

Public Health Advisory

Dog tests positive for rabies in Naujaat

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Naujaat, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Naujaat that the sample from the dog that was euthanized after attacking other dogs in the community, has tested positive for rabies. Due to the danger of rabies, the Department of Health advises all residents to be on the lookout for foxes in the community.

If your dog was bitten or attacked by this dog, please call the Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-645-6660 or 867-473-1995.

If you have been bitten or scratched by a fox or a dog, please go to your 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, aggressively, 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 (EHO) or Conservation Officer at 867-222-1437.

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