



Bats

A Humane Wildlife Control Case Study



The following case study was written about an actual bat job that Humane Wildlife Control completed at a residence. It is typical of the process that customers can expect when we come to your home to provide bat removal, exclusion as well as insulation services.

It was August and Judy, the homeowner, was hearing scratching noises in the attic at night when she went to bed. Her husband went onto the roof to see if he could find out what was causing the problem and couldn't see anything. A neighbour of



Bat entry point and droppings

Judy's had mentioned that a squirrel had gained entry to his attic, and she figured that maybe the squirrel had moved into her house. She was worried about the damage to her house as well as the possible danger to her children and pet dog. Judy decided to call Humane Wildlife Control to check it out.

Jeff, the Humane Wildlife Control technician, arrived the next day and asked Judy to explain what she had heard and seen. Jeff thought that the problem could be squirrels or bats and said he would do an inspection to find out.

Jeff took the ladder from his truck and climbed onto the roof to see if he could find the entry points. He found a very small hole between the siding and brick of the house and some tiny droppings around the area. This was a sure sign of bats. He took some photos of the area and left an information sheet with Judy that explained the problems associated with bats, the damage they can cause, and what Humane Wildlife Control would to remove them and prevent them from getting in again.



Bats roosting in corner of attic

Jeff then went upstairs and gained access to the attic through the ceiling hatch in the master bedroom closet. He carefully walked across the trusses to the entry hole and found eight bats roosting down in the corner of the roof. The insulation around the area was covered in bat droppings (guano) and smelled of



Insulation contaminated with bat guano

urine. Jeff took some more photos and went back to talk to Judy.

He showed Judy the photos of the entry hole as well as the attic area where the bats were roosting. Jeff explained that bat populations can expand quickly and it is best to get them out before the cold weather begins or the bats will hibernate and be very difficult to remove. Jeff noted that the bats are all adults, so there are no worries about removing baby bats that would die.

Jeff wrote up a detailed quote with itemized costs for bat removal, sealing up the house to prevent further entry, removing the contaminated insulation and installing new cellulose insulation. This would not only solve Judy's bat problem, but also increase the energy efficiency of her house and save on future heating and cooling costs.

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Judy signed the quote and Jeff got started right away on installing a patented one-way door at the entry point. He also sealed any other potential entry points around the roof with clear silicone caulking.

After Jeff made sure that all the bats had left, he began removing the

contaminated insulation, cleaned the area with disinfectant, and installed new high-efficiency cellulose insulation. Judy was provided with the three-year guarantee for the bat exclusion materials.

Jeff followed up a couple of weeks later and Judy said that she was very happy to have a good night's sleep and the knowledge that her house was bat-proofed and cleaned of any contamination. Another happy customer!

For more information on Humane Wildlife Control's bat and insulation services:

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