**Carrier:** SkyWest Airlines

Flight Number: 7389

**Date & Time of Incident:** 04/20/2016

Type of Incident: Death

**Description of Animal:** Breed: Other

## **Description of Incident:**

DGS agents Richard Searing and Patrick Dugan found kennel with baby piglet appearing to be asleep and breathing with eyes partially open. Owner opened kennel and thought piglet was deceased. Piglet made small snort but otherwise unresponsive. Owner rubbed piglet to stimulate blood flow and covered him with towel and warm water bottle. Owner was offered cab ride to vet but she chose to wait for her father. Piglet was observed at vet hospital and found to be hypoglycemic and suffered a couple of seizures. The piglet passed away 4/22/16.

## Cause of Incident:

Necropsy revealed piglet had severe organ damage due to hypothermia and was also found to be hypoglycemic.

## **Corrective Action Taken:**

No corrective action needed. There were no signs of injury to animal nor damage to the kennel or cargo area where kennel was stored on aircraft.

**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 saccules 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.

**Carrier:** SkyWest Airlines

Flight Number: 4454

Date & Time of Incident: 11/26/2016

Type of Incident: Injury

Description of Animal: Breed: Italian Greyhound

Animal Name: Murphy

# **Description of Incident:**

Bags fell on kennel breaking it. Dog received minor abrasions on neck.

# **Cause of Incident:**

Bags shifted in cargo during flight.

## **Corrective Action Taken:**

none