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Get pets vaccinated on World Rabies Day 2017

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World Rabies Day is September 28. Nunavummiut are invited to protect themselves and their loved ones by getting their pets vaccinated.

Rabies, a deadly virus that can infect animals and humans, has no cure and is almost always fatal. But if a person receives a vaccine within a few days of an animal bite, the disease can be prevented.

Many animals carry rabies, including dogs, foxes, wolves and wolverines. The virus is spread when an infected animal bites, scratches, or licks an open wound.

Children are most likely to get bitten. Parents and guardians can help teach their children:

- To only trust an animal that you are familiar with and always watch its behavior.
- To respect an animal's space, especially while sleeping, eating or caring for their young.

We can all do our part to stop rabies:

- Get your pets vaccinated regularly by lay vaccinators. It's free.
- Keep pets indoors or on a leash.
- Contact the health centre immediately if you think you have been exposed to rabies.

If your dog is bitten by an animal, call your regional environment health officer or local bylaw officer for instructions.

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