Incident 1 of 1:

Carrier: Alaska Airlines
Flight: AS15 (Boston, MA to Seattle, WA)
Date of incident: January 5, 2015
Time of incident: 11:30 PM PST

Type of Incident: Injury

Description of animal (including name): A Pit-Bull named Thunder of unspecified age.

Narrative description of incident: On arrival in Seattle, ramp personnel working flight 15 inbound from Boston-Logan International Airport reported that a Pit Bull dog named Thunder had partially damaged the kennel it was traveling in and had sustained minor injuries to his gums. A supervisor with Alaska Airlines contacted the passenger who inspected the animal for additional injuries in which none were discovered.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: On arrival ramp personnel reported that a dog had damaged their kennel and had sustained minor injuries to his gums. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline’s handling contributed to the animal’s injury.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident: No corrective actions required; No photographs available of incident.
Incident 1 of 1:

Carrier: Alaska Airlines
Flight: AS544 (Bellingham, WA to Seattle, WA)
Date of incident: April 7, 2015
Time of incident: 7:20AM PST

Type of Incident: Injury

Description of animal (including name): 2 year old Golden Retriever named Robyn

Narrative description of incident: On arrival in Seattle, ramp personnel working flight 554 inbound from Bellingham International Airport reported that a Golden Retriever dog named Robyn had sustained minor injuries to her front paws likely during an attempt to exit the kennel. A supervisor and manager with Alaska Airlines contacted the passenger who inspected the animal for additional injuries in which none were discovered. The animal was removed from flight and passenger made local arrangements with her company to pick up the dog. Passenger was rebooked on a later flight without the animal.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: On arrival ramp personnel reported that a dog had sustained minor injuries to her front paws likely during an attempt to exit the kennel. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's injury.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident: No corrective actions required; No photographs available of incident.
Incident 1 of 6:

Carrier:  Alaska Airlines
Flight:  AS752 (Seattle, WA to Kansas City, MO)
Date of incident:  May 4, 2015
Time of incident:  3:45PM COT
Type of Incident:  Injury

Description of animal (including name):  A 4 year old German Whitehared Pointer named Klaus

Narrative description of incident:  After delivery to the consignee at Kansas City, MO and removal from the animal's kennel, cargo services personnel noticed that four year old German Whitehared Pointer Klaus had a slight limp. Alaska Airlines management personnel recommended that the animal be sent to a local veterinarian for consultation. Animal had previous surgeries on leg and hip and appears to have aggravated this previous condition.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident:  After delivery to consignee, a four year old German Whitehared pointer named Klaus exhibited a slight limp when removed from their kennel. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's injury.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident:  No corrective actions required; No photographs available of incident.

Incident 2 of 6:

Carrier:  Alaska Airlines
Flight:  AS136 (Anchorage, AK to Seattle, WA)
Date of incident:  May 16, 2015
Time of incident:  5:12AM PST
Type of Incident:  Injury

Description of animal (including name):  11 month old Black Mouth Cur named Pepper

Narrative description of incident:  Upon arrival into Seattle, WA an 11 month old dog named Pepper escaped from their kennel and exited the aircraft pit to the ramp. During the escape, Pepper sustained minor injuries to the nails and paw pads and was taken to a veterinarian by Alaska Airlines management personnel and Pepper's owner. After further review, a load shift in the aircraft cargo compartment had pressed against the cage and may have contributed to the escape. The passengers and Pepper were rebooked for a later flight and traveled without further incident.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident:  Upon arrival into Seattle, WA an 11 month old Black Mouth Cur named Pepper escaped from their kennel onto the airport ramp and sustained minor injuries to their paw pads and nails. After further review, a load shift in flight may had added pressure to the kennel door assembly and likely contributed to the animals escape.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident:  Alaska Airlines is currently reviewing new technology options to limit load shifts in flight. Ramp personnel have been provided with best practices in opening aircraft cargo compartment doors when animals are being transported. No photographs available of incident.
Incident 3 of 6:

Carrier: Alaska Airlines
Flight: AS731 (Seattle, WA to Anchorage, AK)
Date of incident: May 14, 2015
Time of incident: 8:45PM PST
Type of Incident: Death

Description of animal (including name): A 12 year old Cocker Spaniel named Shiloh

