

## THE LEGEND OF RAT PENAT

What does the bat mean to Valencians? Why does it appear on the city's shields? Everything has a reason! According to legend, when Jaume I sought to conquer the city of Valencia, a bat entered his rooms in the middle of the night, hitting himself with his armor and other personal objects. This caused him to wake up, warning him of a surprise attack they were about to receive.

Thus, they were able to prevent the attack and emerge victorious. Jaume I wanted to honor this gesture by placing the 'Rat Penat' on the shield of the city of Valencia. The legacy is still present and is also the symbol of other institutions and organizations, such as Valencia CF.