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Public Service Announcement

World Rabies Day

Start Date: September 26, 2025

End Date: September 28, 2025

Nunavut-wide

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The Department of Health invites Nunavummiut to recognize World Rabies Day on September 28, 2025. This year's theme, "*Act Now: You, Me, Community*", highlights the power of an individual or a community's actions in preventing this deadly disease.

The greatest risk of human exposure to rabies in Nunavut comes from dogs and foxes. Rabies is a deadly but preventable virus. It can infect animals and humans. Warm-blooded animals, such as foxes, wolves and dogs, can carry rabies. The virus is transmitted when an infected animal bites, scratches or licks an open wound.

A vaccine administered by a health-care professional soon after an animal bite can prevent rabies and save your life.

To stay safe and combat rabies:

- Contact the health centre **immediately** if bitten or scratched by an animal.
- Steer clear of stray dogs.
- Always supervise children around animals.
- Vaccinate your pet(s) regularly.
- Keep your pet(s) tied on a leash or chain when outside.

If you have concerns about a rabid or wild animal, contact your local Conservation Officer. If your dog is bitten by an animal, call your regional Environmental Health Officer or local Bylaw Officer for instructions.

Regional Environmental Health Officer contact numbers:

- Kivalliq region: 1-867-645-6660.
- Kitikmeot region: 1-867-975-1163.
- Qikiqtaaluk region: 1-867-222-0163.

To learn about rabies in Nunavut, please visit the [Government of Nunavut website](#).

