

Public Health Advisory

Possible Iqaluit rabies exposure due to fox activity

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The Department of Health advises Iqaluit residents that there has been a fox attack on a dog that's part of a local team in the West 40 area. The fox was killed and is currently being tested. The attacked dog is currently under confinement. There was no human contact with the animals.

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 867-473-1995 or the wildlife officer at 867-975-7778.

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

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