**7 Myths and Truths:**

**Myth:** Bats are blind.

**Truth:** Bats can see. In fact, some bats have eyesight that is three times better vision than people!

**Myth:** All bats have rabies.

**Truth:** Less than 1% of bats have rabies. However, it is always best to avoid touching any wild animal, including bats.

**Myth:** Bats are dirty.

**Truth:** Bats are extremely clean and groom themselves like cats.

**Myth:** Bats are rodents or flying mice.

**Truth:** Bats are not rodents. Unlike mice, most bats have only one baby each year and live long lives.

**Myths:** Bats suck blood.

**Truth:** Bats do not suck blood. However, Vampire bats do drink blood by licking it up after making a small cut in the skin of a pig, cow, or even chicken (non-human animals).

**Myths:** Bats fly around people on summer nights and get caught in people’s hair.

**Truth:** Mosquitoes fly around people at night looking for a meal. Bats may fly close to people but by using echolocation they are able to catch an insect and avoid the person. Bats are afraid of people avoid people.

**Myth:** Bats are only active at night.

**Truth:** Fruit bats, such as those that live in Africa and Asia can be found active during the day feeding.