

**Incident 1**

Carrier: Alaska Airlines  
Flight: 571 (LAX/PDX)  
Date of incident: Sunday, May 18, 2008  
Time of incident: Approximately 11:38 P.M. (PT)

**Description of animal (including name):** Dog, possibly Golden Lab, (Unknown: name, sex, age of pet)

**Narrative description of incident:** A dog inside the kennel arriving at Portland baggage claim area was in a distressed state. Upon further inspection we discovered that the dog's gums were bleeding and then moments later the dog's owner had discovered a tooth that the dog had lost inside kennel. The dog had some blood around its mouth and paws, also a small amount of blood splatter was found on their second kennel, which contained a cat owned by the same customer. It appeared that the dog had been chewing on kennel and scraped its gums in the process. Passenger was advised of the situation at Portland baggage claim, and offered the option to see a local veterinarian. The owner opted to wait and see a veterinarian at home in Seaside, Oregon. The customer asked the Alaska Airlines baggage agent to dispose of the Dog's kennel since it was older and the metal door was now partially pulled into the kennel. The owner put on the dog's leash and the now happy dog left with its owners.

**Narrative description of the cause of the incident:** Dog inside kennel appeared to be chewing on inside of kennel, as the dog arrived in baggage claim with gums bleeding and seemed to be distressed.

**Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident:**

No action required.

No photographs available

**Animal Incident Report  
to the U.S. Department of Transportation  
Pursuant to 14 CFR § 234.13**

Reporting Period: May 1-31, 2008

REDACTED

June 13, 2008

<b>TOTAL ANIMALS SHPPED DURING REPORTING PERIOD:</b>	<b>8,993</b>
<b>TOTAL REPORTABLE INCIDENTS DURING PERIOD:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>% OF REPORTABLE INCIDENTS TO ANIMALS HANDLED:</b>	<b>0.0003%</b>

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Summer travel means that more pets will be flown on longer flights, and some of those pets have not been acclimated to their crates or transport. Also, some will have pre-existing conditions that are unknown to the owner and their Veterinarians.

**INCIDENT #1:**

CO Flight #1410 Sarasota to Newark  
May 9, 2008

Dog – Pekingnese Mix / 10 years old  
Male/ Name: "Harry"

**Owner/Guardian**

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**Narrative Description:**

**Description of the Incident:**

This customer was traveling to France with her pet and upon arrival into Newark for her connecting flight, the dog was found deceased in its crate when agents opened the aircraft bin door.

**Description of the Cause of the Incident:**

Temperatures in Sarasota upon departure were in the low 80's and temperatures in Newark upon arrival were in the mid 50's. There were no signs of any trauma, so a necropsy was performed at Continental's expense. It concluded that, *"Harry was overweight .... And there was excess abdominal fat....The heart appeared mildly enlarged. Histopathology revealed degenerative cardiomyopathy as the cause of death. Cardiomyopathy is a progressive disease causing weakening of the heart muscle."*

**Description of any corrective action taken:**

None. The death of this pet was not transit related.

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**INCIDENT #2**

CO Flight #34 Houston to London  
May 9, 2008

Dog – Pug / 6 years old  
Male/ Name: "Gizmo"

**Owner/Guardian**

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**Narrative Description:**

**Description of the Incident:**

This customer was shipping her dog to London and upon arrival at London's Gatwick Airport, the dog was found deceased in its crate when agents opened the aircraft bin door.

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### **Description of the Cause of the Incident:**

It was confirmed that all procedures were followed as it pertains to international travel and there were no equipment failures. There were also no external signs of trauma, etc. A necropsy was performed in London by a local veterinarian at Continental's expense. The necropsy revealed that, *"The dog was grossly overweight for the breed...Internal observations: large amount of fat....Heart: Large amount of pericardial fat surrounding the cardiac muscle. Overall, histological findings mirror the gross post mortem findings – severe pulmonary congestion, edema with patchy atelectasis and emphysema....these changes reflect cardiorespiratory effort, i.e. stress-related tachypnoea in an overweight, brachycephalic dog. Terminal visceral blood pooling could also be partially responsible."*

### **Description of any corrective action taken:**

None. The death of this pet was not transit related.

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### **INCIDENT #3:**

CO Flight #1751 San Juan, PR to Houston  
May 30, 2008

Dog – English Bulldog Mixed / 3yrs old  
Male/ Name: "

### **Owner/Guardian**

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### **Narrative Description:**

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

This customer was shipping this dog to Charlotte, NC but upon arrival at Houston (IAH), the dog was found deceased in its crate when agents opened the aircraft bin door.

#### **Description of the Cause of the Incident:**

The animal was lying deceased inside its crate and there were no signs of trauma, etc. A necropsy was performed at Continental's expense to determine the cause of death. The Histopathology revealed, *"It is likely that the pulmonary lesion was caused by cardiovascular collapse prior to death... He may have gotten excited during transportation causing him to become dyspneic resulting in a cardiovascular collapse."*

#### **Description of any corrective action taken:**

None. The death of this pet was not transit related.



## Incident Involving Animal During Air Transport

Date 5-25-08 SkyWest Flight Number 3873

Reporting Manager/Supervisor

Station MFR

Cargo \_\_\_\_ Checked Baggage X Cabin Pet \_\_\_\_ (check the one that applies) Passenger traveled FAY/ATL/SLC/MFR via ASA, DL, and SkyWest (final carrier)

Description of Animal including name if available\_ One year old puppy which had not been named by new owner.

Identification of owner(s) and/or guardian of the animal:

Narrative description of the incident, names of witnesses and/or SkyWest employees involved:\_The kennel the animal was traveling in fell apart when the ramper picked it up in the bag transfer area and the dog fell out and scraped his nose and ran under the bag cart where he must have also hurt his eye. Exhibit "A".

Narrative Description of the cause of the incident (if unknown, indicate unknown)  
When the kennel arrived in SLC there were several parts and fasteners already missing, they kennel was not an "airline approved kennel".

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident (if none taken, describe reason)

Cargo Director spoke with the ASA Cargo Department about their acceptance procedures. They will go over them with the FAY manager and the agents so this does not happen again. They are only to accept kennels that are strong enough to withstand the rigors of airline transportation not poorly constructed ones.

# **REDACTED REPORT**

**Animal Incident Report  
To the U.S. Department of Transportation  
Pursuant to 14 CFR 234.13  
Submitted by United Airlines  
Reporting Period: May 1, 2008 – May 31, 2008  
Total submitted incidents – 1**

**United Flight: 162 LAX/BOS  
Date: May 28, 2008**

**Animal: Dog – English Bulldog**

**Narrative Description:**

**Description of incident:**

The dog and kennel were shipped as Cargo. The dog was discovered deceased upon arrival of aircraft. No signs of distress on the animal and kennel was intact.

**Description of cause of the incident:**

Undetermined – autopsy not performed. Owner left with his animal.

**Description of any corrective action taken:**

Review of incident determined United procedures were followed.