

Carrier:

American Airlines

Flight Number:

2216

Date & Time of Incident:

08/29/2019 12:00 AM

Type of Incident:

Death

Description of Animal:

Breed: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Animal Name:

George

Description of Incident:

The arrival of AA2216/29-Aug at SNA. Puppy reportedly unresponsive upon arrival and determined deceased. Retained veterinary services for assessment and necropsy.

Cause of Incident:

The conclusion from Necropsy - the most significant finding was the presence of a diaphragmatic hernia. Much of the stomach and part of the omentum and spleen were herniated through a 1.5cm tear in the right dorsal diaphragm. There was subsequent prominent congestion of these organs, as well as partial pulmonary collapse. Respiratory failure subsequent to interference by the hernia organs is most likely the ultimate cause of death.

Corrective Action Taken:

unknown