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Public Service Announcement

Summer Rabies Reminder

Start Date: June 24, 2021
End Date: June 30, 2021
Nunavut-wide **60 sec**

As Nunavummiut prepare to enjoy time on the land with their families this summer, the Department of Health wants to remind everyone to be aware of the risk for exposure to rabies.

Rabies is a deadly but preventable virus that can infect animals and humans. Many warm-blooded animals carry rabies including foxes, wolves, and dogs. The virus is passed on when an infected animal bites, scratches, or licks an open wound. The greatest risk in Nunavut of human exposure to rabies is from domestic dogs.

Rabies has no cure. If a person does not receive appropriate medical care soon after exposure, the infection is almost always fatal. A vaccine given by a medical professional shortly after an animal bite, can prevent rabies and save your life.

We can all do our part to stop rabies:

- Be safe; don’t tease dogs.
- Avoid stray dogs.
- Supervise children around dogs.
- Vaccinate your pet regularly.
- Keep your pets tied on a leash or chain when outside.
- Contact the health centre **immediately** if you are bitten or scratched by an animal.

If you have concerns about a rabid animal, contact your local wildlife officer. If your dog is bitten by an animal, call your regional environment health officer or local bylaw officer for instructions.

Find your regional environment health office contact numbers below:

- Kivalliq region: 1-867-645-8071.
- Kitikmeot region: 1-867-983-4236.
- Qikiqtaaluk region: 1-867-975-4817 or 1-867-975-4815.

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