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Public Health Advisory

Dog suspected of rabies in Rankin Inlet

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Rankin Inlet, Nunavut **75 sec**

The Department of Health is advising residents of Rankin Inlet that a dog suspected of carrying rabies was euthanized in the community on November 23, 2022. The dog (photo attached) resided at one of the 10-plex units near the healing facility in Rankin Inlet and was displaying symptoms of the virus when it was euthanized by bylaw.

Due to the danger of rabies, residents who had contact with the dog should be examined by a nurse at the health centre.

Anyone who has been bitten or scratched, or had close contact with this dog, should go to the 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 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 Officer or Conservation Officer.

Pet owners who believe their pet had contact with the dog should contact the Regional Environmental Health Officer at 867-645-8071.

If you see a fox or wolf wandering around the community, contact the Conservation Officer at 867-645-8084.

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