

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

1996

Date animal died	Animal	Place	Rabies Confirmed?	Human Contact?	Comments
April 6	red fox	Churchill Falls	No	No	App. 1 pm fox noticed by resident, threw ice at it, fox attacked ice, next seen trying to enter apartment building, attacked and bit local vaccinated dog, fox escaped.
mid-April	fox *	Postville (Iglook, ½ hr away)	No	No	Fox attacked skidoo, no contact, no submission, fox burned.
April 19	red fox	Trans Lab Hwy (near Esker turnoff)	Yes	No direct	Two men saw fox, attacked boot of one, pushed it away with rifle butt then shot it.
April 23	red fox	Ranger Lake (near Labrador City)	No	No	Fox with porcupine quills in face, attacked cooler, chainsaw, vaccinated dog at cabin, corned by owner, escaped into woods.
April 23	red fox (silver)	Nain	No	No	Fox reported running between houses, acting foolish. Another fox shot in country with no history.
May 4	fox *	Davis Inlet	Yes	No	RCMP received a complaint that a fox had been attacked by a group of dogs, fox found dead under Mission steps.
May 5	red fox	Kutasuik Bay (17 m S of Hopedale)	Yes	No	Attacked a 3 month old puppy, fox shot.
May 6	red fox	Mary's Harbour	Yes	No	fox attacked dog, fox escaped, police shot a fox hanging around town on 05/06.
May ?	red fox	Mud Lake	No	No	Fox seen biting swingset, shot & burned.
May 15	red fox	Rigolet	No	No	Fox acting unusual, seemed lame & unafraid of people, shot & burned.
May 16	dog	Hopedale	Yes	Indirect	Husky cross, kept outside, may have been fighting with local stray, showed nervous signs, lame, barking loudly, chewing & biting at objects, seemed in pain, family had handled it before death.
May 19	fox *	Churchill Falls	Yes	?	Fox came into porch & fought with dog, owner clubbed fox, dog euthanised.

May 22	fox *	Cartwright	Yes	No	Fox chewing at trees, may have been in fight with 2 dogs at cabin, fox shot.
May 26	fox *	Churchill Falls	No submission	No	Fox tried to enter cabin to attack dog, owner shot fox, no contact, cabin 23 m from Ch. F. on Orma Rd.
May 28	fox *	Postville	Yes	No	Attacked dog, fox shot.
May 29	red fox	Capstan Island	Yes	No	Fox hanging around community, unafraid, uncoordinated, shot.
May 30	fox *	Makkovik	Yes	No	Fox found dead beside tied up dog.
June 3 ?	red fox	Nain	Yes	No	Sitting on someone's step, killed with axe.
June 4	fox *	Nain	Yes	Yes	Teacher bitten on leg by fox, also attacked a vaccinated dog, fox shot, dog quarantined.
June 6	2 red foxes	Postville	No submission	No	Many foxes hanging around town, 2 acting strange, 1 tearing up blanket, shot & burned.
June 8	red fox	Rigolet	No submission	No	Skinny fox in town, bit one dog, fought with another, bit paddle of person trying to subdue it, fox shot & burned, dogs destroyed.
June 10 ?	red fox	Rigolet	Yes	No	No history.
June 14	red fox	20 m NE of North West River	No submission	No	Attacked dog, escaped into woods.
June 22/23	red fox	North West Point (5 m from Sheshatsheit)	No submission	No	Fox attacked tent rope then two dogs, one dog shot, other unsure.
June 23	red fox	Charlottetown	No submission	No	Fox frothing at mouth, attacked dog, fox took off into woods. Someone else saw strange acting fox in community.
June 29	red fox	Eskimo Paps (s shore of Lake Melville)	No submission	No	Fox attacked dog at cabin, tried to attack child. Fox killed and burned, dog vaccinated.
July 10	red fox	North West River	Yes	No	Fox came out of woods and attacked an unknown number of dogs over two hour period. Fox shot. Community will destroy unvaccinated dogs and quarantine the rest.

July 11	dog	Charlottetown	No submission	Indirect	Dog attacked by rabid fox (06/23) exhibiting signs of rabies (staggering, angry, frothing) shot and burned by owner. Three people treated for non-bite exposure.
July 14	fox *	Nain	No	No	Fox with porcupine quills in face seen hanging around town, shot and burned.
July ?	wolf	Labrador City	Yes	Indirect	Fought with vaccinated dog.
July 30 (?)	fox *	Happy Valley	Yes	Indirect	Fox attacked a house cat, cat euthanised.
August 13	fox *	Cartwright	No	No	Dog attacked by fox, owner couldn't scare it away. Fox shot & burned.
October 21	wolf	Wabush	Yes	No	1:30 am wolf jumping on hood of vehicles at gas station, people in vehicles. RNC investigated, wold attacked front & rear bumpers of cruiser. One hour later reported chewing on bumper of pickup truck at Wabush Mines. 10 minutes later seen at intersection of 503, shot & wounded by RNC. Within 15 mins jumping at fence of dog kennels in Wabush. Killed near 503 intersection after running at police car.
November 11	wolf	North West River	No submission	No	Found dead with quills in mouth on North West islands, dead about 1 week, burned.
November 11	dog	Nain	Yes	Indirect	4 ½ month old puppy from Makkovik shot due to symptoms of rabies. Fox had been taking food from its bowl 3-4 weeks earlier.
November 18	dog	Nain	No submission	?	Dog seen staggering in town, shot & burned.

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

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

