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Public Health Advisory

Fox bite in Hall Beach

September 25, 2018
Hall Beach, NU

The Department of Health would like to notify residents of Hall Beach that two residents were bitten by a fox. Due to the potential of rabies, we advise all residents to be on the lookout for foxes in your area.

If you have been bitten or scratched by a fox or a dog, go to the health centre and report the incident **immediately**. Treatment must be started quickly. If you see an animal behaving strangely, staggering, frothing at the mouth, choking or making strange noises, these could be sign of rabies. Avoid the animal and report it to the conservation officer.

A fox that is sick may appear friendly. Children should not play with foxes or other wildlife. Keep domestic animals tied up when they are outside, and monitor them for a change in behaviour and signs of rabies.

Rabies is commonly found in foxes and wolves in Nunavut, and can spread to dogs when they are bitten by a rabid fox or wolf. Rabies can be passed onto people when an infected animal bites, scratches or licks them. A person can get rabies when handling/skinning infected animals.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, or if your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call the Wildlife Manager for Baffin North, immediately at 867-899-7360.

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