# New World Screwworm (NWS): Pet Travel Requirements

**Arizona dogs and cats | Interstate travel and California** Updated from AZDA memos dated November 5, 2026

## 1 | Travel from an Arizona NWS-infested zone to ANY other state

AZDA identifies infested zones in portions of **Cochise and Greenlee Counties**. Confirm current boundaries before travel. For dogs and cats departing an infested zone:

- **Exam:** USDA-accredited veterinarian examines pet within **5 days** before travel.
- **AZDA pre-movement certificate:** Obtain the approved NWS Pre-Movement Inspection Certificate.
- **Electronic CVI:** Complete an electronic Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (paper CVIs are not accepted under this guidance).
- **Required CVI wording:** "All animals listed on the CVI have been inspected and are free from screwworm larvae infestation."
- **Destination state:** Check for additional import requirements before travel.
- **Monthly NWS treatment:** AZDA directs pets leaving infested zones to be placed on an FDA-approved monthly NWS treatment.

**AZDA FAQ treatment options:** NexGard, Credelio, Bravecto, Simparica Trio; Capstar (nitenpyram) discussed as an alternative or supplemental dose in certain travel circumstances. AZDA notes NWS treatment approvals cited are in cattle and prevention is not fully studied in small animals. Contact AZDA for contraindications or individualized questions.

## 2 | California entry: additional requirements

Per the separate California-entry memo, **warm-blooded animals entering California from NWS-infested states such as Arizona** require:

- **Electronic CVI** issued by a USDA-accredited veterinarian; paper forms not accepted.
- **NWS inspection statement** on the CVI (exact wording above).
- **California entry permit** obtained **before movement**, with permit number on CVI.
- **Arrival within 7 days of inspection.**
- **Additional rules** if the animal originates from an infested or surveillance zone.

**Note:** The memo specifies a negative EIA test for *equids*, not for dogs or cats.

## 3 | Quick clinic decision guide

| Origin / destination | Key NWS-related paperwork and timing |
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| Phoenix / non-infested AZ area → California | Electronic CVI + NWS statement + CA entry permit; arrive within 7 days of inspection. |
| AZ NWS-infested zone → another state | Accredited-vet exam within 5 days + AZDA pre-movement certificate + electronic CVI / NWS statement + treatment guidance; check destination. |
| AZ NWS-infested zone → California | All infested-zone requirements PLUS CA entry permit; meet stricter 5-day exam window. |

## 4 | Contacts and verification

**California CDFA permits:** (916) 900-5052 | evet@cdfa.ca.gov (business hours); (909) 247-8789 | NWSPermitting@cdfa.ca.gov (emergency/weekends).

**Arizona:** agriculture.az.gov | CVI@azda.gov | diseasereporting@azda.gov. Destination-state requirements: interstatelivestock.com.

**Scope:** This sheet summarizes the two attached AZDA memos only (Nov. 5, 2026). It is not a complete 50-state import guide. Verify current zone boundaries and receiving-state rules before issuing documents.