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Public Health Advisory

Fox activity in Pond Inlet

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Pond Inlet, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Pond Inlet that increased fox activity in the community is causing a greater risk of exposure to rabies. There have been reports of foxes interacting with domestic dogs in the community.

Due to the danger of rabies, The Department of Health advises all residents to be on the lookout for foxes in your 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 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. 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 Officer or Conservation Officer.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, contact the Conservation Officer at 867-899-8819. If your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call your local Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-222-0163 or 867-975-4185.

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