

**Incident 1**

Carrier: Alaska Airlines  
Flight: 291 (PVR/LAX)  
Date of incident: Wednesday, July 25, 2007  
Time of incident: (During-flight) Approx. 8:00 P.M.

**Description of animal (including name):** 9-year-old Bulldog (name: unknown)

**Narrative description of incident:** (in flight passing)

Flight 291 from PVR to LAX arrived with pet in cargo hold. While down loading the kennel, the ramp crew of Alaska's vendor Menzies discovered that the dog inside was not moving. The dog was a film dog and was in Mexico working on a movie set. The dog was traveling with two trainers the LAX Station Supervisor met both trainers in Customs and informed them of the situation. They explained that it had been very warm in PVR, which caused the dog to have a little trouble breathing. They believed the animal may have had a heart attack due to the heat and stress of the flight.

**Narrative description of the cause of the incident:**

A nine-year-old French Bull dog arrived deceased. Death apparently caused by age and health complications of pet, possibly exacerbated by Mexican climate.

**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: July 1 - 31, 2007**

**REDACTED**

**August 15, 2007**

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**August 15, 2007**

<b>TOTAL ANIMALS SHPPED DURING REPORTING PERIOD:</b>	<b>11,886</b>
<b>TOTAL REPORTABLE INCIDENTS DURING PERIOD:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>% OF REPORTABLE INCIDENTS TO ANIMALS HANDLED:</b>	<b>0.0001%</b>

**INCIDENT #1:**

CO Flight #586 Houston - Orlando  
July 3, 2007

Dog - English Bulldog / 3 years old  
Male / Name: "Hercules"

**Owner/Guardian**

REDACTED

**Narrative Description:**

**Description of the Incident:**

The dog was traveling from Los Angeles to Orlando with a connecting flight in Houston. He appeared to be fine in Houston, but arrived deceased into Orlando.

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

There was no apparent cause for this animal's death. All procedures had been followed, and the temperatures were very mild as the dog flew on the overnight flight from LAX - IAH. The Houston ground time was short and there was low clouds / drizzle and the ambient temperatures were in the low 70's at 6:45am.

The customer consented to a necropsy at their own vet, for which Continental paid, and the necropsy results were, "...terminal circulatory collapse/shock associated with Brachycephalic airway syndrome.." It went on to say, "In this patient, there was also diffuse, severe, acute nasal and laryngeal congestion." The veterinarian concluded that, "Brachycephalic airway syndrome exacerbated by hyperthermia and stress is more likely to have resulted in the death of this dog."

**Description of any corrective action taken:**

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

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**INCIDENT #2:**

CO Flight # 1494 Birmingham - Houston  
July 27, 2007

Dog - American Staffordshire Terrier / 2 yrs old  
Female / Name: "Beth"

**Owner/Guardian**

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**Narrative Description:**

**Description of the Incident:**

The dog was accepted in Birmingham at 5:00am for the 6:00am flight to Houston. The animal arrived into Houston deceased.

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

The ambient temperature conditions on the ground and in the aircraft were cool and at no time was the animal exposed to any extreme temperatures, and all policies were followed. According to the necropsy, "...there were no external signs of trauma, scars, or other abnormalities." The veterinarian continued to say, "the stomach was distended with air and contains a small amount of firm plastic" but all other organs / systems within the animal was within normal limits. The Veterinarian stated that, "There was no obvious cause of death."

**Description of any corrective action taken:**

None. The animal's death was not transit related and all procedures were properly followed.

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**Delta Air Lines**  
**Live Animal Incident Report**  
**Reporting Period: May 1 – May 31, 2007**

**Incident #1**

**Carrier**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number**

Flight # DL152 ATL-TLV

**Date and Time of Incident**

May 10, 2007 – approximately 2200

**Type of Incident**

Escape

**Description of Animal**

Breed: feline

Age: 6yr

**Description of the Incident**

Passenger was traveling May 10, 2007 ATL-TLV with a cat as checked baggage. The cat was loaded in the bulk hold of the aircraft. When the cargo hold door was opened for final loading the cat had somehow escaped its kennel and darted past the loading agent. An immediate search was conducted by eight ramp agents and the flight crew in attempt to locate and capture the cat, this attempt was unsuccessful. The passenger was notified of the incident and offered the option of temporarily terminating his travel and hotel accommodations until a later date, the passenger elected to continue his travel. The search continued after dispatch of the aircraft and Airport Operations was advised. Kennel was inspected and did meet the IATA container requirements.

**Cause of the Incident**

Unknown

**Corrective Action Taken**

Airport Operations and airport tenants advised of the escape and requested to be on the lookout for the escaped cat.

**Incident #2**

**Carrier**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number**

Flight # DL1877/28 MIA-GSP

**Date and Time of Incident**

July 28, 2007 – approximately 0500

August 6, 2007 – approximately 1730

**Type of Incident**

Escaped / Death

**Description of Animal**

Breed: Domestic short-haired feline

Age: 8 years

**Description of the Incident**

Cat accepted in an IATA approved container as a cargo shipment in MIA on July 28, 2007 @ 0417, planned routing MIA-ATL-GSP. Agent arrived gate with cat @ 0445/28. The agent confirmed the cat was still in container and ok before departing gate. At 0505 ramp agent came out to load the aircraft and noticed the cat was not in the kennel. On August 6, 2007 around 5:00 pm Delta Operations received a phone call regarding the status of lost cat. The call made by MDAD stated they had noticed a cat sitting on top of the fence around the perimeter of the airport. MDAD wildlife management, Delta Operations supervisor, MDAD Ramp Security officer all attempted to capture the distressed cat from the outside of the fence to prevent the cat from running into Perimeter Road. The cat became agitated and lunged towards the outside officer, running down the fence line and across the ground. The cat ran across Perimeter Road and in front of an oncoming car, was struck by the car and continued across the roadway into the grass on the other side. Involved personnel drove outside the airport to where the cat was lying in the grass. The cat was not breathing and Wildlife Management officer declared the cat was deceased.

**Cause of the Incident**

Cause unknown, still investigating

**Corrective Action Taken**

Station manager conducted a training session with each employee to review the importance of assuring all kennel/container doors are shut, locked and secured with cable release ties.

# LIVE ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT

## LIVE ANIMAL INCIDENT REPORT - REDACTED

<b>Cargo Incident Report #</b>	<b>0707-1</b>
<b>Type:</b>	Injury
<b>Date of Incident:</b>	July 3, 2007
<b>Location:</b>	IAH
<b>Routing:</b>	NW 1153 MSP – IAH
<b>AWB:</b>	012 MSP 60932874
<b>Description of Animal:</b>	Dog in a 500-size kennel (Name not supplied to NW by shipper or consignee)
<b>Description of Incident:</b>	The dog sustained a small cut injury to its right paw when it escaped from its kennel during ground handling at IAH. The dog was quickly recovered and placed back in it's kennel.
<b>Cause of the Incident:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <u>Poor kennel design.</u> The kennel met USDA requirements; however its overall flexibility allowed the door frame to deflect out of shape to the point that the locking pins could no longer secure the door. The dog sustained a cut to its paw when it slipped through the partially-opened door.</li><li>2. <u>Failure to comply with NW policy</u> The accepting agent failed to follow established company policy to secure the kennel door with releasable plastic straps.</li></ol>
<b>Corrective Action Taken:</b>	NW reiterated its kennel acceptance policy and procedures with all agents.