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Health Department Needs Help Finding the Person Who Dropped Off a Sick Bat at the Humane Society

El Paso County, CO— The Health Department needs to make contact ASAP with a person who left a sick bat in the drop box at the Humane Society of The Pikes Peak Region on Sunday night (Aug. 15) with a note that reads “bat hurt please help.” The bat was submitted for testing and has been found to be rabid. The person who dropped off the bat, and anyone else who touched it, may have been exposed to rabies. The person who dropped off the bat left no name or contact information. Rabies is a serious disease and is almost always fatal once symptoms begin.

The Health Department staff is asking the individual to contact them at (719) 339-3230. If the individual calls after hours, he/she is asked to leave a name and contact information. This voice mail box is monitored frequently.

For more information about rabies, go to www.elpasocountyhealth.org.