

**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

2049

**Date & Time of Incident:**

03/21/2018

**Type of Incident:**

Death

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: German Shepherd Dog

**Animal Name:**

Ajax

**Description of Incident:**

A pet German Shepherd "Ajax" was accepted for transport in San Francisco CA (SFO) destined for Atlanta, GA (ATL). The canine was accepted in apparent good health with all required documentation present. After acceptance "Ajax" was transported to the aircraft in SFO and loaded without incident. Upon arrival in Atlanta, GA the ground crew opened the aircraft door and found "Ajax" outside his kennel loose in the aircraft compartment. The Atlanta ground crew contacted our cargo division and obtained a new kennel and moved Ajax into his new kennel without issue. After Ajax was moved to his new kennel, removed from the aircraft and transported to cargo it was determined Ajax had chewed through his original kennel in order to exit his kennel. As a precaution, Atlanta operations made the decision to transport Ajax to Veterinary services for evaluation. Ajax passed at the cargo facility while in the process of transport from the Atlanta airport to Veterinary care.

**Cause of Incident:**

According to the University of Georgia Veterinary Laboratories Ajax died had a large mass on his spleen that ruptured resulting in death.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

Ajax died from a pre-existing medical condition. No corrective action taken.

**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

348

**Date & Time of Incident:**

05/01/2018

**Type of Incident:**

Injury

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: Not Known

**Animal Name:**

unknown

**Description of Incident:**

A pet cat was accepted for transport in San Francisco, CA (SFO) with a transfer in Detroit, MI (DTW) destined for Columbus, OH (CMH). The cat was accepted in apparent good health with all required documentation present. After acceptance the cat was transported to the aircraft in SFO and loaded without incident. Upon arrival in Detroit, MI the ground crew unloaded the cat from the aircraft and transported the cat to the live animal transfer holding area during the layover between flights. The Detroit cargo crew noticed some blood on the kennel door whereby it appeared the cat had scratched at the door injuring one of its claws. Veterinary services bandaged the injured paw and provided authorization for onward transport to final destination. The cat went on to its final destination and was reunited with its family.

**Cause of Incident:**

The cat suffered a self-inflicted injury to its paw believed to be from clawing at the kennel door resulting in a self-inflicted injury.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

Self-inflicted injury. No corrective action.

**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

2531

**Date & Time of Incident:**

05/03/2018

**Type of Incident:**

Injury

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: Labrador Retriever

**Animal Name:**

CHUCK

**Description of Incident:**

A pet canine 'Chuck' was accepted for transport in Los Angeles, CA (LAX) destined for Boston, MA (BOS). Chuck was accepted in apparent good health with all required documentation present. After acceptance Chuck was staged for transport to the aircraft. Chuck chewed through his kennel wall and fled from his kennel prior to transport to the aircraft. Airport authorities, local kenneling services, LAPD, and tower personnel were alerted to immediately begin search for Chuck. Chuck was ultimately located at a local animal shelter and remitted back to his owners. Chuck was then taken for Veterinary evaluation. Chuck received medical authorization for transport after treatment to wounds on his head and paws. Delta provided new kenneling and transport for Chuck. Chuck was transported to Boston and ultimately reunited with his family.

**Cause of Incident:**

Chuck suffered a self-inflicted injury to his paws and face resulting from chewing through his original kennel.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

Self-inflicted injury. No corrective action.

**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

2567

**Date & Time of Incident:**

05/31/2018

**Type of Incident:**

Death

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: Pomeranian

**Animal Name:**

Alejandro

**Description of Incident:**

A pet Pomsy "Alejandro" was accepted for transport in Phoenix, AZ (PHX) with a transfer in Detroit, MI (DTW) destined for Newair, NJ (EWR) . The canine was accepted in apparent good health with all required documentation present. After acceptance "Alejandro" was transported to the aircraft in PHX and loaded without incident. Upon arrival in Detroit, MI the ground crew unloaded Alejandro from the aircraft and transported him to the live animal transfer holding area during the layover between flights. The Detroit cargo crew transported Alejandro from the transfer area to the gate for the next flight. The aircraft loading crew for the flight to Newark at the time of loading noticed Alejandro was unresponsive. Alejandro was taken back to the cargo transfer area where Detroit operations had Alejandro taken to local Veterinary services for evaluation whereby he was determined to have died.

**Cause of Incident:**

At the time of this report the results of the necropsy are not complete - no cause of death has been determined.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

No corrective action taken at the time of this report.

**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

1473

**Date & Time of Incident:**

06/25/2018

**Type of Incident:**

Injury

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: Australian Shepherd

**Animal Name:**

Jake

**Description of Incident:**

A pet AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD "Jake" was accepted for transport in Honolulu, HI (HNL) with a transfer in Los Angeles, CA (LAX) destined for Atlanta, GA (ATL). The canine was accepted in apparent good health with all required documentation present. After acceptance Jake was transported to the aircraft in HNL and loaded without incident. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, CA during transit Jake chewed his way out of his kennel and was recovered by local ground operations staff. Jake appeared to be limping which prompted a Veterinary evaluation. Jake was treated for a fracture to his leg and minor abrasions.

**Cause of Incident:**

Self-inflicted injuries

**Corrective Action Taken:**

No corrective action taken - self-inflicted injury

**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

1773

**Date & Time of Incident:**

06/21/2018

**Type of Incident:**

Death

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: Not Known

**Animal Name:**

Bells

**Description of Incident:**

A pet cat "Bell" was accepted for transport in Baltimore, MD (BWI) destined for Honolulu, HI. Bell was accepted in apparent good health with all required documentation present. After acceptance Bell was taken to TSA screening and subsequently delivered to ground operations for transport to the originating aircraft. During ground transport the driver noticed the cat was no longer in the kennel. Airport OPS, ground operations, and USDA all commenced a search for Bell. At approximately 4A.M. on June 22nd airport maintenance located Bell who had suffered a fatal injury in the baggage conveyor system. Bell's family was subsequently contacted and made aware of her death.

**Cause of Incident:**

Bells suffered a fatal injury from a baggage belt conveyor

**Corrective Action Taken:**

At the time of this report the incident is still under investigation

**Carrier:**

Delta Air Lines

**Flight Number:**

1274

**Date & Time of Incident:**

08/06/2018

**Type of Incident:**

Death

**Description of Animal:**

Breed: Other

**Animal Name:**

Sky

**Description of Incident:**

A pet Guinea Pig "" was accepted for transport in Miami, FL (MIA) destined for New York, NY (JFK). The guinea pig was accepted in apparent good health with all required documentation present. Sky was transported to the aircraft in MIA and loaded without incident. Sky was recovered from the aircraft in New York and held in the live animal room where he was noticed unresponsive. Sky was immediately remitted to Veterinary custody for evaluation. Veterinary services at Cornell University determined Sky was deceased.

**Cause of Incident:**

Veterinary examination did not identify a cause of death.

**Corrective Action Taken:**

No corrective action taken - Gross examination does not reveal the cause of death in this case.