

**Incident 1**

Carrier: Alaska Airlines  
Flight: 671 (Denver/Seattle)  
Date of incident: June 7, 2010  
Time of incident: Approximately 2:00 P.M. PT

**Description of animal (including name):** A seven-year old male pug dog.

**Narrative description of incident:** Upon opening the aircraft cargo pit in Seattle, ramp personnel found that a dog had passed away. The Passenger was located in the baggage claim area and was brought to the baggage office and met by two Seattle Supervisors, who escorted the passenger and his pug to The Pet Hospital located in Tukwila. It is not clear at what point the animal perished while in the airline's custody.

**Narrative description of cause of the incident:** A dog arrived deceased in Seattle. 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 correction action taken in response to the incident:**  
No action required.

No photographs available

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**AMERICAN AIRLINES / JUNE 2010**

**DOT PET INCIDENT REPORT**

***Carrier and Flight Number***

AA30 (LAX-JFK); Air Waybill – 001LAX28561610

***Date and Time of the Incident***

6/19/2010; 23:56

***Description of the Animal, Including Name***

Male White English Bulldog – Cena; 3 years and 5 months

***Narrative Description of Incident***

Upon arrival at JFK, the kennel was unloaded from the belly. The dog was not moving, and, upon further investigation, the Line Cargo CSM determined the dog was deceased.

***Narrative Description of Cause of the Incident***

The animal was taken to a vet and “a full necropsy was performed. The mucous membranes were blue in color and there was a small amount of phlegm/vomit in the oral cavity. No other abnormalities were noted. Due to the animal on presentation and the breed, the dog passed away from a brachycephalic episode. The animal suffered acute respiratory distress and passed away from sustained lack of oxygen.”

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

None

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**AMERICAN AIRLINES / JUNE 2010**

**DOT PET INCIDENT REPORT**

***Carrier and Flight Number***

American Airlines Flight #917

***Date and Time of the Incident***

03 June 2010

***Description of the Animal, Including Name***

English Bulldog, MAX

***Narrative Description of Incident***

Ramp personnel were off-loading the kennel at Lima, Peru and discovered that the puppy was deceased. The puppy was released to airport officials (SENSA) for the necropsy. The results of the necropsy concluded that the dog passed away of congestive heart failure. The owner indicated that she used a tranquilizer on the pet and was not able to provide the name or the dose given to the dog.

***Narrative Description of Cause of the Incident***

A possible overdose of the "unknown" tranquilizer may have contributed to the congestive heart failure.

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

No corrective action is necessary.

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

Reporting Period: June 1-30, 2010

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July 15, 2010

<b>TOTAL ANIMALS SHPPED DURING REPORTING PERIOD:</b>	<b>9,912</b>
<b>TOTAL REPORTABLE INCIDENTS DURING PERIOD:</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>% OF REPORTABLE INCIDENTS TO ANIMALS HANDLED:</b>	<b>0.030%</b>

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**INCIDENT #1:**

CO Flight #319 from Tampa to Newark  
June 13, 2010

Dog – Boston Terrier / age 2 yrs  
Male / Name: UNKNOWN

**Owner/Guardian**

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

**Description of the Incident:**

Pet was deceased upon arrival into Newark, NJ

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

A necropsy was performed at Continental's expense. The Veterinarian's report included the following statement, "The intestinal lesions could suggest an underlying inflammatory bowel disease". She also noted that, "it is possible that breed related respiratory issues could have contributed to the death of this pet." It was also important to note that the temperature in Tampa upon departure was 79 degrees F and the temperature in Newark upon arrival was 76 degrees F and all handling was per Continental's policies.

**Description of any corrective action taken:**

None. The death of this pet was not related to Continental Airlines' handling or equipment.

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**INCIDENT #2:**

CO Flight #1123 from Newark to Las Vegas  
June 24, 2010

Dog – Pug / age 8yrs  
Male / Name: "Buster"

**Owner/Guardian**

REDACTED

**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

**Description of the Incident:**

Buster arrived deceased in Las Vegas, NV

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

A necropsy was performed at Continental's expense and the Veterinarian noted in the gross necropsy that Buster was obese and had a tumor on his spleen and abnormal tissue in his lungs. She noted "no trauma to the body" and thinks that Buster died in his sleep based on her examination. While the Histopathology report stated that a cause of death was not apparent, it noted that this "breed of dog has conformational changes that affect air movement through the upper respiratory system...Thermoregulation in dogs is primarily achieved via panting and the combination of the conformational abnormalities of the Pug breed and the overconditioned nature of this dog may have made it more sensitive or less able to adapt.."

**Description of any corrective action taken:**

None. The death of this pet was not related to Continental Airlines' handling or equipment.

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**INCIDENT #3:**

CO Flight #616 from Houston to Minneapolis  
June 29, 2010

Dog – Pug / age 7yrs  
Male / Name: Loki

**Owner/Guardian**

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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION**

**Description of the Incident:**

The pet Pug arrived deceased in Minneapolis, MN

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

The customer chose the University of Minnesota's College of Veterinary Medicine to complete the necropsy at Continental's expense and the Veterinarian noted in the following: "This dog did have many of the macroscopic findings associated with Brachycephalic airway syndrome (e.g.: stenotic nares, elongated soft palate, everted laryngeal saccule, epiglottal entrapment and dorsoventral flattening of the tracheal membrane) which can cause airway obstruction. Given the lack of other significant necropsy findings, the elongated soft palate, and the entrapped epiglottis, it is likely that respiratory compromise contributed to the sudden, unexpected death of this dog."

**Description of any corrective action taken:**

None. The death of this pet was not related to Continental Airlines' handling or equipment.