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Reporting Procedures for New World Screwworm (NWS) in Animals

1. Thoroughly examine all **warm-blooded domestic animals** for foul-smelling, maggot-infested wounds and/or mucous membranes.

2. **Immediately report** any suspicious flies, wounds, maggots, or infestations to the state's animal health branch: **866-922-2473**

3. Remove all maggots, collect ideally 10 - 20 specimens of varying stages from deep in the wound, and place in **≥70%** ethanol or isopropyl alcohol.



Photo: DPDx, CDC

Larval size comparison: NWS (top) vs human botfly



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Contact Information

- CDFA Sick Animal Hotline: **866-922-2473**
- NWSinfo@cdfa.ca.gov

CDFA NWS Webpage

FDA: NWS Treatment Options



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