

2009 YEAR END REPORT

Rescues	1,188 insectivorous bats; 76 fruit bats
Conservation	We continued providing protected habitat for 50,000 Brazilian free-tailed bats (<i>T. brasiliensis</i>) through our wild sanctuary building.
Programs Provided	Educational programs were given at 154 different schools for 13,824 children. Additional seminars and festivals provided bat educational opportunities for 39,760 people. Programs that were provided include the McKinney Performance Art Theatre, TX; Corrales Harvest Festival, NM; Annual Bat Fest, VA; Bald Eagle Days, IA; Great Lakes Bat Festival, WI; Nazareth German Festival, TX; Boy Scouts Jamboree, TX; Wildlife Art Show, IA; Texas Animal Control Association, TX.
Positive Media	Positive media program were provided to 93.1 WIBC Radio, IN; WRJN Radio, NJ; National Public Radio - National; The Neighbor News, NJ; Daily Record, NJ; Fox Affiliate, VA; Associated Press, National; WAMU, NPR, VA; Voice of America, TV; WTM Radio, IA; Fox 13, FL; Fox 4, TX; North Port Herald, FL; Fort Myers Free Press, FL; Best Friends Magazine, UK; North Port Herald, North Port, FL; Wildlife Connection, Channel 13, TX; Bloomington Herald Times, IN; Southlake News, TX; Van Alstyne Leader, TX; Grapevine Independent, TX; Cleburne Times, TX; Fort Worth Star Telegram, TX
Training Provided	Our ninth annual workshop on the rehabilitation of insectivorous bats included two veterinary technicians from the Smithsonian's National Zoo Research and Conservation Center as well as biologists, rehabilitators and scientists from the U.S. and Canada.
Activism	We continued our efforts to rescue the pallid bats at Texas A&M University, and addressed other issues of cruelty including the killing of a bat by the Green Bay Gamblers. We continued our efforts to slow the trade of taxidermy bats through eBay and Sportsman's guide. We worked to slow the induction of fruit bats into the exotic pet trade by zoos who have allowed fruit bats to be procured by the public.
Consultations	Environmental Protection on treatments for white nose syndrome, and provided husbandry recommendations for the endangered Virginia big eared bats now housed at the Conservation Research Center in Front Royal, VA. This year we also participated in several conferences regarding white nose syndrome in VA, NY and NJ. Our expertise was requested by the USDA's Wildlife Services when a colony of Townsend's big eared bats had to be moved from a bridge scheduled for demolition in OR and we participated in research using thermal imagery to assess hibernation disturbances in ME. Our assistance was requested by the Weizman Institute of Science in Israel and the Nature Conservation Association of Southern Germany on captive husbandry of bats. Additionally, we helped individuals in Japan, India, the Netherlands, Australia and Guatemala with the medical assistance they needed in order to save orphaned and injured bats.
Awards	Founder and President Amanda Lollar was nominated for the most prestigious wildlife conservation award in the world, the Indianapolis prize.