

Public Health Advisory

Rabies warning due to fox activity in Kimmirut

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The Department of Health warns Kimmirut residents of a fox in town and around the local dump that has been biting dogs and chasing residents.

Due to the danger of rabies, the Department of Health advises all residents to be on the lookout for foxes in the area. If your dog has been bitten or in contact with a fox or other wild animal, report this to the Regional Environmental Health Officer.

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 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.

If your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call the Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-473-1995.

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