

## **Public Service Announcement**

## Foxes sighted in or near several Nunavut communities

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The Department of Health is advising that there has been a significant increase in fox sightings in or near Nunavut communities.

Dogs and foxes can transmit rabies to people. Treatment must start quickly. If you have been bitten or scratched, or had any contact with a fox, please go to the health center and report the incident **immediately**.

If you see a fox wandering around the community and acting strange, or if your dog has had contact with a fox, call the conservation officer **immediately** or the regional environmental health officer (EHO). The phone numbers for the EHOs are:

Kivalliq Region 645-8071

Baffin Region 975 4817, or 975-4815
 Kitikmeot Region 983-4009, or 983-5259

Children should not play with wild animals, and people should avoid wildlife that comes into the community.

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