



Bringing Dogs Into Canada?

New World Screwworm (NWS) Awareness

NWS risk is linked to wounds, travel history and exposure to flies in affected regions, such as southern USA, Mexico and South America.

Before adopting, purchasing or transporting a dog from an affected region:

1. Confirm the dog meets current Canadian import requirements.
2. Ask where the dog has lived or travelled.
3. Ask whether the dog has had wounds, surgery, bites, skin infections or ear issues.
4. Request flea/tick prevention within one week of travelling.
5. Avoid moving dogs with untreated or worsening wounds.



Post-Travel Checklist

- Nose-to-tail check.
- Photograph and document any wounds.
- Separate dogs with concerning wounds.
- Contact veterinarian immediately if wounds worsen, are painful, foul smelling, draining or maggots are present.
- Keep records of travel history, transport route and findings.

A healthy-looking dog can still have hidden wounds. Full body checks protect the dog, other animals and Canada's animal health system.

Who's at risk?

Dogs coming from affected regions who are:

- adopted or fostered
- imported for breeding or resale
- purchased from, or transported through affected regions
- returning to Canada with travellers



Everyone bringing a dog into Canada should use current CFIA import tools and work with veterinarians when receiving dogs from areas where NWS may be present.