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## **AMERICAN AIRLINES / MARCH 2011**

## DOT PET INCIDENT REPORT

Carrier	and	Flight	Number
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American Airlines Flight #2851 (DFW - CHS)

## Date and Time of the Incident

20 March 2011 at 1755

# Description of the Animal, Including Name

Mixed breed (Canine), named Weenie

# Narrative Description of Incident

Ramp personnel were off-loading the 1 of 2 kennels and found that the canine was deceased. CHS personnel released the pet to its owner and the owner later arranged to have the pet transported to a local vet for cremation. No visible trauma was evident at the time the kennel was off-loaded. All ventilation in the compartment where the pet was located was operational during the flight.

# Narrative Description of Cause of the Incident

The 13 year old pet was cremated and the exact cause of death is unknown.

## Narrative Description of any Corrective Action Taken in Response to Incident

No corrective action was necessary.

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# **AMERICAN AIRLINES / DECEMBER, 2010**

## DOT PET INCIDENT REPORT

Carrier and Flight Number
American Airlines Flight #648

## Date and Time of the Incident

18 December 2010

# Description of the Animal, Including Name

Canine mixed breed named BUSTER

## Narrative Description of Incident

Upon arrival at DFW, the kennel was unloaded from the belly. The dog was not moving, and, upon further investigation, it was determined the dog was deceased.

# Narrative Description of Cause of the Incident

The animal was immediately taken to CVA Metroplex Animal Hospital for a necropsy; however, at this time, the necropsy information is still pending.

# Narrative Description of any Corrective Action Taken in Response to Incident

None

Carrier:

Delta Air Lines

Flight Number:

DL 015

Date and Time of Incident

14 March 2011

Type of Incident:

Death

**Description of Animal** 

Breed: Guinea Pig

Age: 5 years

## **Description of Incident:**

Two Guinea Pigs died during transportation from Frankfurt Germany to Atlanta Georgia. The condition of the pets was discovered by the unloading agent and the passenger was notified. The temperature at Frankfurt was  $50^{\circ}$  and  $70^{\circ}$  in Atlanta. No reports of issues with systems that could affect cargo hold temperatures.

### Cause of Incident:

Necropsies were completed. The first pet, Arthur had microscopic changes in the heart which were likely associated with the cause of death. The change in temperature, environment and stress could have decreased the ability to compensate for the heart disease and/or could have triggered an arrhythmia.

The second pet, Tuck also had changes noted in the heart that likely contributed to death. The stressful conditions probably decreased the compensatory mechanisms or triggered an arrhythmia and he had subsequent heart failure with pulmonary congestion and edema.

#### Corrective Action Taken:

No corrective action indicated.

Carrier:

Delta Air Lines

Flight Number:

DL 1024 & DL 1852

Date and Time of Incident

31 March 2011 11:25 AM

Type of Incident:

Injury

**Description of Animal** 

Breed: Chihuahua

Age: 5 years

## **Description of Incident:**

Kennel containing pet was received at destination with a missing handle and damage to the front corner. There was no apparent injury to the pet at the time of initial inspection by the owner. The pet was taken to the vet four days after arrival of the flight. He indicated there were no external abrasions, wounds or fractured dental roots. Three lower incisor crowns were missing and evidence of a cut on the inside of the lip were found. The injury was reported to Delta on April 7, 2011.

#### Cause of Incident:

The cause of the incident is still under investigation.

## **Corrective Action Taken:**

Corrective action will be initiated when a root cause if determined.

Carrier:

Delta Air Lines

Flight Number:

DL 132

Date and Time of Incident

16 March 2011, 10:00 AM

Type of Incident:

Death

**Description of Animal** 

Breed: French Bulldog Age: Approximately 2 years

**Description of Incident:** 

Death

#### Cause of Incident:

Pet was accepted for transportation as checked baggage in JFK. The pet appeared to be in good condition when accepted. The temperature in New York was a maximum of 45° and 52° on arrival in Athens Greece. The aircraft bin climate control was determined to be working properly.

The conclusion of the veterinary doctor based on the autopsy findings is that the immediate cause of death is the acute collapse of the circulatory system. The acute circulatory deficit was primarily due to the left ventricle endocarditis and may have been worsened by circumstantial conditions associated with the stress of travel.

#### **Corrective Action Taken:**

Follow up briefings were held with acceptance agents involved to ensure embargo of bulldogs is observed.

Carrier:

Delta Air Lines

Flight Number:

Delta 2612

**Date and Time of Incident** 

30 March 2011 3:30 PM

Type of Incident:

Death

**Description of Animal** 

Breed: King Charles Spaniel

Age: 7 years

**Description of Incident:** 

King Charles spaniel, Dorothy, passed away while waiting departure of delayed flight.

## Cause of Incident:

A delay was incurred for a nonrelated mechanical issue. The condition of the pet was checked by both the ground and flight crews and appeared to be sedated but alive. As of the report date, the autopsy results have not been received and the cause of death is unknown.

## **Corrective Action Taken:**

Corrective action will be developed upon conclusion of investigation.

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# Animal Incident Report To the U.S. Department of Transportation Pursuant to 14 CFR 234.13

Submitted by United Airlines Reporting Period: March 1, 2011- March 31, 2011

**April 15, 2011** 

**United Flight: 933 Frankfurt/Washington Dulles** 

March 27, 2011 Animal: English Bulldog/Hoku

## **Narrative Description:**

## **Description of incident:**

Hoku was moving back to the U.S. after an extended stay in Frankfurt. Upon arrival of Flight 933 from Frankfurt to Washington Dulles, Hoku was found to be deceased in his kennel. Hoku was transferred to the animal hospital for necropsy. While some health issues were found previous to travel and after, no final determination was made of cause of death.

## **Description of cause of the incident:**

There was no apparent cause of death by the animal hospital. All airport procedures were followed and three other kennels holding a dog and two cats in cargo hold were all in good health.

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

No corrective action was required as all requirements in pet handling were followed.