

Public Health Advisory

Help stop rabies in Baker Lake

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Baker Lake, Nunavut

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The Department of Health is urging all residents to stay alert and report any animals acting strangely due to the risk of a rabies infection.

Two dogs in Baker Lake were recently put down after showing signs of rabies. These dogs had been exposed to two rabid foxes found in the area earlier this spring.

Rabies is a serious and deadly disease that can spread from animals to people. Community reporting is key to stopping the spread of rabies and keeping everyone – people and pets – safe.

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

Domestic animals that spend time being tied up outdoors should be monitored for a change in behavior and signs of rabies. If you suspect that your dog had contact with a fox or a wolf, call the Conservation Officer (CO) at 867-793-2944 or Bylaw at 867-327-0064. For more information on rabies and its effects on humans, call the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) at 867-645-6660.

Signs of rabies include strange behaviour, aggressiveness, 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 Conservation Officer or the 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.

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