

# the Animal Insider

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## Guilty by (Breed) Association

By Carla D'Errico

In many areas of our state, a conversation is taking place about how to reduce dog attacks on humans and other dogs. In some of these discussions, breed specific legislation is becoming the proposed—even endorsed—solution. A breed specific law is one that is based on the breed of a particular dog, as opposed to the conduct of the specific dog. These laws are overwhelmingly targeted at American Pit Bull Terriers, American Staffordshire Terriers or other "pit bull-like" breeds.

The number of fatal dog attacks on humans in the United States rose from 30 in 2006 to 35 in 2007, with Pit bulls committing 53% of those attacks in 2006 and 60% in 2007. Meanwhile, pit bulls constitute only 2 to 9% of the overall dog population in the USA. Proponents of specific breed bans and restrictions say these measures will help stop the violence, others question whether this legislation is the answer, citing inconclusive studies, loving pit bull pets, and the role of the pet owner in the problem.

### Why Pit Bulls?

Every dog breed has traits specific to that particular breed. Pit bulls have historically been bred for their fighting prowess. The breed originated in Britain in the 1800s, when bull dogs were used in the gambling sport of bull baiting, a method of attacking bulls that was eventually outlawed by British Parliament. After the outlaw of bull baiting, dog breeders began a search for an aggressive breed that could be used for sport dog fighting. They bred bull dogs with terriers and created a breed that was characterized by aggression, a high pain tolerance, bravery, loyalty, and affection for people. These were the early ancestors of today's American Pit Bull Terriers and American Staffordshire Terriers.

As with all breeds, breed characteristics appear to a greater or lesser degree in each individual animal. Not all pit bulls will exhibit these traits, and some may exhibit more than others.

### An Owner's Role

Pit bulls can be aggressive by nature, but when properly trained and managed, they can also make loving, loyal family pets. The key is to be aware of the breed's characteristics and know how to control them. Laura Pakis, a dog trainer with ACME Canine in Lewis Center, includes pit bulls as a group of breeds in a category called "high caliber dogs." According to Pakis, "(these dogs) are independent thinkers who are attentive to details." These tendencies can be useful if controlled. For instance, these animals can alert their owners to intruders; however, if not managed properly, it can be dangerous if the dog believes the mail deliverer or a neighbor's child are a threat.

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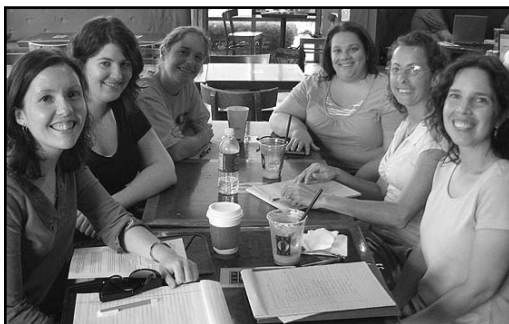
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# From the Editor:

After the last issue of the *Animal Insider* was released, we received a very nice comment from a grateful rescue. It said, "You and your staff did a great job!" While we absolutely appreciate receiving feedback, especially when it is positive, this particular comment made me realize that many people aren't aware of what happens behind the scenes with the *Animal Insider*.

The *Animal Insider* is a publication of Animal Outreach, a small nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the number of homeless pets in our community. One of the ways we do this is to highlight responsible pet ownership and activities through the *Animal Insider*. Our goal is to both educate and inform, and if we can entertain in the process then it's even better! We are all-volunteer and have no paid staff.

The work involved with the publication is conducted by the *Animal Insider* committee, a dedicated group of volunteers who do everything from researching and writing articles to the actual production and distribution of each issue. We meet monthly to discuss relevant content ideas, plan for upcoming issues and determine how we can make each issue better than the last. Our goal is to provide you with an informative and entertaining publication that will both raise awareness of current pet issues and celebrate life with animals.



*Animal Insider* committee members hard at work!  
From left: Beth Cavanaugh, Megan Shock, Carla D'Errico, Laura D'Avita, Victoria Callahan, Jill Herbst

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"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

~ Mahatma Gandhi

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The fact that some pit bull owners are unaware of their pet's inherent temperament is not lost on Dave Shellhouse, Field Supervisor and Court Liaison for the Franklin County Department of Animal Care and Control. In his work investigating dog fights he has found that many pit owners seem surprised when their dog attacks. "Nine out of ten (owners) say their dogs have never done that before, that they didn't expect that." Shellhouse states. Kim Stambaugh, an animal control officer for the city of Westerville also must routinely deal with uneducated pet owners who end up surprised by their animal's behavior. "It's crazy to let the dog run loose. Trust the pet and you'll get shocked. Learn the liability factors and keep the dog fenced for the animal's and the neighbor's sake."

