



New World Screwworm: Pet Travel/Animal Imports

Don't let the New World Screwworm get airborne with your animals



Threats of New World Screwworm (NWS) on imported animals

We live in a world where you can get almost anywhere on the globe in less than 24 hours, which means pests like NWS can too. Whether you're bringing Fido along on vacation or if you're rescuing dogs from another country, you need to know the import protocols to protect Minnesota from this invasive threat. Make sure you meet import requirements if traveling with your dog.

NWS isn't everywhere, yet.

If you travel with a dog to regions affected by screwworm, know the requirements for returning to the United States. Go to www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel/another-country-to-us-import/dogs for more information. You should also do your own visual checks of the animal before returning to the U.S. to make sure you don't see any telltale signs like open wounds or fly maggots. If you do notice anything suspicious, talk to a veterinarian right away.



Source: CDC

It's always a good idea to quarantine when you land.

Quarantine is a pretty strong and official term for keeping an animal separated from others to monitor it for signs of contagious diseases. No matter what you call it, it's a good idea to isolate animals you import or bring back to Minnesota from travel. Don't let

them near your other animals back on the farm or in your home until you are sure they are clear from disease or pests. Talk to your veterinarian if you need some ideas on what to look for or if you want to schedule a quick checkup to make sure the animal appears healthy.



What animals are at risk?

All of them. NWS can affect livestock, pets, wildlife, occasionally birds, and even people are at risk.