



# Public Health Advisory

## Rabies in Rankin Inlet

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Rankin Inlet, NU

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The Department of Health would like to notify residents of Rankin Inlet that a fox has been confirmed to have rabies. The fox was found at the dump.

People are reminded to be aware of the signs and symptoms of the disease. If you see an animal behaving strangely, staggering, frothing at the mouth, choking or making strange noises, avoid the animal and report it to bylaw.

A fox that is sick may appear friendly. Children should not play with foxes. Keep domestic animals tied up when they are outside, and monitor their behaviour.

Dogs and foxes can transmit rabies to people. If you have been bitten or scratched, 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 867-222-0386 or the regional environmental health officer at 867-975-4800 or after hours at 867-975-5772.

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