DOT Animal Incident Report - August 2007 - Detailed

Incident 1

Carrier:	Alaska Airlines
Flight:	235 (SFO/PDX)
Date of incident:	Saturday, August 4, 2007
Time of incident:	Approximately 7:30 P.M. (PT)

Description of animal (including name): 5-year-old, small, long-haired, female Cat, Name: Tiger Lilly (AKA: Baby)

Narrative description of incident: (cat jumped out of kennel during loading process and is still missing in San Francisco) While our SFO ramp vendor was loading kennel onto the aircraft, the cat jumped out of kennel and disappeared onto the tarmac. Ramp personnel were not able to retrieve the cat. The SFO Airfield safety division personnel searched the area and were unable to locate the missing cat. The passenger was advised of the situation and boarded a flight to Portland, OR. Despite a thorough investigation, we were unable to gather any additional information on how the cat was able to escape from its cage. The passenger was advised that SFO had harm free traps set up in airfield and that they would check the traps each day for her missing cat. We refunded the passenger's ticket price (\$290.80) as a Customer Service gesture. Owner claims that cat will not come in contact with strangers, the only contact would be with her. The cat has not been located to date.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: A cat was able to get out of its kennel for unknown reasons and could not be retrieved by ramp personnel.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident: No action required.

No photographs available

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Incident 2

Carrier:	Alaska Airlines
Flight:	148 (ANC/SEA)
Date of incident:	Monday, August 27, 2007
Time of incident:	Approximately 10:00 P.M. (PT)

Description of animal (including name): Cat, unknown age/name

Narrative description of incident: (Pet passing during flight) The Horizon Air transfer agent noticed that the cat was not moving, at the Horizon connection flight point, the cat was not breathing and was found to be stiff. It appears that the cat had passed away some time during the flight. Seattle Manager on duty and Horizon Air Manager informed the passenger of her cat's passing at the Horizon Aircraft. The passenger did not seem to be overly shocked by news, although she certainly was distraught and began to cry. She told us it was not our fault. She continued onto Eugene, OR with her deceased cat. She was given the number to Customer Relations. I spoke with the ANC Customer Service Agent who checked in the cat and she stated that the cat seemed to be doing fine during the check in process in ANC and was "meowing". The kennel was loaded properly in cargo pit one and there was no cargo in the forward compartment. According to the load message, there were only 3 other bags loaded in pit one with the cat. All information gathered points to a natural cause of death.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: Cat passed away during the flight to Seattle, apparently from natural causes.

Narrative description of any corrective action taken in response to the incident: No action required.

No photographs available

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DOT PET INCIDENT REPORT

Carrier and Flight Number

American Airlines Flight #102

Date and Time of the Incident

2 AUG 2007 at approximately 8:00 a.m. CDT

Description of the Animal, Including Name

French Bulldog named Miles

Narrative Description of Incident

Dog was deceased upon arrival of AA Flight #102 (HNL-DFW).

Narrative Description of Cause of the Incident

Necropsy results were inconclusive. Other animals traveling in the same cargo hold arrived safe and healthy.

Narrative Description of any Corrective Action Taken in Response to Incident

None.

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

Reporting Period: August 1-31, 2007

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September 15, 2007

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TOTAL ANIMALS SHPPED DURING REPORTING PERIOD:	13,846
TOTAL REPORTABLE INCIDENTS DURING PERIOD:	3
% OF REPORTABLE INCIDENTS TO ANIMALS HANDLED:	0.0002%

INCIDENT #1:

CO Flight #208 Houston - Portland, Oregon August 11, 2007 Dog - Pekigneese / 1 yr. 4mos. old Male / Name: "Sidney"

Owner/Guardian

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Narrative Description: Description of the Incident:

The dog was traveling from Salt Lake City, UT to Portland, OR via Houston. The dog was found deceased in its crate upon arrival into Portland by ground crew personnel.

Description of the Cause of the Incident:

This animal was protected in Houston in an air conditioned van until near departure time and placed on the aircraft with 3 other animals/crates bound for Portland. All 4 animals were checked, watered and appeared to be fine. The flight taxied from the gate and departed Houston within 22 minutes. Upon arrival into Portland, this animal was deceased in its crate. The necropsy stated that "nonspecific findings are indicative of cardiopulmonary collapse or hypoxia" more susceptible to dogs belonging to the brachycephalic breeds, but it did not state a definitive cause of death.

Description of any corrective action taken:

None. The animal's death was not transit-related.

INCIDENT #2:

CO Flight # 9554 Houston-Abilene August 13, 2007 Dog - American Staffordshire Terrier / 2 yrs old Female / Name: Unknown DOT Incident Report - August 2007 Filed: September 15, 2007 Page 2

Owner/Guardian

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Narrative Description: Description of the Incident:

The dog was placed on the aircraft in Houston and was found deceased upon arrival in Abilene approximately 1hr 15minutes later.

Description of the Cause of the Incident:

This animal was "in season" and was being shipped for breeding purposes. She spent the night in Houston and was placed on the aircraft a few minutes prior to departure. The flight left the gate in Houston at 2:52pm and departed the airport at 3:02pm. Upon arrival into Abilene at 4:17pm, the animal was deceased in its crate.

The necropsy report stated that the animal had overheated, and the Veterinarian performing the necropsy stated that she was obviously sensitive to heat, and felt that hormonal changes due to her being 'in season' could've also contributed to her sensitivity.

Description of any corrective action taken:

None as all procedures were properly followed.

INCIDENT #3:

CO Flight # 1795 Houston-Los Angeles August 13, 2007 Cat - Domestic Shorthair / 7 years old Female / Name: Blue

Owner/Guardian

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Narrative Description:

Description of the Incident:

The cat was flying from Washington DC to Los Angeles via Houston, along with a second family cat and 2 other animals on the same flight. Upon arrival into LAX, the cat was deceased in his crate.

Description of the Cause of the Incident:

The medical diagnosis was that this animal suffered from several underlying and undiagnosed conditions, including feline asthma, Paribronchial Pnuemonia, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and abnormalities of the left and possibly right kidneys. The necropsy report actually states that, "...presumably feline asthma was the primary underlying cause of death."

Description of any corrective action taken:

None. The pet's death was not transit related.

Delta Air Lines Live Animal Incident Report - Redacted Reporting Period: August 1, 2007 – August 31, 2007

Carrier Delta Air Lines

Flight Number Flight # DL704 LAX-CVG

Date and Time of Incident August 23, 2007 - approximately 2200

Type of Incident Escape

Description of Animal Breed: feline Age: 2yr/5mth

Description of the Incident

A kennel containing a live cat was being transported to flight 704/23. The driver witnessed the cat jumping out of the cart from his mirror. Immediately, driver stopped and attempted to capture but, was unsuccessful. The kennel door was constructed of plastic and it did not meet the IATA container requirements #1. The locking pins were not made of metal. It appears the cat forced his way out through the bottom of the kennel door and escaped.

Cause of the Incident

Bottom of kennel door was not secured with a releasable cable tie and kennel door was made of plastic.

Corrective Action Taken

Los Angeles Police Department, FAA, TSA, Los Angeles World Airport, and other air carriers were notified to keep watch for the cat. Daily calls to the local animal shelters, flyers with pictures have been posted and a cage has been set up around the facility with food. A reminder letter sent system wide concerning proper acceptance and handling procedures. Direct follow up with the Delta Station Manager at origin which included briefing accepting agents on proper procedures for securing kennel doors.