

Cases of Rabies Reported in Newfoundland and Labrador

2001

Date animal died	Animal	Place	Rabies Confirmed?	Human Contact?	Comments
February 18	red fox	Hopedale	Yes	No	Fox was noticed in Hopedale over a number of days. Attacked a number of dogs, 5 shot.
February 19	red fox	Otter Creek (near Goose Bay)	Yes	No	Found dead.
February 25	wolf	Kenamu River (12 mi. SE of North West River)	Yes	No	Trapper saw wolf circling in snow on river, unresponsive to his presence. Shot as suspect rabies.
March 3	red fox	Goose Bay	Yes	No	Found dead on snowmobile trail outside Goose Bay.
March 5/6	red fox	Rigolet	No submission	No	A fox attacked four dogs. The dogs were euthanised, the fox was never recovered.
March 29	dog	Sheshatsheit	Yes	No bite contact	Fox attacked some dogs a few weeks earlier but not captured. Dog had behaviour change (snapping) then euthanized. Had 3-4 week old bite wound on leg.
March 29	dog	Labrador City	Yes	No bite contact.	Dog from Fermont (QC) taken to vet in Lab City for examination due to hind leg coordination. Rabies suspected.
April 4	fox *	Rigolet	Yes	No	Residents ice fishing at Double Mer Inlet saw fox acting strange which chased after a skidoo. Fox shot.
June 4	wolf	Ranger Lake (140 km E of Lab City)	No submission	No	Wolf came out of a ditch at side of road and attacked 4 vehicles then ran back into woods.
June 21	red fox	Churchill Falls	No submission	No	Fox had porcupine quills in face, chewing rocks, hit head on pipe, acted erratic. Shot.
June 25	red fox	Labrador City	No submission	No	Fox was seen jumping on cars at IOC, took off into woods.
July 20	red fox	Labrador City	Yes	Indirect	Fox had quills in mouth and face, frothing, poor condition, unafraid, attacked two dogs.

August 21	red fox	Wabush	Yes	No	Fox acted aggressively, wandered into a garage, killed with a stick.
August 26	red fox	Wabush	Yes	None	Found dead in backyard, a week to 10 days earlier a fox attacked a cat and acted very aggressively in same area.

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

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

