

Cases of Rabies Reported in Newfoundland and Labrador

2003

Date animal died	Animal	Place	Rabies Confirmed?	Human Contact?	Comments
Jan 5	cat	St. Paul's	Yes	Yes	Cat came home dragging its hind end, attacked other cats in house, bit owner on hand.
Jan 16	red fox	Western Brook Pond (by Daniel's Harbour)	Yes	No	Trapped as part of surveillance program.
Jan 24	red fox	Western Brook Pond (by Daniel's Harbour)	Yes	No	Trapped as part of surveillance program.
Jan 25/26	red fox	Jackson's Arm	Yes	No	Reported as acting strange, Conservation Officer tracked it down, found it lying on snow. Euthanised.
Feb 8	red fox	St. Paul's Big Pond	Yes	No	Animal tracked by wildlife officer and shot. A bit thin and undersized but otherwise not suggestive of rabies.
Feb 10	red fox	Western Brook Pond (by Daniel's Harbour)	Yes	No	Trapped as part of surveillance program.
Feb 17	red fox	Jackson's Arm Ridge	Yes	No	Surveillance sample.
Feb 21	red fox	Sop's Arm	Yes	No	Found dead on road.
Feb 28	red fox	Western Brook Pond (by Daniel's Harbour)	Yes	No	Surveillance sample
March 9	red fox	St. Paul's Inlet (Sandy Point)	Yes	No	Surveillance sample.
March 10	red fox	Brian's Pond (by Daniel's Harbour)	Yes	No	Surveillance sample.
March 17	red fox	Bellburns	Yes	No	Fox was in front of resident's house, baring its teeth. Approached vaccinated dog but no contact. Resident shot fox.

April 14	sheep	Daniel's Harbour	Yes	Yes	Owner had seen a fox on premise app. one month earlier. Sheep started exhibiting signs on April 11 th (head butting, aggressive, drooling, chewing wood), died on 14th.
April 16	red fox	Cormack	Yes	No	Fox was stumbling in community, shot by Conservation Officer. Had snare wire in stomach.
April 17	red fox	Sally's Cove	Yes	No	Surveillance sample.
April 19	red fox	Island Pond	Yes	No	Found frozen in ice on pond, could have been dead a couple of weeks.
April 19	sheep	Daniel's Harbour	Yes	No	Sheep tried to attack owner, second sheep positive on farm.
April 29	red fox	Cormack	Yes	No	Attacked a dog in community.
May 6	sheep	Daniel's Harbour	Yes *	Indirect	Showed signs of illness (withdrawn, paralysis). Third positive from this farm.

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

* This case was the last identified during the eradication program. Testing continued for one year after this with no more cases.

