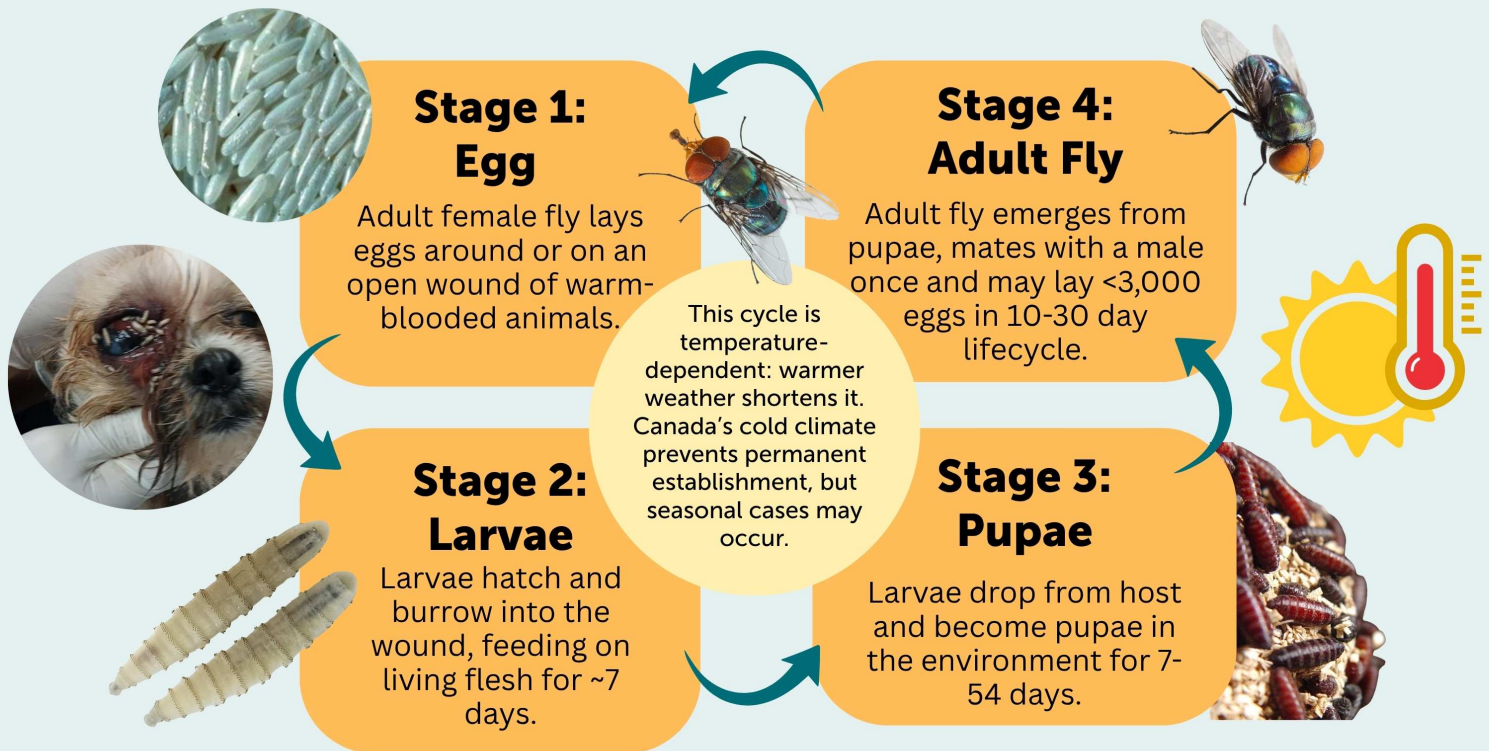


New World Screwworm 101

New World Screwworm (NWS) is a parasitic fly that lays eggs in many different kinds of animals.

Unlike many maggots that feed on dead tissue, NWS larvae feed on the **living tissue** of warm-blooded animals.



The fly is attracted to wounds and moist body openings.

Even small wounds can matter:

- cuts or scrapes
- tick bites
- surgical sites
- newborn navels
- ears, eyes, nose or mouth
- genital areas
- wounds hidden under hair, feathers or tack

Animals at risk include:

pets; horses, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and other livestock; wildlife; occasionally birds; rarely, people



Early detection matters.

A wound that gets worse, smells bad, has discharge, or appears to move may need urgent veterinary attention.

Canadian animal owners should contact a veterinarian if they are concerned about a wound or possible NWS infestation.