

## Nor Cal Bats

Call to Arrange Pick-up: (530) 902-1918

### *Bats Only*

If you are sure that the bat is sick or injured, contact us at 530-902-1918, we will try to arrange a pickup. We are volunteers, sometimes there are limits to what we can do. Again, never handle the bat with your bare hands, for the safety of both you and the bat!

1. Wait until the bat is motionless. Move slowly and calmly.
2. Cover the bat with a box or container. Contact NorCal Bats at 530-902-1918.
3. If the bat must be moved, wear heavy gloves for your safety and the safety of the bat. Use a small box or coffee can and a piece of cardboard to scoop the bat into a box or other small container.
4. Place a cloth such as t-shirt material (*nothing with loops that can catch the bat's toes*) in the box to give it a place to cling and hide. Water can be offered by placing it in a very shallow container (*like a baby food jar lid*).
5. Make sure the box with the bat is safe from predators, pets and children; in a calm quiet place, out of the direct sun.
6. Call, don't send e-mail for a rescue. Contact NorCal Bats at 530-902-1918 or the California Department of Fish & Wildlife for a wildlife rehabilitator in your area.
7. Do not attempt to rehabilitate the bat on your own or try to keep it as a pet. Bats have very specific dietary and environmental requirements. A trained rehabilitator will be familiar with the needs of the various bat species. Also, it is not legal to keep any wildlife as a pet.