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Public Health Advisory

Fox attack in Igloolik

December 20, 2021
Igloolik, Nunavut

The Department of Health would like to notify the community of Igloolik that a resident was attacked by a fox on December 20. The significant number of sightings and recent confirmed case of rabies in foxes in Igloolik has greatly increased the risk of human exposure to rabies. Due to the danger of rabies, we advise all residents to be on the lookout for foxes in your area.

If you have been bitten or scratched by a fox or a dog, go to the health centre and report the incident immediately. Treatment must be started quickly. If you see an animal behaving strangely, staggering, frothing at the mouth, choking or making strange noises, avoid the animal and report it to conservation officer.

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 them for a change in behaviour and signs of rabies.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, or if your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call the Wildlife Guardian at 867-934-8999 or the Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-645-6660.

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