

Public Health Advisory

Iqaluit fox tests positive for rabies

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Iqaluit, Nunavut

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The Department of Health advises Iqaluit residents that a fox suspected of being infected with rabies has tested positive.

Spring weather means an increased chance of encountering wildlife while out on the land. The Department of Health reminds everyone to be aware of the risk of rabies exposure and 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. Dog team owners should be especially vigilant.

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) 975-4817 or the wildlife officer at (867) 975-7778.

For more information, please visit [Rabies in Nunavut | Government of Nunavut](#).

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