

NEW WORLD SCREWWORM

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WHAT IS NEW WORLD SCREWWORM?

New World Screwworm (NWS) is a fly that lays its eggs in wounds or body openings such as the eyes, ears, nose, mouth, or genitals. The eggs hatch into maggots that feed on the living flesh of animals. While it mostly affects livestock, NWS can also infest cats, dogs, wildlife, and people. Federal and State officials work continuously to fight against it and protect agriculture, wildlife, and public health.

HOW DO I PROTECT MY PETS?

- Keep pen areas clean!
 - Check for sharp objects that could cause injury.
- Prevent your pets from flea, tick, and mosquito bites!
 - Even these tiny wounds can be an access point for NWS.
- Check your pets regularly for any signs of wounds or irritated spots.

Symptoms such as foul-smelling wounds, feeling movement in open wounds, and wounds not healing make sure to **contact your local veterinarian**.

If you suspect New World Screwworm, contact your veterinarian, then the New Mexico Livestock Board, or your local NMSU Extension Office immediately!

Early reporting helps protect pets, livestock, and wildlife in our communities!

WHO CAN I CONTACT?

- Extension Service
- Local Veterinarians
- CDC Website
- USDA Website

WANT MORE INFO?

