

THANK you for moving forward on proposing the rule to implement monthly reports on incidents involving animals. I urge you to please finalize this rule AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

As you may already be aware, an estimated 5000 animals are lost, injured, or die each year due to extreme heat or cold temperatures, lack of oxygen, or rough handling while being transported in commercial airline cargo holds. I am very happy that you are considering animals separate from "baggage".

I am concerned that the proposed rule only applies to pets of U.S. families (the legislation allowed for other animals - such as those destined for labs or zoos, and pets from other countries - to be covered), and ask that the final rule define "animal" more broadly.

Thank you for moving on this. Animals are many people's best friends. They are living creatures and are part of the planet we share. They are not "baggage" and should never be treated as such.