

Public Health Advisory

Fox in Baker Lake tests positive for rabies

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The Department of Health is advising Baker Lake residents that a fox that was recently caught in the community has tested positive for rabies.

Dogs and foxes can transmit rabies to people. Treatment must start quickly. 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**.

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 or the regional environmental health officer (EHO) **immediately**.

The phone numbers for the EHOs are:

- Kivalliq Region 645-8071
- Baffin Region 975 4817 or 975-4815
- Kitikmeot Region 983-4009 or 983-5259

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