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**To:** Bat World Sanctuary <[sanctuary@batworld.org](mailto:sanctuary@batworld.org)>  
**Sent:** Wed, March 23, 2011 4:14:02 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: P&P 11-182 Due: COB 3/31/11 CCEA HEART: New Assignment: A03212011.0140004

## Forwarded conversation

Subject: **Fwd: P&P 11-182 Due: COB 3/31/11 CCEA HEART: New Assignment: A03212011.0140004**

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From: **Mary Cummins** <[mmmaryinla@aol.com](mailto:mmmaryinla@aol.com)>  
Date: Mon, Mar 21, 2011 at 4:18 PM  
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I just received this from the State Health Department in response to my complaint about rabies and rabies vaccinations at Bat World Sanctuary. They told me to forward this to local law enforcement which is why I'm emailing it to you. Thanks.

Mary Cummins

-----Original Message-----

From: Wilson, Pam <[Pam.Wilson@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Pam.Wilson@dshs.state.tx.us)>  
To: [mmmaryinla@aol.com](mailto:mmmaryinla@aol.com)  
Sent: Mon, Mar 21, 2011 2:00 pm  
Subject: FW: P&P 11-182 Due: COB 3/31/11 CCEA HEART: New Assignment: A03212011.0140004

Hello, Ms. Cummins – thank you for your inquiries. You are correct that Texas Health and Safety Code, Sec. 826.023, only allows for rabies vaccine for animals to be administered by or under the direct supervision of a veterinarian, except for the livestock exemption in 826.023 (e). Additionally, this law limits the sale and distribution of rabies vaccine for animals to a veterinarian or a person working at a veterinary clinic and accepting the vaccine on the veterinarian's behalf. A violation of this section is a Class C misdemeanor, which would be enforced by local law enforcement. Therefore, you may wish to contact your local (city or county) law enforcement about the scenarios you have witnessed.

If any person knows of an individual's possible exposure to rabies, they are required by law to report the incident to the local rabies control authority for that area. Reporting is required under Texas

Health and Safety Code, Sec. 826.041, and Texas Administrative Code, Sec. 169.25. Although a specific violation is not cited in statute, enforcement would, again, fall under the purview of local law enforcement. Texas Health and Safety Code, Sec. 826.042 and Texas Administrative Code, 169.25 and 169.27 require that a person with a suspected rabid animal submit it for rabies testing (quarantine is not allowed for high-risk animals such as bats); a violation to do so is a Class C misdemeanor per 826.044 and would be enforced by local law enforcement.

Although from a personal safety stance, handling bats with bare hands is definitely not recommended, there are no laws of which we are aware that require the wearing of gloves.

If we can be of additional assistance, please let us know.

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Date: Mon, Mar 21, 2011 at 4:55 PM  
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Robert,

Should I forward to Mike???

Thanks~!

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