

Submitted by email to the Canadian Transportation Agency

Subject : Pets on planes

I am writing to you to request that the practice of permitting animals, other than service dogs, to travel in the cabin of planes be discontinued. For people who suffer of severe allergies, to certain animals, including dogs and cats, boarding a plane with these type of animals in the cabin means a great deal of suffering, during the flight, and allergic reactions that sometimes last for days, after the flight.

Furthermore, I would like to share with you that I had a conversation with a travel agent, who indicated to me that there are a number of people who do not want to leave their pets at home or pay the fee to take them in the freight compartment of the plane. These individuals are obtaining bogus certificates, which indicate that they need the pets, in the plane cabin, as companions for their emotional well being. This practice should be stopped; before any animals are allowed in planes, allergy specialists should be consulted about the effect that this practice has on allergy patients. Base on what it does to me, this practice should be eliminated. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Ivan

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