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Public Health Advisory

Rabies confirmed in Igloolik

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Igloolik, NU

The Department of Health would like to notify residents of Igloolik that a fox has been confirmed to have rabies. A dog displaying unusual behavior was also 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.

A fox that is sick may appear friendly. Children should not play with foxes or other wildlife. Keep domestic animals tied up when they are outside, and monitor their behavior. Rabies vaccinations for domestic animals are available in the community; if interested contact the Igloolik hamlet office for more information.

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 867-934-8999 or the regional environmental health officer at 867-975-4815.

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