

Submitted by email to the Canadian Transportation Agency

Subject: Emotional Support Animals on Flights

I understand I can send an opinion through you, regarding the trend of allowing 'emotional support animals' on flights. Here it is:

While I have no objection to Service Dogs in any venue, I think it is ridiculous to allow all manner of animals/reptiles into the passenger cabin on any aircraft. I would personally find it reprehensible to be seated next to someone with an animal/reptile, and would likely never use that airline again.

I am taking ten (10) flights this year with a variety of airlines. I will voice my objection loud and clear to any airline which places an 'emotional support animal' in a passenger cabin on any of my flights.

Animals transmit fleas, lice and viruses, even rabies; emit offensive odors; eliminate feces, urine and drool; make a variety of irritating noises; can bite, claw and scratch; shed hair, feathers and scales; render areas unclean for the next passenger; engage in conflict with other animals; and more. Why would airlines subject their passengers to these hazards?

Animals belong in the cargo hold, where they are safe, sequestered and away from the general flying population.

Regards,

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