## Many of these animals are starved, beaten, or neglected by their owners in order to hone their aggressive instinct.

Greg Schneider, a central-Ohio based trainer with BarkBusters Home Dog Training, has worked with pit bull owners seeking to increase control over their animals. The stereotype surrounding the dogs provided motivation to have complete control for both themselves and the sake of their neighbors. "If a lab were running at a child on a bike," says Schneider, "they probably wouldn't think that much of it. But if they saw a pit bull running at [them], the child would probably freak out." The highly intelligent nature of the dogs makes them easy to train, and showing excellent control and restraint over your pet should ease any concerns in your community.

Unfortunately, the experience of a well-trained, and loving pit bull is countered by other pet owners who are specifically training them to act out on their aggressive tendencies. "The reason these dogs get bad reputations is because many of their owners believe it's macho to have a dog that is protective and barks at people, looks tough and strong. And so they purposely encourage aggressive behaviors in these dogs but they don't have control over them," Pakis states. "If you're training a protection dog, you build their confidence to be aggressive on command but they also are aware that they can't make that decision on their own. Many people who want a protection dog don't realize this, or maybe they do realize this but just don't care."

For some pit owners, the desire to have an aggressive dog leads directly to animal abuse. Many of these animals are starved, beaten, or neglected by their owners in order to hone their aggressive instinct. The national animal rights organiza-

tion People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) acknowledges that pit bulls stand out as the most abused of all dog breeds in the United States. It is because of the abuse PETA staffers have witnessed that PETA supports a ban on the breeding of pit bulls, as well as a ban on pit bulls themselves. The only caveat PETA includes is that all living pit bulls who are well cared for in responsible, loving homes should be allowed to live the remainder of their lives in peace.

## A Complicated Solution

Dog attacks and animal abuse that results from pets who are improperly cared for are real community issues that need real solutions. Proponents of breed specific legislation believe that reducing the number of aggressive breed dogs will reduce the number of attacks on humans and other dogs. Opponents, such as the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA), disagree. They note that there is no conclusive evidence that breed-specific laws make the community safer, and cite a 2003 study of the effectiveness of a Prince George's County, Maryland pit bull ban. In the study, a task force recommended repealing the ban based on the high cost per year to enforce it (\$250,000), the lack of evidence that public safety had improved, and the fact that other non-breed-specific animal laws already covered all potential violent incidences. The ASPCA supports broad-based breed-neutral policies that hold pet owners responsible for the actions of their animals among other solutions.



Animal control officers witness both sides of the debate firsthand. "I can see the positive and negative of both sides," Stambaugh states. "Having the law available gives you the ability to remove problem dogs. However, non-problem dogs have to be removed, too." Stambaugh continues, "A dog is not considered vicious until it kills someone. The question is, was it vicious before? What about prevention? Where do we draw the line?"

### For more information:

ASPCA pit bull breed information:

[http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets\\_pitbull](http://www.asPCA.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pets_pitbull)

Pit Bull Rescue Central (includes a link to all breed specific legislation either passed or under consideration):

[//www.pbrc.net/breedspecific.html](http://www.pbrc.net/breedspecific.html)



# Shadows of the Night

By Manon Van Schoyck

**T**hey swoop down, get caught in your hair, bite your neck, suck your blood, turn you into a vampire, are blind and have rabies! Well, of course we're talking about bats. Oh, all right. Perhaps those were the beliefs of my generation after having spent too many Saturday afternoons watching Monster Movie Matinee. Thankfully, today's children know that bats are cool ... "wicked!", since this generation has been raised on books such as *Stellaluna* and *Bats at the Beach*. Visit your local library, especially the children's section, and you'll find volumes on our "cousins" (they're mammals just like you and I), the bats. In celebration of the autumn season, it's time that we, the more seasoned generation, catch up with our kids and expel some myths about this amazing group of animals.

