

Minnesota Import Requirements for Dogs and Cats Entering from States with New World Screwworm (NWS) Infestations and Endemic Areas

1. Animals from USDA-designated active NWS sites will not be allowed import to Minnesota. The Board of Animal Health will allow imports from states with USDA-active cases if they meet all import requirements outlined in this policy.
2. A Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) must be issued by an accredited veterinarian within 72 hours prior to transport. The CVI is valid for seven days from the date of issuance. The CVI must include the USDA-required certification attesting the animal has been inspected and determined to be free of NWS and that all applicable NWS import requirements have been satisfied.
3. Email a valid rabies vaccination certificate or pet passport to pet.travel.bah@state.mn.us no later than three days before the animal's arrival in Minnesota.
4. An EPA- or FDA-approved NWS treatment must be administered to dogs and cats following the manufacturers' dosing guidelines. The product name, dosage and date of treatment must be listed on the CVI and also emailed to pet.travel.bah@state.mn.us within five days of departure.
5. All animals will be quarantined for a minimum of five days upon arrival in Minnesota. Board of Animal Health staff will verify the quarantine is being followed and confirm quarantine release details.
6. Animals that do not meet import requirements will be quarantined for a minimum of 10 days and must be examined by a licensed veterinarian, who must confirm in writing that the animal is free of NWS and note the exam date.
7. Immediately notify pet.travel.bah@state.mn.us if any signs of NWS develop during quarantine.

Additional requirements for international imports

Dogs and cats entering the U.S. may be subject to regulations from multiple federal agencies:

- USDA APHIS requires specific import certification for dogs arriving from NWS-affected countries. [USDA: "Bring a Pet from Another Country into the United States" page \(https://www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel/another-country-to-us-import\)](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel/another-country-to-us-import).
- The CDC requires all dogs and cats to appear healthy upon arrival in the U.S. [CDC: "Bringing an Animal Into the United States" page \(https://www.cdc.gov/importation/dogs/index.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/importation/dogs/index.html)

Please visit the Screwworm.gov website to view a dashboard of current U.S. cases of NWS.

[Screwworm.gov: Map of U.S. NWS cases \(https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animals/animal-health/livestock-and-poultry-disease/current-status/us-confirmed-cases-new-world\)](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animals/animal-health/livestock-and-poultry-disease/current-status/us-confirmed-cases-new-world)

Please contact the Board at pet.travel.bah@state.mn.us with any questions about Minnesota's import requirements.

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