Save the Salamanders!

Stop the spread of infectious disease!

Did you know...

There is a deadly fungus threatening Kentucky's salamanders? *Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans* (*Bsal*) is a highly infectious fungus from Asia that is spreading through the pet trade and killing wild salamanders. This disease is already causing huge salamander declines in Europe and we must prevent its spread to the United States!

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For more information please visit:

www.amphibiaweb.org/chytrid/Bsal .html

http://conbio.org/publications/scbnews-blog/containing-bsal

What YOU can do to stop Bsal:

Don't release your pet

This applies to both store bought salamanders and those that you collected yourself and kept in captivity. Unwanted salamanders can be surrendered to rescues or exotic animal adoptions. **Remember, releasing an infected pet into the wild could result in countless deaths of Kentucky's salamanders.**

Treat your water

When cleaning your pet's tank, make sure to treat the water with bleach before dumping. 1 part bleach to 10 parts water is recommended.

Get your pet tested

FREE Bsal testing kits are available through www.amphibians.org (search "Bsal test kit").