Bats belong to the order Chiroptera, Latin for hand-wing. If you look at your open hand, it is very similar to the structure of a bat's wing. Proportionately speaking, bats' fingers are much longer than the bones in their arms, quite the opposite of a human's structure. Over this skeletal structure are two layers of skin that are thin enough that you can see through to the blood vessels. Though they may look delicate, these wings are used to swipe insects out of the air. These insects are then scooped up by the bat's tail membrane.

There are more than 1,000 species of bats worldwide. In fact, one of every five mammal species on earth is a bat. Worldwide, bats range in size from the three-pound Flying Foxes that boast a six-foot wingspan to the Kitti's hog-nosed bat with a wingspan smaller than five inches and weighing less than a bumblebee. This bat is purported to be the world's smallest mammal species. Ohio's eleven bat species range in size from the smallest, the Eastern Pipistrelle measuring 3.1-3.8 inches with an 8.5"-10" wingspan, to the largest, the Hoary Bat, whose body measures 4-6 inches with a 13-15" wingspan.

Ohio's bats play an important role in our ecosystem. Bats are the greatest predator of night flying insects such as mosquitoes, insects which not only cause dis-

comfort but can spread the West Nile virus.

Bats are also beneficial because they eat crop pests and in the field can consume 100% of their body weight nightly! While Ohio's bats are strictly insectivorous, their cousins around the world have a diet of considerable variety. For example, there are bats that eat fish and frogs, birds and even other bats. The Pallid bat that lives in the southwestern region of the United States eats scorpions and is immune to the venom. The fruit and nectar eating bats act as seed dispersers and pollinators, increasing crops such as bananas, mangoes, peaches, dates, cashews, figs, breadfruit, carob (rumored to be a chocolate substitute. AS IF!), and even Tequila. In this way, certain species of bats contribute to the economic well-being of countries that export these products.

**“One of every five mammal species on earth is a *bat*.”**

There really are Vampire bats that feed on blood. This species, which has helped to perpetuate the myths and old wives' tales about bats, are typically found in Central and South America and all three species are three inches long or smaller. They feed primarily on the blood of livestock animals such as goats, pigs, chickens, cattle, and horses. Oh yes. They do occasionally drink human blood.

While I'll admit that drinking blood is more than a little peculiar, there are some interesting side notes regarding this habit. For example, vampire bats' teeth are sharp enough to clip away fur that stands in the way of their next meal. They usually choose an area for their bloody buffet where the animal's skin is tough, such as the

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1st & Third Sundays, stop out at the Franklin County Animal Shelter, 1731 Alum Creek Dr. for Mingle With Our Mutts. Area rescue groups will have many adoptable animals on hand from Noon to 2pm  
[www.MingleWithOurMutts.org](http://www.MingleWithOurMutts.org)

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# September

**5 Olde Pickerington iPetfest!**  
Pets! Parades! Contests! Pet Fashion Show! Vendors & more. Downtown Pickerington from 5-9pm.  
[www.CheckTheInfo.com](http://www.CheckTheInfo.com)

**7 NOMAD Spay/Neuter Clinic** (cats)  
Cozy Cat Cottage is hosting NOMAD for low-cost feline spays & neuters. \$45 females/\$35 males. Preregistration is required. Other low-cost services available. Call (614) 336-8510 to schedule.  
[www.CozyCatCottage.com](http://www.CozyCatCottage.com)

**13 Animal Outreach Dogwash!**  
Starbucks, 1315 W. Lane Ave. Cols. is hosting this summer's final dogwash! Noon to 4pm, Washes are a \$10 donation, Nails are \$5.  
[www.Animal-Outreach.org](http://www.Animal-Outreach.org)

### Pedal For Pets

Bike Ride Benefit for Citizens For Humane Action; promoting spay/neuter & the plight of homeless animals. Route lengths for all abilities. [www.CHAAAnimalShelter.org](http://www.CHAAAnimalShelter.org) or [www.PedalForPets.com](http://www.PedalForPets.com) for info.

