

## DOT Animal Incident Report – September 2010 - Redacted

### **Incident 1**

Carrier: Alaska Airlines  
Flight: 6 (Los Angeles/Washington)  
Date of incident: August 30, 2010  
Time of incident: Approximately 9:00 P.M. ET

**Description of animal (including name):** An adult male Shih Tzu dog

**Narrative description of incident:** The customer had contacted the Department of Transportation about the injury to her Shih Tzu dog and Alaska Airlines was advised of this pet injury on September 15, 2010. The customer advised that she noticed blood around the kennel, she yelled to the ground service agent stating that her dog was bleeding, but evidently the agent did not hear her. The customer let her dog out of the kennel and noticed that his paws were covered in blood and still bleeding and he was in a distressed state. The dog was seen at the local Pet Hospital on August 31, 2010 to clean and flush his paw wounds.

**Narrative description of cause of the incident:** A dog arrived at the Washington National Airport in a distressed state, with bloody paws evidently from trying to dig out of kennel. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's condition.

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

No photographs available

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REPORT ON INCIDENTS INVOLVING ANIMALS DURING AIR TRANSPORT

Frontier Airlines

PERIOD: September 1 – 20, 2010

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One incident to report as follows:

Carrier/Flight #:	Frontier Airlines #367
Date/Time of incident:	8/30/10 1:00p Not reported immediately on site
Description of animal	Dog named “Maggie”
Description of incident:	On arrival of flight into DEN, animal appeared to have developed an eye infection. Dog was seen by veterinarian on arrival in Colorado and treated with antibiotics.
Description of cause:	Unknown. Possibly the animal was injured by nearby baggage in the cargo bin during flight.

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**Delta Air Lines  
Live Animal Incident Report  
Reporting Period: September 2010**

**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines, Inc.

**Flight Number:**

131 MUC to ATL, 1867 ATL to ONT

**Date and Time of Incident**

September 1, 2010, 9:30 PM

**Type of Incident:**

Death

**Description of Animal**

Breed: Pug  
Name: Duke  
Age: 3 years

**Description of Incident:**

Three pets were accepted for transport in Munich, Germany. Upon arrival at Ontario CA, the kennel containing Duke was unloaded from the aircraft and it was noted that he was not moving inside. Upon further investigation, the Below Wing Supervisor determined the dog was deceased. The other dogs appeared to be in good condition.

**Cause of Incident:**

The pet was taken to a vet for a full necropsy. "Due to lack of significant gross findings on the examination determining the exact cause of death is difficult." Possible causes listed by the vet were hypothermia, a cardiovascular event, encephalitis or other cerebral conditions. However, the vet found no clear evidence of any of these conditions existed.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

None.

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**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

DL 025

**Date and Time of Incident**

26 September 2010, 12:39 PM

**Type of Incident:**

Death

**Description of Animal**

Breed: Boston Terrier

Age: 11 Years

**Description of Incident:**

When the aircraft was unloaded, the dog had expired.

**Cause of Incident:**

Unknown. Autopsy was inconclusive however cause of death was most likely asphyxia. There were no losses of oxygen or mechanical malfunctions to indicate a loss of oxygen.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

None.

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**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

635 – San Francisco – Narita/Tokyo

**Date and Time of Incident**

27 September 2010, 4:45 PM

**Type of Incident:**

Death

**Description of Animal**

Breed: Bulldog

Age: 21 months

Name: Skittles

**Description of Incident:**

On arrival at Narita the bulldog, Skittles, was deceased. He was transported to the owner's destination in the Philippines where a necropsy was performed.

**Cause of Incident:**

The necropsy report states the probable cause of death was heat stroke/lack of oxygen.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

There was nothing during the transportation of Skittles to indicate mishandling. However, as an extra measure, all SFO baggage acceptance agents will be briefed on the special needs of pug nosed dogs and cats. In addition, agents will confer with their supervisor before accepting this type of pet.

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**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

DL 014

**Date and Time of Incident**

29 September 2010, 8:00 AM

**Type of Incident:**

Wound

**Description of Animal**

Breed: Golden Retriever

Name: Codi

Age: Unknown

**Description of Incident:**

Leg/knee wound

**Cause of Incident:**

Self inflicted - Eczema

**Corrective Action Taken:**

None