



Public Health Advisory

Fox and domestic dog positive for rabies in Iqaluit

March 16, 2022

Iqaluit, Nunavut

The Department of Health is advising residents of Iqaluit that the fox and domestic dog suspected of being infected with rabies, reported on March 8, have both tested positive for the disease.

Due to the danger of rabies, we advise all residents to be on the lookout for foxes in the area.

If you have been bitten or scratched by a fox or a dog, go to the Qikiqtani General Hospital and report the incident **immediately**. Treatment must be started quickly after exposure, as rabies infections is almost always fatal.

Domestic animals that spend time tied up outdoors should be monitored for a change in behaviour and signs of rabies.

Signs of rabies include behaving strangely, staggering, frothing at the mouth, choking or making strange noises. Animals exhibiting these signs should be avoided and reported to the Regional Environmental Health Office or Conservations Officer.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, contact the **Conservation Officer** at 867-975-7780. If your dog had contact with a fox or wolf, call the **Regional Environmental Health Officer** at 867-975-4817.

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