-boosters>

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 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.