

Public Health Advisory

Possible rabies exposure in Pangnirtung

July 13, 2026

Pangnirtung, Nunavut

The Department of Health advises Pangnirtung residents that a dog was put down on Saturday after showing signs of rabies. The dog is not available to be tested.

To keep the community safe, if you or someone you know had contact with a loose, large black and white husky on July 10, please go to the health centre to be assessed by a nurse.

Rabies remains an active and serious threat in the community, following similar advisories in April and May, when a fox and three other dogs tested positive.

Rabies is a deadly disease. Once symptoms appear, it is almost always fatal for both humans and animals. Due to the danger of rabies, all residents are advised to:

- Report any sick or dead animals to the environmental health officer.
- Keep dogs tied up. Domestic animals that spend time tied up outdoors should be monitored for signs of rabies.
- Go to your local health centre immediately if you or anyone in your household are bitten or scratched by a dog, fox or any wild animal. Treatment must be started quickly after exposure, as rabies infections are almost always fatal.

Signs of rabies in animals include behaving strangely or 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. This is abnormal behaviour for wild animals. Animals exhibiting these signs should be avoided and reported to the environmental health officer or the conservation officer.

For more information, please contact an Environmental Health Officer at 705-971-1014 or visit [Rabies in Nunavut | Government of Nunavut](#).

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