

Minnesota Import Requirements: All Dogs and Cats Entering from New World Screwworm (NWS) - Endemic Areas

1. An International Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) and a current Rabies vaccination certificate (or pet passport) must be submitted via email to pet.travel.bah@state.mn.us no later than seven (7) days prior to the animal's arrival or travel.
2. Per USDA guidelines, if traveling from Mexico, the dog or cat must be inspected and once determined to be screwworm free issued a "Screwworm Freedom Certificate" within 5 days prior to departure to the United States.
3. Dogs and cats must be treated with an FDA- or EPA-approved screwworm treatment product within the manufacturer's recommended treatment timeframe for that product. Photographic documentation is required, including images of the product in its original container and images showing the administration of the product to the animal. The photographs and the "Screwworm Freedom Certificate" must be emailed to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at pet.travel.bah@state.mn.us within 5 days of departure.
4. After arrival, all animals will be quarantined for a minimum of 5 days. The Board of Animal Health will assign an agent to verify the quarantine is being adhered to and to confirm quarantine release at the end of that period.
5. Animals that have not met the import requirements will be quarantined for a **minimum** of 10 days and will need an exam and a signed statement from a licensed veterinarian that states they have examined the animal and have determined it to be free of screwworm, along with the date the exam occurred.
6. Immediately notify the Board of Animal Health if any signs of Screwworm develop during your quarantine period.

Additional requirements for dogs and cats arriving from countries affected by NWS:

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 (see [USDA's "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)).
- CDC requires all dogs and cats to appear healthy upon arrival in the United States (see [CDC's "Bringing an Animal into the United States" page \(https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-us\)](https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-us)).

If you have any additional questions about Minnesota's import requirements, please contact the Board at pet.travel.bah@state.mn.us.