**CAHS Spay/Neuter Clinic** (cats)  
Capital Area Humane Society is having a S/N Clinic by appointment only for low-income owners. Call (614) 777-7387 ext. 298 to schedule. [www.CAHS-Pets.org](http://www.CAHS-Pets.org)

### Santa in September

Join Ohio Pug Rescue for their annual Santa in September event! Whitehall Community Park, 10am to 5pm [www.OhioPugRescue.com](http://www.OhioPugRescue.com)

## 20 Oberlin Doggie Doo!

Many rescues & area shelters will be on hand for fun & games, rain or shine! Tappan Square, Oberlin. [www.Oberlin.org/DoggieDoo](http://www.Oberlin.org/DoggieDoo)

**24 16th Annual Kilkenny Classic,**  
ATTN GOLFERS!!! Join Knox County Humane Society at the Irish Hills Golf Course in Mt. Vernon for a golf scramble fundraiser! For info, visit [www.KnoxHumaneSociety.org](http://www.KnoxHumaneSociety.org)

**25 2nd Annual Colony Cats & Dogs Garden Party,** Support Colony Cats & Dogs by attending their latest fundraiser. 5:30-7:30pm at The Barn off Hayden Run. For info, call (614) 570-0471 or email [ColonyCats@yahoo.com](mailto:ColonyCats@yahoo.com)  
Visit [www.ColonyCats.org](http://www.ColonyCats.org)

**27 Boxer Bash 2008!**  
Join the Greater Ohio Boxer Rescue in Dayton for Boxer Bash 2008! Adoptions, games, auctions, food, demonstrations, and more! Visit [www.GOBoxerRescue.com](http://www.GOBoxerRescue.com) for info.



# October

## ...is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month

**4 Cozy Cat Cottage Annual Fundraiser/Silent Auction,**  
Details to be announced. For info, call (614) 336-8510 or visit [www.CozyCatCottage.com](http://www.CozyCatCottage.com)

**5 NOMAD Spay/Neuter Clinic** (cats)  
NOMAD at Cozy Cat Cottage, visit [www.CozyCatCottage.com](http://www.CozyCatCottage.com)

**11 Westie Walk**  
A gathering of Westie owners and their friends for fun and fellowship. Sponsored by WOOF (Westies of OH Fundraisers), Friendship Park in Gahanna. For info, call (614) 937-2821 or visit [www.WestieWalk.org](http://www.WestieWalk.org)

**11 CAHS Spay/Neuter Clinic** (cats)  
Call (614) 777-7387 ext. 298 to schedule [www.CAHS-Pets.org](http://www.CAHS-Pets.org)

**16 National Feral Cat Day**  
National Feral Cat Day is a special day for those who advocate non-lethal feline population control.  
[www.NationalFeralCatDay.org](http://www.NationalFeralCatDay.org)

**24 Black Cat Ball,** Celebrate Halloween in style with Colony Cats! For info, call (614) 570-0471 or email [ColonyCats@yahoo.com](mailto:ColonyCats@yahoo.com)  
Visit [www.ColonyCats.org](http://www.ColonyCats.org)

**29 RASCAL Halloween Fundraiser,**  
Join RASCAL at BoMA (Bar of Modern Art) from 7-9pm for a spooky good time! Entry is \$50 per person, \$75 per couple. For info, visit [www.RascalUnit.com](http://www.RascalUnit.com)

**31 Halloween!** Keep the kitties indoors & the candy in a safe place!

# November

## ...is Adopt a Senior Pet Month

**1&2 Pet Expo 2008,** Rescues, demonstrations & more! For info, visit [www.ColumbusPetExpo.com](http://www.ColumbusPetExpo.com)

**8 CAHS Spay/Neuter Clinic** (cats)  
Call (614) 777-7387 ext. 298 to schedule [www.CAHS-Pets.org](http://www.CAHS-Pets.org)

**9 NOMAD Spay/Neuter Clinic** (cats)  
NOMAD at Cozy Cat Cottage, visit [www.CozyCatCottage.com](http://www.CozyCatCottage.com)

**10 PetPromise Gift of Life for Pets Luncheon & Silent Auction,** 94th Aero Squadron, 5030 Sawyer Rd. in Cols. Awesome silent auction to benefit homeless animals. For info, call (614) 738-2149 or visit [www.PetPromise.org](http://www.PetPromise.org)

**15 The Fur Ball,** fundraiser to benefit The Humane Society of Delaware County. More details coming soon!  
[www.HSDCOhio.org](http://www.HSDCOhio.org)

*We want to know about your events! Visit [www.Animal-Outreach.org/Ohio.html](http://www.Animal-Outreach.org/Ohio.html) to submit yours! Be sure to include the date, time, location and other relevant details!*

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# Neutered.

