

# Public Health Advisory

## Rabies warning due to fox activity in Sanikiluaq

**April 25, 2025**

## Sanikiluaq, Nunavut

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The Department of Health is advising residents of Sanikiluaq that a dog that was sent to Winnipeg has died and tested positive for rabies on April 23, 2025. This dog contracted rabies from a fox exposure in the community.

Due to the danger of rabies, the Department of Health advises all residents to be on the lookout for foxes in and around the community.

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, 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 Environmental Health Officer or the Conservation Officer.

If your dog was bitten or attacked by a fox, please call the Environmental Health Officer at 867-473-1995 or the Conservation Officer at 867-266-8098.

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