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Public Health Advisory

Fox tests positive for rabies Chesterfield Inlet

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Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Chesterfield Inlet that a fox has tested positive for rabies.

Due to the danger of rabies, we advise all residents to be on the lookout for foxes in the 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 after exposure, as rabies infections is almost always fatal.

Domestic animals that spend time tied up outdoors should be monitored for a change in behaviour and signs of rabies.

Signs of rabies include behaving strangely, staggering, frothing at the mouth, choking or making strange noises. Animals exhibiting these signs should be avoided and reported to the Regional Environmental Health Office or Conservations Officer.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, or if your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call the **Conservation Officer** at 867-222-0330 or the **Regional Environmental Health Officer** at 867-645-6660.

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