



# **NUNAVUT RABIES AWARENESS & PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM**

## **SCHOOL VET VISITS FACT SHEET**

This guide provides a model for veterinarians visiting Nunavut communities in teaching rabies and rabies-adjacent topics to youth. It provides school visit learning objectives and is based on best practices for Nunavut students.

Please note that most schools require criminal record checks for any adults coming into the school, and that not all schools permit animals inside the classrooms.

For more information, visit our Nunavut Rabies Awareness & Prevention education program website: [www.vwb.org/nunavutcurriculum](http://www.vwb.org/nunavutcurriculum)

### **Nunavut Students**

When you visit Nunavut classrooms, it helps to have an understanding of your audience. While each student and classroom is unique, prioritize the following as part of your presentations and visits:

- Culturally- relevant visuals, materials, examples, and references
- Include Inuktitut language
- English Language Learners- informed teaching
- Trauma- informed teaching
- Humbly listen and ask students and staff questions about their contexts, opinions and realities
- Include storytelling, visuals, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and games

### **Elementary School Visit**

During this visit go through a physical exam of one to two dogs, relating what you are doing and why. During this you can also show students how to read the body language of a dog, followed by fun interactive games on building confidence and safety around unknown dogs.



The learning objectives for the visit are as follows:

- What is involved in a visit to the veterinarian and what a veterinarian does for work.
- What tools a veterinarian use during an exam to listen to a dogs heart, check their ears, etc. (opportunity for students to listen to their own hearts).
- How to keep a household dog healthy and happy.
- How puppies grow into full adult dogs and what they need along the way.
- Understand dog behavior and language through interactive games to increase confidence and safety around unknown dogs.
- The different type of animals the veterinary team have worked with and fun animal facts.

### **Middle School Visit**

During this visit go through a physical exam of one to two dogs, relating what you are doing and why. During this you can also show students how to read the body language of a dog. This is a great time to provide the opportunity for students to practice how to administer vaccines on fruit. Pending student interest, talk through career options and backgrounds, showing the various ways that students can pursue a career in science and veterinary medicine. Try to leave lots of time for questions.

The learning objectives for the visit are as follows:

- What is involved in a visit to a veterinarian and what a veterinarian and veterinary technicians jobs involve.
- What tools does a veterinarian use during an exam to listen to a dog's heart, check their ears, etc. (opportunity for students to listen to their own hearts).
- What a veterinarian examines the dog for during a health check-up and why.
- Recognize dog behavior to enhance confidence and safety around unknown dogs.
- How to trim a dog's nails.
- Ability to administer vaccines using oranges or bananas for practice.
- Background on rabies and its impact on animals and humans.
- Science-based career options focused on veterinary medicine and animal health.



## High School Visit

During this visit go through a physical exam of one to two dogs, relating what you are doing and why. During this you can also show students how to read the body language of a dog. Both veterinarian and veterinary technician if possible will speak to the career path they followed out of high school and what other options there are for students wanting to pursue a love for science or veterinary medicine. Provide the opportunity for students to practice how to administer vaccines on fruit and do other science-based activities. Try to leave lots of time for questions.

The learning objectives for the visit are as follows:

- What is involved in a visit to a veterinarian and what a veterinarian and veterinary technicians jobs involves.
- What tools a veterinarian use during an exam to listen to a dogs heart, check their ears, etc. (opportunity for students to listen to their own hearts).
- What a veterinarian examines the dog for during a health check-up and why.
- Recognize dog behavior to enhance confidence and safety around unknown dogs.
- How to trim a dog's nails.
- Basic dog training principles and examples.
- Ability to administer vaccines using oranges or bananas for practice and other science-based activities (calculating heart rates, etc.).
- Background on rabies and its impact on animals and humans.
- Science-based career options focused on veterinary medicine and animal health.