

# Public Health Advisory

## Fox Attack in Rankin Inlet

**May 2, 2023**

## Rankin Inlet, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Rankin Inlet of a fox that attacked two domestic dogs on April 30, 2023. The fox was sent for rabies testing following the incident. One dog will be euthanized and the other will remain under quarantine and monitored for signs of rabies.

Due to the danger of rabies, we advise 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. 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 867-645-8084. If your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call your local Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-645-6660.

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