

Incident 1

Carrier: Alaska Airlines
Flight: 120 (BLI/SEA/SAN)
Date of incident: August 16, 2008
Time of incident: Approximately 3:42 P.M. PT

Description of animal (including name): A 4 year-old male French bulldog

Narrative description of incident: Upon opening the aircraft pit in San Diego, CA ramp personnel found that one of the two dogs being transported had passed away. It is not clear at what point the animal perished while in the airline's custody.

Narrative description of the cause of the incident: A dog arrived deceased in San Diego, CA. This appears to be a natural death. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's condition in any way.

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: August 1-31, 2008

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September 17, 2008 (delayed due to Hurricane Ike)

TOTAL ANIMALS SHPPED DURING REPORTING PERIOD:	12,246
TOTAL REPORTABLE INCIDENTS DURING PERIOD:	2
% OF REPORTABLE INCIDENTS TO ANIMALS HANDLED:	0.0001%

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 #250 Houston to Raleigh Durham
August 4, 2008

Dog – Great Pyreneese / 2 yrs old
Female / Name: "Sister"

Owner/Guardian

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Narrative Description:

Description of the Incident:

This customer flew 2 dogs (1 Golden Retriever age 5 yrs and 1 Great Pyreneese age 2 yrs) from Reno to Raleigh Durham with a connection in Houston. Upon arrival into Raleigh Durham, the Great Pyreneese was deceased in its crate.

Description of the Cause of the Incident:

A necropsy was performed at Continental's expense and the pathologist noted that "sloughed epithelium in the bronchi". These changes may have compromised the dogs respiratory function, contributing to its death. He also reported that there was 8cc of fluid in the pericardial sac. The usual amount of fluid should be 1-3cc's. A pericardial effusion in sufficient quantity, may compromise the functioning of the heart, causing cardiovascular restrictions and subsequent death. This would also help explain why the companion animal in the second crate and other customers animals on the same flight arrived without incident.

Description of any corrective action taken:

None. The death of this pet was clearly a pre-existing condition and not transit related.

INCIDENT #2

CO Flight #1622 Houston to Portland, OR
August 30, 2008

Dog – Pug / 10 yrs old
Female/ Name: "Sissy"

Owner/Guardian

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Narrative Description:

Description of the Incident:

Upon arrival of the flight into Portland, OR the Pug was found lying in her crate deceased.

Description of the Cause of the Incident:

A necropsy was performed at location in Oregon at Continental's expense and the Pathologist noted that the final diagnosis was "Tracheal hypoplasia, a slipped femur and arthrosis". The Pathologist noted that the slipped femur and arthrosis were chronic conditions that were unlikely to have caused the dog's demise; however, they noted that Sissy likely died from "respiratory insufficiency, which is an inherent problem for brachiocephalic dogs."

Description of any corrective action taken:

None. The death of this pet was clearly a pre-existing condition and not transit related.

LIVE ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT - Redacted

Priority Pet Incident Report	
Type:	Escape / Injury
Date/Time of Incident:	August 6, 2008, approx. Approx Midnight, PDT
Location:	SEA
Routing:	NW #166 SEA-MSP NW #138 MSP-ORD
AWB:	Not applicable
Shipper / Owner / Guardian:	
Consignee:	Not applicable
Description of Animal:	Cat named, "Katya" 12 lbs
Description of Incident:	<p>Passenger checked four cats in four kennels. On arrival one kennel was empty. Cat was found later same day at SEA airport and returned to owner next day 07Aug2008. Owner reported Katya had cut lip, chipped tooth and grease on back.</p>
Cause of the Incident:	Unknown
Corrective Action Taken:	General reminder to stations on use of newly developed Pet Acceptance Packet/Checklist.
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