

Knowing that an estimated 500 animals are lost, injured, or die each year due to extreme heat or cold, lack of oxygen, or rough handling while being transported in commercial airline cargo holds, I was extremely pleased to note that the FAA has issued a proposed rule to implement the Congressional mandate that airlines file monthly reports on incidents involving animals and to make this knowledge public. I hope that the proposed rule will be finalized as soon as possible and I want to thank the FAA for taking this action. I am concerned that the proposed rule applies only to pets of U.S. families. The final rule should define "animal" more broadly so that animals destined for zoos, labs, and pets of other nations, receive the same coverage.