

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 third dog in the community has died. This dog is from the same dog team that was earlier tested positive for rabies in April, confirming that rabies remains an **active and serious threat** in the community.

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

- Be on the lookout for foxes in and around the community.
- Report any sick or dead animals to the environmental health officer.
- Keep dogs tied up to lessen the danger of loose dogs within the community. 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 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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