By Victoria Callahan

Oh, the joy of a new pet... I remember bringing home my lovable basset hound puppy ten years ago. Being a first time pet owner, I was new to the needs of William Charles Basset III (we call him Buddy for short.) He was the cutest puppy—stepping on his floppy over-sized ears with an uncoordinated walk that always made me wonder where he'd hid his whiskey!

Obviously, we knew enough to take him to the vet, but that was about as far as my husband and I had gotten. We had just graduated from college and, to that point, Buddy had been the biggest decision we'd ever made on our own. My vet recommended we get him neutered while he was a young puppy. Unsure of what we wanted to do, we waited a few years before taking him in for the surgery. I was hesitant. I didn't want anything about him to change... his energy, his silly personality, his clumsy walk.

I was surprised at how quickly he recovered. I'm not saying he didn't take advantage of my sympathies. He has a special spot on the couch and especially savored the additional assistance he "needed" to get up there in the weeks following his surgery. In the end, I was very glad I had him neutered. Today, even years after his surgery, he is the same ol' goofy, stubborn dog that we'd grown to love, minus one particularly bad habit. Buddy, you see, liked to mark his "territory" as a young male dog but having him neutered eased that desire.

I have learned a lot about being a pet owner - the cost of the surgery, the long term decision of getting a pet, and the joy he brings every day. I have loved every day with Buddy (almost). I educated myself as I made many decisions for my dog. Here are some myths and facts that may help you as you think about spaying or neutering your pet.

## **Myth: It's better to have one litter first.**

Fact: Medical evidence indicates just the opposite. In fact, the evidence shows that females spayed before their first heat are typically healthier. Many veterinarians now sterilize dogs and cats as young as eight weeks of age.

## **Myth: I want my dog to be protective.**

Fact: Spaying and neutering does not affect a dog's natural instinct to protect home and family. A dog's personality is formed more by genetics and environment than by sex hormones.

## **Myth: I don't want my dog or cat to feel like less of a male.**

Fact: Pets don't have any concept of sexual identity or ego. Neutering will not change a pet's basic personality. He doesn't suffer any kind of emotional reaction or identity crisis when neutered.

## ASK Greg & Bobb



"What can I do to keep my dogs out of my garden, other than fencing?"

—Beverly S., Marysville

**Greg:** Ahhh! Marysville, home of Scott's lawn & garden products. Simply living in the same county you must have a great garden.

**Bobb:** Keeping a dog out of the garden is like keeping a dog trainer away from the doggie park. It's difficult but can be done.

**Greg:** I've tried nearly every spray and powder available; none have worked for my dog. The best solution is teaching them not to go to the garden, but it is a painstakingly slow process. I, like many other dog owners, will use landscaping to deter their dog from lounging in the garden.

**Bobb:** Some effective landscaping solutions are: large rocks, uneven ground, something that is uncomfortable to walk on, or a rose bush border.

**Greg:** If you want to teach them to stay out of the garden, start with a clear and defined visual boundary such as edging or mulch. The edging will help with the timing of your correction. Each time your dogs approach the boundary, give them a verbal correction to let them know they made a mistake. Then guide them away from the area using lots of praise. This will teach your dogs with a "green paw" to respect this area.

**Bobb:** You might also want to make sure your dogs are inside when you're planting. Dogs can learn to mimic our digging in the gardens. I'm waiting for my dogs to mimic my mowing!

**Greg:** Finally, be sure to keep all pesticides and fertilizers away from your pets. What may seem offensive to us can be attractive to your pets. Thanks for the question, Beverly. We hope this helps.

*Greg Schneider and Bobb Frecker are dog behavioral therapists and central Ohio area representatives for BarkBusters Home Dog Training. Greg is a regular contributor to the Animal Insider and has been featured on NBC's Channel 4 in Columbus. For more information on dog behavior issues, call (877) 500-BARK or visit [www.barkbusters.com](http://www.barkbusters.com)*

## **Myth: It's too expensive to get my pet spayed or neutered.**

Fact: There are many options to help pet owners get their pets spayed and neutered across the country. Locally, there are some veterinarians who perform low cost surgeries. There are also many programs that assist with the cost of the procedure. Please check out [animal-outreach.org](http://animal-outreach.org) for low cost veterinarians and information about our Spay Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP).

*Myths and facts by the Humane Society of the United States-[www.husu.org](http://www.husu.org).*



# Homeward Bound: Adoptable Animals



Citizens for Humane Action, Inc. (CHA) is a volunteer, non-profit animal shelter dedicated to finding good permanent homes for homeless cats and dogs in Franklin and surrounding counties.

