

I commend the FAA for issuing a proposed rule to implement a requirement, enacted by Congress in April 2000 for airlines to file monthly reports on incidents involving animals who are injured, lost or killed in cargo holds of commercial airlines, and for the Secretary of Transportation to make this information available to the public so consumers can evaluate specific airlines' records. 2 years ago, I flew my very beloved dogs from Costa Rica to Los Angeles, I lived in Colorado at the time. I had heard so many horror stories and have had so many bags lost in the past, that I didn't dare risk losing my dogs on a connecting flight. They were visibly shaken when we arrived, but okay.

One thing that concerns me is 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), I urge you to assure that the proposed rule be extended to these animals - I'd hate to think that because I was coming from another country two years ago, my dogs' travel would not be as closely watched.

Sincerely,
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