Incident 1
Carrier: Alaska Airlines
Flight: 65 (Wrangell, AK to Petersburg, AK)
Date of incident: October 8, 2011
Time of incident: Approximately 9:45 A.M. Alaska Time

Description of animal (including name): A male cat, unknown name, breed, or name.

Narrative description of incident: A male cat with a pre-existing medical condition was presented in poor health, for shipment to Petersburg for emergency treatment. The passenger heard back from the Petersburg Veterinarian prior to the flight’s departure and together they decided that the cat would not benefit from treatment in Petersburg. During that short period of time that the cat was in our care, it had expired. The passenger was notified of her cat’s death and she took her cat home with her.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: A male cat with a pre-existing medical condition was presented in poor health, for shipment to Petersburg for emergency treatment. While the cat was in our care it had expired, prior to being loaded for the departing 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 action required.

No photographs available
Delta Air Lines
Live Animal Incident Report – Redacted
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Carrier:
Delta Air Lines

Flight Number:
0014

Date and Time of Incident
04 October 2011 – 7:30 AM

Type of Incident:
Death

Description of Animal
Breed: Domestic Short Hair cats
Age: 4 and 14 years

Description of Incident:
Two cats had expired upon arrival at Frankfurt International Airport. The cats were traveling with their owner and missed their booked flight the previous day. The pets were held overnight in a commercial kennel where they were offered food and water. A dog traveling on the same flight arrived without incident. The aircraft was checked and all systems associated with cargo bin ventilation were found to be working normally. The flight crew indicated that all system controls were normal. Necropsies were performed. The translation of the necropsy for the first cat (4 years old) indicated the cause of death was a result of acute circulatory failure due to transport related stress. The vet indicated the animal was overweight at 8.26 kgs. The second cat (14 years old) also suffered from circulatory failure due to transport related stress. The cat had endocardial fibrosis which resulted in damage to the lungs and liver. Both cats had subcutaneous injection hemorrhages detected on their hind legs.

Cause of Incident:
Unknown

Corrective Action Taken:
No corrective action indicated.