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New World Screw Worm Treatment

On October 3, 2016, the Florida Department of Agriculture confirmed the presence of New World Screwworm in the Florida Keys. They need our help and support to be able to eradicate the pest. If any of you see any suspicious wounds or lesions with larvae on your pets, please call us immediately at (305) 852-5252.

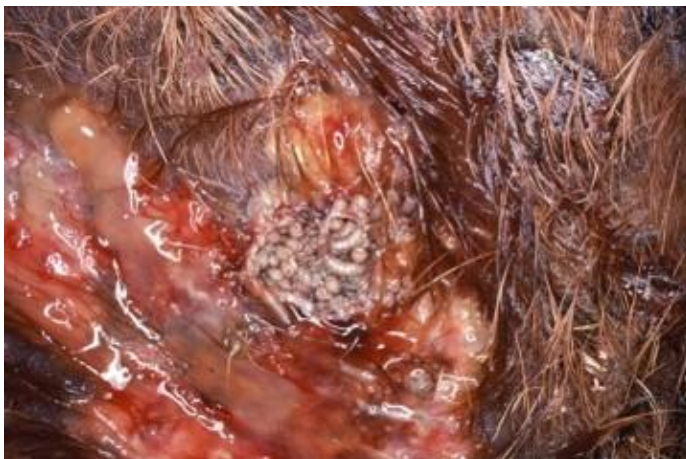
The recommended treatment for screw worms is:

- Treat wound as clinically appropriate, removing maggots and necrotic tissue.
- Parasiticides are to be administered to the infected pet when the infestation is removed and for a period of time after removal. The medications used are the same used for heartworm, flea and tick prevention but with different dosing.
- It is critical that we recheck the infected wound every 1-3 days initially, until no further larvae are emerging and wound is granulating.
- Pet owners need to be vigilant about the presence of this pest in the Keys.

Please help the Florida Department of Agriculture and the USDA eradicate this horrible disease as quickly as possible. This is necessary to protect our pets, Key Deer and livestock.



Screw Worm Larvae



Screw Worm Infestation