

**Carrier:** SkyWest Airlines

**Flight Number:** 4653

**Date & Time of Incident:** 09/23/2016 12:00 AM

**Type of Incident:** Death

**Description of Animal:** Breed: Staffordshire Bull Terrier

**Animal Name:** Mercedes

**Description of Incident:**

Upon arrival into Cincinnati ramp personnel found female Staffordshire Terrier to be unresponsive and not breathing. Dog was taken to vet and was deceased.

**Cause of Incident:**

Necropsy revealed this brachycephalic dog with narrow airway reduced dog's airflow and everted sacculles led to increased respiration and continually rising body heat. Cause of death was respiratory failure.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

None taken. There were no mechanical anomalies with the aircraft and no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's death.