



Travelling With Animals?

Check for New World Screwworm (NWS) **Before**, **During** and **After** You Return to Canada

If you travel outside Canada with animals, especially to warm or affected regions, such as southern USA, Mexico and South America, understand animal health concerns and movement restrictions.

STEP 1: Before travel

- Check current Canadian and destination requirements.
- Talk to your veterinarian about destination-specific risks and preventative medication.
- Make sure existing wounds are healed before travel.
- Pack a basic first aid kit.

STEP 4: After returning to Canada

- Continue checking your animal for several days.
- Contact a veterinarian if a wound worsens, smells bad, has discharge, appears painful, or if you see maggots.
- Do not dispose of live maggots in the garbage or outside. Collect maggots in a small container with a tight fitting lid that contains 70% alcohol. Contact your veterinarian on how to submit a sample to CFIA for identification.
- Follow up with second dose of preventative medication as prescribed by your veterinarian.

STEP 2: During travel

- Check your animal daily for wounds, bites or irritated skin.
- Keep wounds clean, covered if appropriate, and protected from flies.
- Avoid letting animals lick or scratch wounds.
- Seek veterinary care promptly for worsening wounds.

STEP 3: Before returning to Canada

- Inspect your animal carefully from nose to tail, taking extra care for long coated breeds.
- Look under collars, harnesses and between toes.
- Check ears, eyes, mouth, tail base and genital areas.
- Do not ignore small wounds.
- Give preventative medications as prescribed by your veterinarian.

Check your animal carefully before returning home, NWS flies are attracted to **wounds and moist body openings**. Early infestations can be hard to spot.

A wound **does not** need to be large to matter.
Small openings, including bites or scratches, can attract flies.

If you suspect NWS, contact a veterinarian.
Do not try to manage a severe or worsening wound on your own.

