

# Bats in Population

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**Hi, I am Batty and I have White Nose Syndrome. White Nose Syndrome is an illness that damages the skin and the tissue in bats. It really hurts bats and I have it so it hurts me! I am from a state called Vermont. I live with other bats in a cave.**

**So, winter came and I went back to the cave. Did you know 5.7million bats have died? So I set off to find a cure for white-nosed syndrome before my family gets it. But, I can't find any because there is none in the USA. So, I went home and told my family. I needed to stay 4 feet away from them or they would get it. So I fly around in the middle of winter because I am trying to find someone to help me cure white-nosed syndrome. I flew and found a scientist.**

**A scientist finds cures that cure people and pets and wild animals. So, the scientist grabbed me and even though I should be scared, I wasn't because I knew he was trying to help. He did give my wing a piercing which kinda hurt. But he is wearing a white lab coat so I know he is a scientist.**

**"I know this bat has white-nose syndrome," the scientist said to the other scientist.**

**"I agree, but I think we can save him," the other scientist said.**

**I wish I could understand their words, Batty thought. But for some reason I trust them.**

**"I agree. I think we need to quarantine him and keep him away from the rest of his colony though. We don't want it to spread and it is really contagious," he explained.**

**"Do you want to try to use the UV light stuff?"**

**"Yes, I think we should. He isn't super sick yet so it may work." he said.**

**The scientists then grabbed me and put me under a really, really, bright light. It was really scary and I didn't know what was happening. So even though I thought they would help me now I didn't know what was happening and I was just so scared. It was so bright and even hot. They made me stay there for a long time. I got thirsty but they gave me some water. And I went to sleep.**

**When I woke up I was not under the bright hot light anymore. I felt better . I wondered why I felt better and wondered if it was because of the scientists and that weird bright hot lamp.**

**"I think the UV stuff may have worked," the scientist said,**

**"He does seem to have more energy and is looking to be a healthy color again," the other scientist said.**

**"We should keep him for a few more days though. We don't want him to infect others if he still does have it."**

**"Okay."**

**A few days later the scientists set me free. It was night time and they brought me outside and let me fly free. I felt good again! I flew back to my colony and knew that the humans were trying to help the bats fight white-nosed syndrome.**

# **The End**

