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Ozzy Osbourne:

another *bat* out of hell?

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In a turn of events that only a Madman like Ozzy Osbourne could have initiated, this Sunday night's (Jan. 31) Ozzy Osbourne concert will be under the close surveillance of the Humane Society who will be making sure the rotund rocker behaves himself.

It seems that last Wednesday night (Jan. 20) in Des Moines, Iowa Osbourne dismembered a bat onstage. The only problem is, he did it with his mouth, ripping the bat's head right off.

Sharon Arden, Osbourne's personal manager, told SCENE the whole sordid story via telephone

from Milwaukee, Wisconsin while the former Black Sabbath lead vocalist was receiving one of a series of shots for the prevention of rabies as a result of biting the bat.

"A kid threw a bat onstage," Arden said, "and (Osbourne) caught it. He put it in his mouth and pulled at its body and ripped its head off. He didn't realize that it was a f-kin' bat, otherwise he never would have done it.

"We went crazy trying to find the bat," Arden continued, "but he had thrown it back in the audience. We put a plea out to get it back, so they could run tests on it to find out if it was rabid or not. Nobody handed it in, so we

had to have him get the shots just in case."

Jim Marchyshyn of Belkin Productions told SCENE that the Cleveland Ozzy Osbourne show, at Press time, was a sell-out and that the Humane Society had already been in contact with them as Arden had said they would.

"The Animal Society's going crazy," Arden exclaimed. "They won't leave us alone. They call the hall managers, and the hall managers threaten to pull the shows 'cuz they don't want any of that type of thing happening again.

"There's one guy," Arden continued, "who writes for the St. Louis

Globe who's just been going crazy on him. Every two or three days there's another article about him chopping off a pig's head. It's all bullshit. It's just gotten out of control."

Told that there were radio reports that had Osbourne killing a goat onstage, Arden vehemently denied them. "That's ridiculous," she said. "It's gone from a dove to a chicken. Now it's a goat. Next, it'll be puppies."

"There's one point in the show where he lets out a flock of doves, and all he does is let them go. They usually end up in the hall's rafters and get away anyway."

Henny Youngman:



Ozzy's gonna put a spell on you at the Coliseum this Sunday.