

Public Health Advisory

Another fox tests positive for rabies in Baker Lake

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Baker Lake, Nunavut

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The Department of Health is advising residents of Baker Lake that a second fox has tested positive for rabies, following the first confirmed case on April 26, 2025. This indicates an increased and ongoing risk of interaction with rabies-infected animals in the community.

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

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 being tied up outdoors should be monitored for a change in behavior and 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 Environmental Health Officer or Conservation Officer.

If you see a fox or a wolf wandering around the community, contact the Conservation Officer at 867-793-2944. If your dog has contact with a fox or wolf, call the Environmental Health Officer at 867-473-1995.

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