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Public Health Advisory

Fox attacks dogs in Rankin Inlet

September 26, 2022
Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Rankin Inlet of a fox that attacked two domestic dogs on September 23. The fox was sent for rabies testing following the incident. The dogs remain under quarantine and are being monitored for signs of 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 local 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 Officer or Conservations Officer.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, contact the Conservation Officer at 867-645-8084.

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