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Revised New York State Import Requirements for Dogs and Cats from New World Screwworm Impacted States for Rescue, Adoption, and Other Criteria

Please share with your colleagues in veterinary medicine and your staff.

Background

- As of October 6, New World screwworm (NWS) has been detected in 52 animals and one fly trap in the US: 50 in Texas (22 cattle, 16 sheep, 7 goats, 4 dogs, 1 horse), 2 animals in New Mexico (1 horse, 1 dog), and 1 fly trap in Texas.

New York State (NYS)

- NWS has not been detected in NYS.
- On July 13, the [NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets \(NYS AGM\) revised its NWS import order](#) to permit dogs and cats entering into NYS for the purposes of rescue, adoption, transfer, sale, lease, sponsorship, or gift to originate from any state affected by NWS when certain conditions are met.
- See the flowchart below to determine import requirements for a specific animal.

New York City (NYC)

- The NWS risk to NYC pets and wildlife remains low.
- Veterinarians should consider NWS in pets with myiasis and travel history to affected areas. **Immediately report any suspected case in an animal** to the NYS AGM at 518-457-3502 and the [USDA-APHIS Area Veterinarian](#).
- FDA has [issued Emergency Use Authorizations and conditional approvals for NWS drug products](#).

October 6, 2026

Dear Colleagues,

This advisory summarizes the revised New York State (NYS) New World screwworm (NWS) import order. The revised order can be found on the [NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets website](#). For previous veterinary advisories on NWS, see the [2025 Veterinary Advisory #7: NWS Information for Veterinarians](#) and [2026 Veterinary Advisory #5: Update on NWS for Veterinarians](#).

Revised NYS Order Pertaining to Dogs and Cats Entering NYS for Rescue, Adoption, Transfer, Sale, Lease, Sponsorship, or Gift that Originate from Any NWS Affected State

The revised NYS import order now permits dogs and cats to enter NYS for rescue, adoption, transfer, sale, lease, sponsorship, or gift if they originate from any state with one or more NWS Infested Zones, when certain conditions are met. These conditions include:

- Inspection by a USDA accredited veterinarian and found free of NWS.
- Prophylactic treatment no more than 14 days before entry, with a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) authorized treatment, conditionally approved, or covered by an FDA emergency use authorization.
- Issued a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) within 5 days prior to entry to NYS which includes information about prophylaxis including the name of the product and date and route of administration.

NYS Order Pertaining to All Domestic Animals Entering NYS From an NWS Affected State

All domestic animals, including dogs and cats that are pets, entering NYS from a state with one or more NWS Infested Zones, must meet the following conditions (except animals from an Infested Premise, which remain prohibited):

- Inspection by a USDA accredited veterinarian and found free of NWS
- Issued a CVI within 5 days prior to entry to NYS
- Prophylactic treatment is also required for any animal from within an **Infested Zone**, and should be documented on the CVI

Entry remains prohibited, regardless of treatment or inspection, for the following:

- Any animal infested with NWS.
- Any animal from an **Infested Premise**, or any premise under investigation for possible NWS, until the originating state declares the premise free of infestation.

