



Public Health Advisory

Fox suspected of rabies in Iqaluit

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Iqaluit, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Iqaluit that a fox suspected of being infected with rabies was trapped and sent for testing. Where the fox was trapped, a domestic dog in the area became sick and later died. Both animals are being sent for rabies testing.

Due to the danger of rabies, we advise all residents to be on the lookout for foxes in the area.

If you have been bitten or scratched by a fox or a dog, go to the health centre and report the incident **immediately**. Treatment must be started quickly after exposure, as rabies infections is almost always fatal.

Domestic animals that spend time tied up outdoors should be monitored for a change in behaviour and signs of rabies.

Signs of rabies include behaving strangely, staggering, frothing at the mouth, choking or making strange noises. Animals exhibiting these signs should be avoided and reported to the Regional Environmental Health Office or Conservations Officer.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, contact the **Conservation Officer at 867-975-7780**. If your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call the **Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-975-4817**.

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