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Upon receiving information from social media and the local news media that bats were observed at the Alvin Wal-Mart, an inspection was performed this morning before 9:00 a.m. by the Alvin Health Official. Her inspection included a walk through with Store Manager Bo Overeem. Mr. Overeem stated that bats were observed in the store last night between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mr. Overeem informed City Staff that a roof contractor and pest control personnel were onsite to inspect the building to determine where the bats are making entry. While walking the store, the Health Official observed evidence of bat guano in the lawn and garden area.

A second inspection was performed at approximately 3:45 p.m. this afternoon, Wal-Mart personnel had a contractor sealing possible entry points into the store. No bats were observed during this visit.

The City's Health Official is actively monitoring the situation. Inspections will be performed this evening and throughout day tomorrow. If bats are observed anytime within the food areas, the store will be required to close until the situation is rectified.

A statement released by Walmart Media Relations Department included, "We are working with our health and safety team as well as the health department to safely remove the bats from our Alvin store and will continue to provide a clean and safe shopping experience. We have identified the point of entry and are working with qualified contractors to ensure the integrity of the building."