Narrative description of incident: Prior to its loading on AS731 to Anchorage, AK, from transfer flight AS2470 (Portland, OR to Seattle, WA) ground service agents reported that 12 year old Cocker Spaniel Shiloh was not moving and appeared to be lifeless. Alaska Airlines management personnel informed the owners who requested the animal be transported to their final destination of Anchorage, AK. A necropsy was performed where the cause of death was reported as acute cardiovascular collapse associated with multiple organ failure from an undiagnosed disseminated hemangiosarcoma.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: During a transfer from AS2470 to AS731, a 12 year old Cocker Spaniel was reported to be unresponsive by ramp personnel. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's death.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident: No corrective actions required; No photographs available of incident.

Incident 4 of 6:

Carrier: Alaska Airlines
Flight: AS679 (Denver, CO to Seattle, WA)
Date of incident: May 15, 2015
Time of incident: 5:40AM MDT
Type of Incident: Injury

Description of animal (including name): Siberian Husky of unknown age and name.

Narrative description of incident: During the loading process for AS679 from Denver, CO to Seattle, WA, ramp personnel reported that a Siberian Husky of unknown age had damaged the kennel it was traveling in and in doing so had sustained minor gum damage. The animal and passengers were removed from the flight and rebooked for a flight later in the day. The passengers were required to purchase a new kennel for acceptance prior to travel and the animal was taken to the vet.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: During the loading process for AS679, ramp personnel reported that a dog had damaged its kennel and had sustained minor gum damage in the process. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's death.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident: No corrective actions required; No photographs available of incident.

Incident 5 of 6:

Carrier: Alaska Airlines
Flight: AS82 (Anchorage, AK to Seattle, WA)
Date of incident: May 22, 2015
Time of incident: 8:45PM PST
Type of Incident: Death

Description of animal (including name): A Maltese, name and age unknown

Narrative description of incident: Upon arrival into Seattle, WA, ramp personnel noticed that one of two dogs traveling as companions had passed away during flight. Alaska Airlines personnel informed the owners who requested that Alaska Airlines transport the animal to their final destination of Kalispell, MT. The owner took the Maltese home for final disposition.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: One of two Maltese dogs traveling as companions passed away in flight. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's death.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident: No corrective actions required; No photographs available of incident.

Incident 6 of 6:
Carrier: Alaska Airlines
Flight: AS23 (Chicago, IL (ORO) to Seattle, WA)
Date of incident: May 25, 2015
Time of incident: 7:30AM COT
Type of Incident: Death

Description of animal (including name): A 17 year old Domestic Short Hair cat named Percival

Narrative description of incident: Prior to being loaded on AS23 from Chicago, IL to Seattle, WA, ground service personnel reported that a 17 year old cat named Percival was non-responsive and appeared to be lifeless. Alaska Airlines management informed the owner prior to departure from Chicago who requested that the animal be transported to Seattle. At this point the owner reported that they had sedated the animal prior to departure and this was the first time the animal had ever been sedated for travel.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: Prior to loading in Chicago, ramp personnel reported that a 17 year old cat named Percival had passed away. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's death.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident: No corrective actions required; No photographs available of incident.
Incident 1 of 1:

Carrier: Alaska Airlines
Flight: AS24 (Seattle, WA to Boston, MA)
Date of incident: July 20, 2015
Time of incident: 7:15AM EST

Type of Incident: Injury

Description of animal (including name): Male Golden Retriever of unknown name and age

Narrative description of incident: On arrival in Boston, ramp personnel working flight 24 inbound from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport reported that a male Golden Retriever dog of unknown age and name had sustained minor injuries to his front paws likely during a forced exit from the kennel. A supervisor with Alaska Airlines contacted the passenger who inspected the animal for additional injuries in which none were discovered. The animal had forcefully exited the kennel and the owner informed the Alaska Airlines supervisor on duty that the animal has a history of chewing his paws when nervous. Medical attention was offered by Alaska Airlines on behalf of the injured Golden Retriever which was declined by the owner.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: On arrival ramp personnel reported that a dog had sustained minor injuries to his front paws likely during a forced exit from the kennel. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's injury.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident: No corrective actions required; No photographs available of incident.