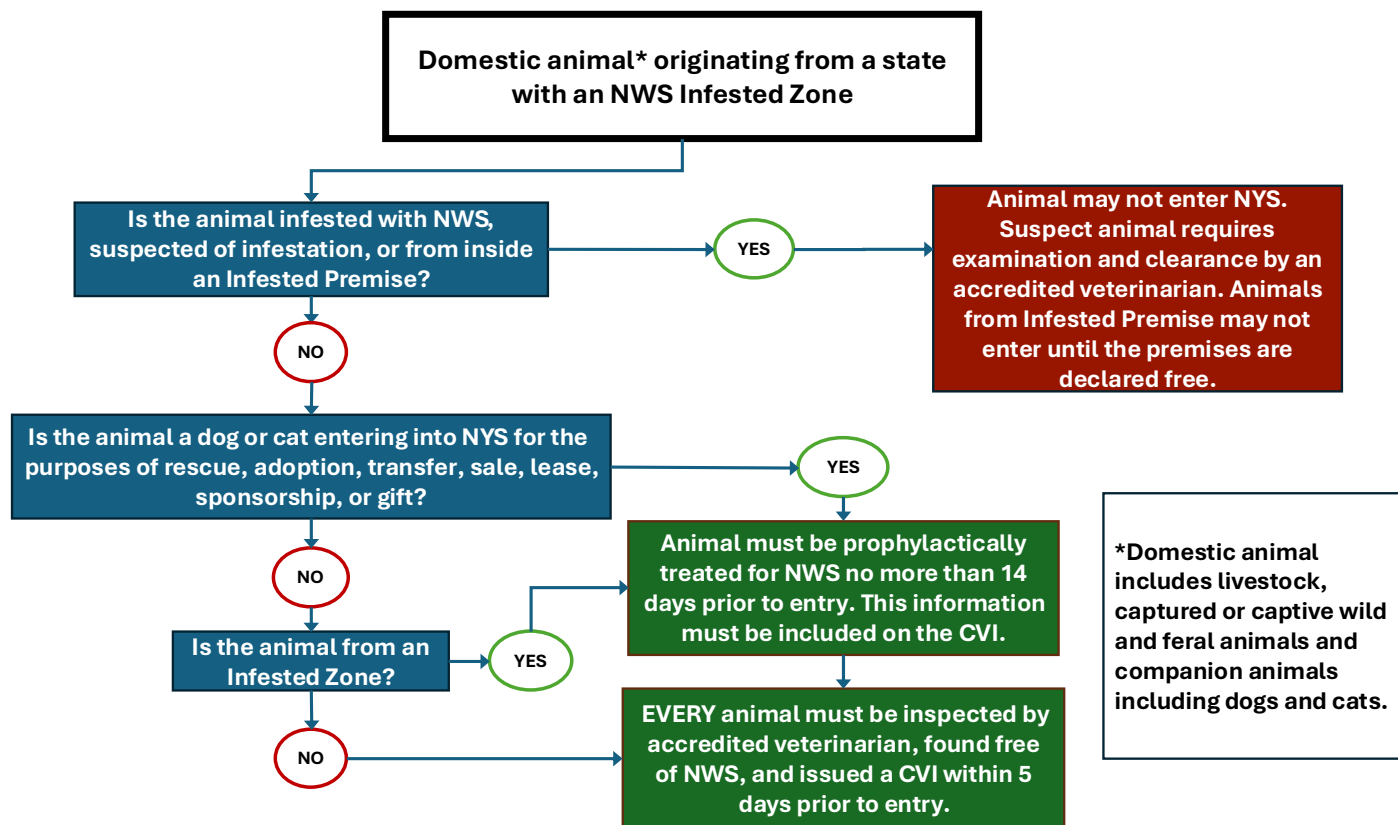
As a reminder, an **Infested Zone** is the area immediately surrounding an **Infested Premise** where NWS-infested animals (domestic or wild) or NWS flies were detected. Current infested zones can be found on the [USDA confirmed detections webpage](#), which includes links to a dashboard of current NWS detections and to individual state websites that display infested zones. Current states with infested zones include [Texas](#) and [New Mexico](#).

What This Means in Practice

Whether prophylactic treatment is required, in addition to a CVI, depends on the animal's origin relative to an Infested Zone and, for dogs and cats, the purpose of entry.

For example, an owned pet relocating to NYS from an NWS affected state needs a CVI but no prophylactic treatment, provided the pet is free of NWS and not from an Infested Premise. However, a rescue dog or cat free of NWS from that same location needs both a CVI and prophylactic treatment. Any animal free of NWS infestation originating from within an Infested Zone needs CVI and prophylactic treatment.

Flowchart for Import of Animals into NYS from NWS Affected States



Additional Resources

- [New World Screwworm: Information for Veterinarians | FDA](#)
 - [New World Screwworm | American Veterinary Medical Association](#)
 - [New World Screwworm: Be Aware and Prepare \(Factsheet for Veterinarians\) | USDA-APHIS](#)
 - [New World Screwworm | USDA-APHIS](#)
 - [Myiasis – Distinguishing NWS from Cuterebra \(Botflies\) | Utah Department of Agriculture and Food](#)
 - [Cochliomyia hominivorax | Companion Animal Parasite Council](#)
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As always, we appreciate your continued collaboration with our efforts to monitor public health issues in New York City.

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Visit our webpage: [Zoonotic and Vector-borne Diseases: Information for Providers](#)

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Report animal diseases to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

- Online through a [secure web-based reporting platform](#)
- Call 347-396-2600
- Fax the [Animal Disease Case Report form](#) to 347-396-2753

Report upon suspicion: Anthrax, brucellosis, glanders, influenza (novel with pandemic potential), mpox, plague, Q fever, SARS, tularemia

For rabies, call the Animal Bite Unit at 646-364-1799 to report suspect rabid animals or for assistance with pets exposed to rabies.

Report upon laboratory diagnosis: Arboviral encephalitides, carbapenem-resistant organism (CRO), leptospirosis, psittacosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, salmonellosis, tuberculosis

Report within 24 hours any outbreak or suspected outbreak of any disease, condition, or syndrome, of known or unknown etiology, which may pose a danger to public health.