

Public Service Announcement

Illegal to feed wildlife in Nunavut

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The Department of Environment would like to remind the public that feeding wildlife in Nunavut is illegal, and that doing so can lead to fines under the Wildlife Act.

Feeding wild animals can have very negative impacts on their wellbeing, including the potential of death. It can cause them to become human-dependent for food, which reduces their ability to survive in the wild. It can also create conflict between humans and wildlife in communities, and at camps, as the animals start to see these places as a source of food. They can also lose their fear of humans and become aggressive. This can result in the transmission of diseases to people, such as rabies, which was recently confirmed in two rabid foxes in Igloolik and Hall Beach.

For more information on the dangers of feeding wildlife, contact your local wildlife office at http://www.gov.nu.ca/environment/information/contact-us.

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