Public Health Advisory

Fox tests positive for rabies in Arviat

October 22, 2025
Arviat, Nunavut **60 secs**

The Department of Health is advising residents of Arviat that a fox suspected of being infected with rabies has tested positive. The fox made contact with dogs in the community on October 13, 2025. These dogs are currently under confinement.

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 tied up outdoors should be monitored for a change in behaviour 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 Regional Environmental Health Office or Conservation Officer.

If your dog was bitten or attacked by a fox, please call the Environmental Health Officer at 867-983-5241 or the Conservation Officer at 867-857-2976.

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