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Public Health Advisory

Possible case of rabies in Baker Lake

March 2, 2023
Baker Lake, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Baker Lake of possible rabid foxes on the loose in the community. The foxes were reported after one had bitten a resident and another resident was attacked.

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 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 Officer or Conservations Officer.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, contact the Conservation Officer at 867- 793-2944. If your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call the Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-645-6660.

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