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Public Health Advisory

Fox suspected to have rabies near Rankin Inlet mine site

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Rankin Inlet, NU

The Department of Health is advising Rankin Inlet residents and local mine workers to be aware of rabies following a suspected case of the disease in a fox near the Meliadine Gold Mine this week. The fox has been sent for testing. There are a significant number of foxes in the area.

Dogs and foxes can transmit rabies to people. If you have been bitten or scratched, or had any contact with a fox, please go to the health centre and report the incident **immediately**. Treatment must be started quickly. People should avoid contact with foxes.

If you see a fox wandering around the community and acting strange, or if your dog has had contact with a fox, call the conservation officer immediately at 867-645-8084 or the regional environmental health officer at 867-645-8071.

Residents of Rankin Inlet can get their dog vaccinated by calling Page Burt at 867-645-2650

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