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PUBLIC ADVISORY

Labrador-Grenfell Health urges caution around wildlife following fox rabies diagnosis in Labrador

Labrador-Grenfell Health is asking the public observe caution around wildlife following the diagnosis of rabies in a fox in the Nain area.

If you become aware of an animal that is potentially rabid, please do not approach the animal.

Please report any sightings of wild or domestic animals acting strangely to a local <u>Forest Management Office</u>, <u>Resource Enforcement Division</u>, <u>Animal Health Division</u>, or local police.

If you have been bitten or scratched by a fox or dog, please go directly to the community clinic in your community for assessment as treatment is required shortly after exposure.

Signs of rabies in animals include:

- Strange behaviour
- Staggering
- Frothing at the mouth
- Choking / strange noises

For more information around this situation, please see the GovNL public advisory.

Residents are also encouraged to vaccinate their pets, especially those who spend most of the time outdoors. These animals should also been tied up while outdoors and monitored for a change in behaviour/ signs of rabies.

For more information about rabies in Newfoundland and Labrador, please click here.

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