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Rare video footage of Acres rescuers reuniting lost baby bat with its mother goes viral



SINGAPORE - A baby fruit bat was rescued by its mother after getting lost - all thanks to the good folks at the Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (Acres).

Footage of the reunion was posted on Acres' YouTube channel on Sept 9, and has since garnered more than 600,000 views.

The baby fruit bat, left out in the open by Acres rescuers, was eventually found by its mother. PHOTO: SCREENGRAAB FROM YOUTUBE

The video was also picked up by US-based online environmental portal One Green Planet. Its story has been shared close to 33,000 times.

<https://youtu.be/-LMZmd39fps>

According to Acres, it had been alerted to the baby bat's plight by a concerned member of the public, Mr Joel Guglietta. He had found at around 10.30pm in The Espira condominium along Lorong L Telok Kurau on Aug 29.

Acres then sent a team of wildlife rescue officers to the scene, and decided to leave the bat out in the open - close to where it was found - in the hopes that its mother was still nearby searching for her lost baby.

The decision paid off when the mother managed to home in on its calls for help.

"It took her about two minutes to get to her baby as she flew in circles trying to accurately pinpoint where her baby was and negotiate her way to him," wrote Acres in the video description.

She eventually succeeded in picking her baby up and flew off.

Acres added that it hoped the video would highlight "how wonderful these animals are" and demonstrate how just a little help can go a long way in making sure they stay safe.