

Public Health Advisory

Fox and dog test positive for rabies in Pangnirtung

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Pangnirtung, Nunavut

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The Department of Health advises Pangnirtung residents that a fox and a dog suspected of being infected with rabies have tested positive.

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 867-975-1163 or the bylaw officer at 867-473-1518. For more information, please visit [Rabies in Nunavut | Government of Nunavut](#).

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