## Citizens for Humane Action

3765 Corporate Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43231  
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The shelter is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.



## Malibu

Looking for a snuggle buddy? Then Malibu is the dog for you! We think she is a pit bull mix, so that means she is sweet, smart, and loyal! She is enrolled in a training class at the shelter learning sit, stay down, and heel, and would benefit from continuing classes after she's adopted (rumor has it she's at the top of the class!)

## Laurel

Laurel is a Norwegian Forest cat mix female with very soft fur and is a bit unusual in that she is completely black with no white patches. She likes pets and cheek scratches and enjoys lots of attention. Laurel is a medium level activity cat, not a couch potato but not hyper either. Laurel does not like other cats and will lash out when she sees them. She would like to be the only pet in your life, where she could be spoiled with attention. Do you have room in your life for a beautiful silky queen named Laurel?



## Libby

Libby is a seven year old yellow lab mix, who has spent her entire life on the end of a chain in rural southern Ohio. Lucky for her, her neighbors contacted Dogs Deserve Better and they were able to convince her owner to relinquish her. Despite a horrible past, Libby loves to give kisses and cuddle up next to you. She is good with other animals and likes car rides and going

to the dog park. Libby deserves a family of her own where she will be loved and have the chance to make up for those long years of isolation on a chain.



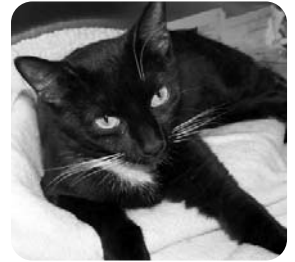
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Wednesdays 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
(The first Wednesday of each month 4 p.m. - 8 p.m. only)

## Maggie

I am a spayed female around 2 years old. I am short-haired, mostly black with some white. I'm fun, playful and have TONS of personality (so I've been told)! If you're looking for someone to liven up your life...come see me!



## Layla

I am 4-5 year old spayed female brown tiger who is declawed. I've been told I am a bit shy, so I would enjoy being the only cat in my new home. I would be AWESOME company for the right person. Could you be the lucky one?

## Sheila

I am a mature (6-8 years old) short haired calico tiger. I am a quiet, shy, gentle girl that would be better in a quiet home with a comfy lap! It might take some of your time to get to know me, but it will be worth it!



## Sherman

I am a 3-4 year old neutered male. I am black and white with short hair. The staff at Cat Welfare call me a gentleman and I must agree! Give me a pet and a kind word and I'm all yours! I LOVE laps, by the way!

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hoof area, and this helps them go about their business undetected. They also have an anticoagulant in their saliva that prevents blood from clotting for a short period of time. This substance is so effective that it may someday be used in human heart and stroke patients. Vampire bats typically lap, not suck, about two tablespoons of blood daily.

We can't discuss bats without discussing rabies, a deadly disease if left untreated which can affect all mammals including humans. Unfortunately, because they do occasionally bite humans, there is a chance of contracting rabies or a serious infection. In Ohio, bats are included on the list of animals that have a greater chance of contracting rabies. Skunks, foxes, raccoons, and coyotes are also included. However, statistics from health officials tell us that the occurrence of rabies in bats is 1/2 of 1% -7%. Note that it is imperative that children and adults be taught to never touch a wild animal and to seek medical treatment if bitten or scratched by one. Rabies is transmitted through the bite and saliva of an infected animal.

Now that we know the truth about bats, it is clear that we should enjoy these incredible shadows of night as they fly through our neighborhoods!



### Getting really Batty!

For those of you who may wish to go beyond simply seeing bats in your neighborhood, you can erect bat boxes to attract them. Your local Wild Birds Unlimited store sells reputable bat

boxes. Free bat box plans can be downloaded from Bat Conservation International, [www.batcon.org](http://www.batcon.org), or the Organization for Bat Conservation, [www.batconservation.org](http://www.batconservation.org). Follow their directions on where to mount the boxes. We've all heard of butterfly and hummingbird gardens, but perhaps you can plant a "bat" garden. Simply put in plants which bloom and are fragrant at night and which attract night flying moths, thus drawing bats, the moths' nighttime predators. Such plants include nicotiana, four o'clocks, spearmint, cornflower, moonflower, salvia (sage).

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