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Public Health Advisory

Dog in Pangnirtung tests negative for rabies

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The Department of Health is advising Pangnirtung residents that a dog that may have had contact with people and dogs in the community earlier this week tested negative for rabies.

Community members are reminded to avoid contact with other people's dogs. Dog owners are asked to be vigilant, observe and report any dog that is acting strangely to local authorities.

Dogs, foxes and wolves can transmit rabies to people. If you have been bitten or scratched by a dog, a fox, a wolf or another animal, please go to the health centre and report the incident **immediately**. Treatment must be started quickly.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, or if your dog has had contact with a fox or wolf, call the conservation officer immediately at 867-473-8937, the bylaw officer at 867-473-8415 or the regional environmental health officer at 867-473-2676.

Rabies vaccinations (shots) for your dog are available from the lay vaccinator.

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