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Public Health Advisory

Rabies in Igloolik - Update

June 14, 2017
Igloolik, NU

The Department of Health would like to notify residents of Igloolik that a second dog that may have had contact with a rabid fox has been confirmed to have rabies. A third dog is suspected to have had contact and has been sent for testing.

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.

Keep domestic animals tied up when they are outside, and monitor their behavior.

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. After hours 867-975-5772

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