



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES
COMMISSIONER ADAM H. PUTNAM

Notice of General Animal Quarantine

Pursuant to Chapter 585, Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Animal Industry, hereby establishes an Animal Health Check Zone and quarantines the following geographic area:

The Southern Coastal Border of Key Largo Island (Mile Marker # 91) south through all islands of the Florida Keys to, and including, Key West (Mile Marker # 0).

This quarantine is established to prevent the spread of the New World Screwworm, which is a dangerous contagious, infectious, and communicable disease. The quarantine is necessary to assist in the control, suppression, eradication, and prevention of the spread of the disease and to protect animals in the state.

The movement of all animals into or out of the quarantine area without permission from the Department is prohibited and is a violation of Section 585.40, Florida Statutes. Owners of animals seeking permission to allow their animals to enter or leave the quarantine area must present the animals for inspection at the Department's Interdiction Station located near Mile Marker # 106 on Key Largo. Owners of livestock seeking permission to leave the area must present an Official Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and proof of treatment effective against screwworm within 72-hours or allow the animals to be inspected and treated by Department personnel. Owners of all non-livestock domesticated animals (such as dogs, cats, exotic birds, and other pet animals) seeking permission to leave the area shall allow the animals to be inspected and treated, if necessary, by Department personnel.

Please visit www.FreshFromFlorida.com or call 1-800-HELP-FLA (1-800-435-7352) for more information.

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