

# Public Health Advisory

## Rabid fox attacks dog in Whale Cove

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## Whale Cove, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Whale Cove that a fox has attacked a domestic dog in the community and has tested positive for rabies. Another dog recently died after being attacked by a fox. That fox was not available for testing. The dog has been sent for testing, and we are awaiting those results.

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 local health centre and report the incident **immediately**. Treatment must be started quickly after exposure as rabies infections are 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, contact the Conservation Officer at 867-896-9189. If your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call the Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-645-8071.

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