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# AMERICAN AIRLINES / OCTOBER 2007 DOT PET INCIDENT REPORT

| Carrier and Flight Number  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| American Airlines Flight #0822   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Date and Time of the Incident  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9 OCT 2007 at approximately 4:15 pm EDT  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Description of the Animal, Including Name  |  |  |  |  |  |
| English Bulldog named Lady   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Narrative Description of Incident  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dog was deceased upon arrival of AA Flight #0822 (PAP-MIA).                                |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Narrative Description of Cause of the Incident   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Necropsy results showed unremarkable tissue samples. The findings assume death to          |  |  |  |  |  |
| be related to breathing difficulties associated with the breed (soft palate interference). |  |  |  |  |  |
| This likely resulted in hyperthermia and hypoxia. An investigation was conducted which     |  |  |  |  |  |

showed climate controls were working properly in the aircraft cargo compartment.

Narrative Description of any Corrective Action Taken in Response to

Incident None.

# Comair Live Animal Incident Report - Redacted Reporting Period: October 1, 2007 – October 31, 2007

Carrier: Comair

Flight Number: 4989

Date and Time of Incident: 10/22/07 / 5:20a.m.

Type of Incident Escape

Description of Animal Breed: feline Age: unknown

### **Description of the Incident**

A kennel containing a live cat was being transported to flight 4989. While walking the cat from the operations area to the aircraft, via the ramp, the agent noticed the cat becoming restless and moving about rapidly in the kennel. This agitation appeared to increase as the agent got closer to the aircraft where the APU was running. As the agent approached the aircraft (approximately 4 feet from the belt loader) the cat managed to break open the latch and jumped out of the kennel. Immediately, the cat ran by the First Officer assigned to the flight and ran straight for the runway. At this point the agent realized the cat was not able to be caught and instructed a ramp agent to notify the Lead Agent of the incident. The kennel door was constructed of metal and did meet the IATA container requirements #1. The locking pins were also made of metal and the plastic tywraps were secured between the door and the kennel. It appears the cat was able to break the latch from the kennel and force it's way out through the bottom of the kennel door and escaped.

#### **Cause of the Incident**

As the cat was being carried towards the aircraft to be boarded, it became agitated and began scratching and clawing at the kennel, eventually disengaging the latch from the kennel door which allowed the escape.

#### **Corrective Action Taken**

A review of policies/procedures and proper inspection of kennels has been sent to all Stations that service Comair flights including MDT. The MDT Station set traps to retrieve the cat but were unsuccessful. Local airport police along with TSA and other airlines that serve the MDT airport were advised of the incident and also were alerted to be on the lookout for the cat. Comair Agents were escorted to remote areas of the airport to search for the cat, but those too, proved to be unsuccessful.

# Delta Air Lines Live Animal Incident Report - Redacted Reporting Period: November 1, 2007- November 30, 2007

#### Carrier

Delta Air Lines

# Flight Number

Flight # OO6174/02 SYR/JFK Flight # DL1287/02 JFK/TPA

# **Date and Time of Incident**

November 02, 2007 – Between 1905 – 2230

#### **Type of Incident**

Deceased

# **Description of Animal**

Breed: Feline

Age: unknown at this time

#### **Description of the Incident**

When opening the cargo hold door on arrival in Tampa for unloading. The kennel was secure in the cargo hold. The aircraft load agent noticed the cat was not moving when unloading. Upon further inspection the cat appeared to be deceased. The aircraft load agent contacted the gate supervisor immediately. The gate supervisor notified the passenger of the incident. The passenger was asked to view her cat and refused. Passenger agreed to conduct a necropsy. Passenger requested the belongings of the kennel be brought to her.

# Cause of the Incident

Unknown – necropsy report not available before reporting deadline

### **Corrective Action Taken**

Direct follow up with the Delta Station Manager at the origin and transfer stations. Aircraft Maintenance notified to conduct an inspection of the cargo hold. Aircraft Maintenance confirmed the bin fans were operational. Waiting for the necropsy report to further investigate.



# **Incident Involving Animal During Air Transport**

| Date10/01/07SkyWest Flight Number4068 SLC/PDX Time of IncidentN/A  |
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| Reporting Manager/Supervisor <u>redacted</u> StationHDQOO  |
| Delta Pet First Cargo _X Checked Baggage Cabin Pet (check the one that applies)  |
| Description of Animal including name if available _Labrador Retriever puppy named Louie  |
| Identification of owner(s) and/or guardian of the animalredacted   |
| Narrative description of the incident, names of witnesses and/or SkyWest employees involvedWhen flight 4068 arrived in PDX the puppy was loose in the cargo compartment. The kennel had been damaged (cracked) allowing the puppy to get out of the kennel.  |
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| Narrative Description of the cause of the incident (if unknown, indicate unknown)  Possibly incorrect baggage and cargo loading in SLC or shifting of baggage and cargo in flight  |
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| Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident (if none taken, describe reason)The puppy was caught and released to owner Pam Stafford. He appeared fine at the time of the release; however, once he arrived home he began to limp and was taken to the vet. An anti-inflammatory drug was prescribed to correct a muscle strain. The damage kennel was replaced This incident was forwarded to the attention of the ramp manager in Salt Lake City for his review and follow up training including memos and briefings for all SLC ramp employees. |