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Public Health Advisory

Fox suspected of rabies in Iqaluit

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Iqaluit, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Iqaluit that a fox suspected of being infected with rabies may have been in contact with several domestic dogs. The fox was trapped and sent for rabies testing following the incident. The dogs are being monitored for signs of rabies.

Due to the danger of rabies, The Department of Health advises 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 hospital 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, aggressive, staggering, frothing at the mouth, choking or making strange noises. Wild animals infected with rabies may also appear friendly and approach humans without fear. 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 867-975-7780. If your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call the Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-975-1163.

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