

# Bat Rabies Education Team (BRET) Members

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## **Malathi Raghavan, DVM, MS, PhD**

Originally from India, Dr. Raghavan earned her DVM degree from the Ukraine, a Master of Science in Environmental Conservation from the University of New Hampshire and her Ph.D. in Comparative Epidemiology from Purdue. She studied patterns and risk factors for gastric dilatation-volvulus in high-risk dog breeds, bladder cancer in Scottish Terriers, and infestation of parasites with zoonotic implications in dogs and cats across the United States. After moving to Canada in 2005, Dr. Raghavan studied patterns of serious dog-bite injuries requiring hospitalizations in humans. She demonstrated that the pattern of human fatalities due to dog attacks in Canada differed from the pattern in the United States. She also demonstrated that neighborhoods – which are community units based on income levels of the residents – also influence the prevalence of dog-attack injuries, adding to the burden of disease in people from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.

Dr. Raghavan has studied issues of higher education and professional education by applying her epidemiologic training to the study of outcomes in the academic setting. Dr. Raghavan worked for the AVMA as a primary staff consultant to the Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) and a secondary staff consultant to the Council on Education, the accrediting body for veterinary medical education. She has been part of the Bat Rabies Education Team (BRET) since 2015. She is currently the Director of Outcomes Assessment and Data Management at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Purdue University where her responsibilities include research as well as teaching.