Carrier
Delta Air Lines

Flight Number
Flight # DL810 PIT-ATL

Date and Time of Incident
December 8, 2005 – approximately 1930

Type of Incident
Escape

Description of Animal
Cat – “Morehouse”

Description of the Incident
The kennel containing the cat was removed from the aircraft and placed inside a conveyance. The cat escaped while being transferred from the ramp to the cargo warehouse.

Cause of the Incident
Poor kennel design. Insufficient locking mechanisms on the kennel caused the door to inadvertently open during normal handling. There were no visible signs of damage to this kennel.

Corrective Action Taken
Local station worked with Airport Police, Fire Department and other Air Carriers at the airport in the search for this cat. A flyer has been distributed and posted including local veterinarians/kennels. Routine contact with owner is ongoing. In addition, communication was issued system-wide to review acceptance and handling procedures.