

**Cases of Rabies Reported in Newfoundland and Labrador**

**1988**

Date animal died	Animal	Place	Rabies Confirmed?	Human Contact?	Comments
February	fox **	Davis Inlet	Yes	No	Caught in trap by muzzle, porcupine quills in mouth.
Feb 2	red fox (silver)	Hopedale	Yes	Yes	Non-bite contact, wildlife officer killed fox while on patrol, deranged behaviour.
Feb 15	fox **	Hopedale	Yes	No	Caught in trap, bite marks on rear leg.
Feb 19	fox **	Hopedale	Yes	No	Shot as it approached a hunter at Big Island.
Feb 22	fox **	Hopedale	Yes	No	Attacked 2 dogs, both shot by RCMP.
Feb 24 *	fox **	Webb Bay	Yes	Yes	Non-bite contact, dog shot after bite.
March 9	fox **	Hopedale	Yes	No	Shot crossing harbour.
March 9	fox **	Nain	Yes	No	Shot trying to enter hunter's basement, his dog shot due to bites on nose.
March 16	fox **	Kauk Hbr. (Nain)	Yes	No	Thin fox found dead on ice.
March 17	fox **	Kikkertavak Island (Nain)	Yes	No	Fox frothing at mouth, shot by hunter it chased.
March 18	arctic fox	Hopedale	Yes	No	Caught in trap, very friendly and passive.
March 18	arctic fox	Hopedale	Yes	No	Killed by trapper it followed.
March 19	fox **	Hopedale	Yes	No	Shot by RCMP trying to enter basement window.
March 24	red fox	Roddickton	Yes ***	No	Broke into a store to attack dogs, later shot in shed attacking another dog, 2 <sup>nd</sup> dog quarantined/shot.
March 29	fox **	Postville River	No	No	Found dead, body bit up, blood around head, burned.
April 2	fox **	Englee	Yes	No	Found dead near sawmill, 1/2 way between Roddickton & Englee, teeth clamped onto an iron bar.
April 7	fox **	Hopedale	No	No	Chased boys north of town, shot, no submission as no contact.

April 14	red fox	Bide Arm	Yes	No	Shot in town after attacking dog; dog and 3 others shot.
April 27	fox **	Table Bay (Cartwright)	Yes	No	Fox on hill btw Table Bay & English Bay, looked odd, ears back walked towards hunter, shot above to scare it off, ran towards him, shot. Slime on hill (vomit).
April 28	arctic fox	Makkovik	No	No	Trapped, digging up trap, biting ground, mad bolt at trapper, burnt.
May 11	arctic fox	Triton	Yes	No	Found dead, floating offshore, in the bay.
May 16	fox **	Ugjutok Bay (Hopedale)	No	No	Tried to attack puppy in hunter's cabin, chased out, killed/burnt.
May 21	fox **	Churchill Falls (near Lobstick Lodge)	No	No	Killed by a dog 60 miles west of Ch. Falls at hunter's cabin, dog shot.
June 18 or 25	red fox (black)	Davis Inlet	No	No	Tried to enter cabin outside town, saliva from mouth, wouldn't run when approached with shovel, hid under cabin, shot in head, left on shore.
Dec 3	arctic fox	Shoal Cove West	Yes	No	Snared for bounty program, no clinical signs.

Unless stated otherwise, all testing for rabies was done by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency or its predecessor department.

\* This is the date reported, not the date of the event.

\*\* Not stated whether red fox or arctic fox, in most cases it would be a red fox.

\*\*\* First case of rabies on the Island of Newfoundland that had the potential of establishing rabies as an endemic disease on the island. Virus confirmed as being fox arctic strain.

