

**Carrier:**

Alaska Airlines

**Flight Number:**

894

**Date & Time of Incident:**

02/21/2017 12:00 AM

**Type of Incident:**

Loss

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: Other

**Animal Name:**

Gaige

**Description of Incident:**

During ground transfer from the air cargo acceptance facility to the aircraft for loading, a cat was able to escape its kennel and out of the enclosed cart, while on the AOA at the Honolulu Int'l Airport. The Agent driving the cart with the animal noticed the empty kennel with front door ajar once planeside after opening the cart's curtains. The Agent immediately contacted his supervisor, coordinating with local airport Wildlife and Animal Quarantine representatives to assist in the search and utilize traps to secure the cat. The shipper was contacted immediately to inform of the escape and to return to assist in the search. To this point, the cat has not been located.

**Cause of Incident:**

After a full investigation of cargo acceptance records, employee interviews, kennel condition, and handling procedures, we are currently unable to determine the root cause of the escape. Primary animal enclosure standards were met and additional company-directed security measures were applied (releasable zip-ties) at time of acceptance.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

While no direct corrective action was determined, our team in Honolulu has committed to reinforcing existing company and regulatory policies regarding the acceptance of live animals for air transport.

**Carrier:**

Alaska Airlines

**Flight Number:**

757

**Date & Time of Incident:**

07/18/2017 12:00 AM

**Type of Incident:**

Death

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

**Animal Name:**

Chillie

**Description of Incident:**

On arrival in Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, ramp personnel working flight AS757 inbound from New Orleans International Airport reported that a seven year old female cavalier spaniel named Chillie was not moving and appeared to be lifeless. Alaska Airlines management personnel informed the owners and were given approval to conduct a necropsy. The histopathology report states the cause of death to be most likely acute cardiac arrest potentially associated with early subclinical cardiac insufficiency found during the necropsy. No evidence of trauma, infectious disease, or any struggling was reported in histopathology report.

**Cause of Incident:**

On arrival in Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, ramp personnel working flight AS757 inbound from New Orleans International Airport reported that a seven year old female cavalier spaniel named Chillie was not moving and appeared to be lifeless. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's death.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

No corrective actions required.

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07/21/2017 12:00 AM

**Type of Incident:**

Death

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: Shiba Inu

**Animal Name:**

Ponzu

**Description of Incident:**

On arrival into SEA on its scheduled flight from HNL, ramp agents reported a dog in a standard kennel in good condition, had attempted to exit the kennel by chewing through the upper left portion of the kennel above the grate door. During the likely attempt at exiting the kennel, the dog had made a large enough hole to push their head through but became trapped while exiting. It appears that during this process the animal had asphyxiated itself when they became stuck in the narrow hole. Ramp agents contacted the cargo management personnel who worked with the passenger on final handling of the animal.

**Cause of Incident:**

On arrival from AS894 from HNL-SEA, a three year old Shiba Inu named Ponzu was reported to be unresponsive by ramp personnel. There is no evidence to suggest that the airline's handling contributed to the animal's death.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

No corrective actions required.