

Submitted by email to the Canadian Transportation Agency

Subject : "comfort animals"

I would like to submit a letter against the use of comfort animals, other than certified assistance dogs.

I have allergies to many animals, and have learned that it's their dander and saliva that I react to. Assistance dogs are trained not to jump on strangers, or lick them. And there are people with allergies that are much more intense than mine (I'm a senior and have outgrown many of my allergies; that said, some people acquire allergic sensitivities in their senior years).

I am also a very nervous flyer, but I can't imagine me imposing my nervousness on others - I would take a tranquilizer if I couldn't handle it. Instead I try to bring a really good book to distract me.

Those of us with allergies deserve consideration at least equal to those requiring comfort.

Ellen

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