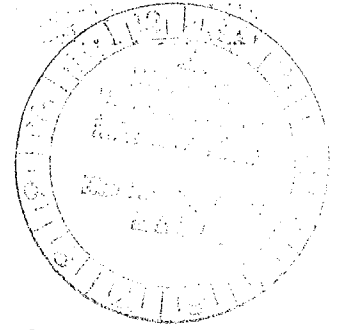


UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE



In re: )  
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Northwest Airlines, Inc., ) AWA Docket 90-9  
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Respondent )

Consent Decision and Order  
as to Respondent Northwest Airlines, Inc.

This proceeding was instituted under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.), by a complaint filed by the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture, alleging that the respondents willfully violated the Act and the regulations and standards issued pursuant to the Act (9 C.F.R. § 1.1 et seq.). This decision is entered pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Rules of Practice applicable to this proceeding (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent Northwest Airlines, Inc., admits the jurisdictional allegations in paragraph I of the complaint and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter, neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and consents and agrees, for the purpose of settling this proceeding and for such purpose only, to the entry of this decision.

The complainant agrees to the entry of this decision.

Findings of Fact

Respondent Northwest Airlines, Inc., is a corporation with offices at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport,

St. Paul, Minnesota 55111. At all times material herein, it was registered and operating as a carrier as defined in the Act and the regulations.

#### Conclusions

Respondent Northwest Airlines, Inc., having admitted the jurisdictional facts and the parties having agreed to the entry of this decision, such decision will be entered.

#### Order

1. Respondent, its agents and employees, successors and assigns, directly or through any corporate or other device, shall cease and desist from violating the Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, and in particular, shall cease and desist from failing to exercise care in the handling of primary enclosures containing dogs or cats to avoid physical or emotional trauma to the animals.

2. To assure that the transportation of animals by Northwest Airlines, Inc., is conducted in accordance with the Animal Welfare Act and the regulations and standards issued thereunder, the respondent shall ensure that all individuals involved in the accepting and/or handling of animals for transportation are properly trained in the standards under the Act. In addition, respondent agrees that all personnel who are employed in the airports listed below and who accept and/or handle animals for transportation as regulated under the Act and the regulations and standards promulgated thereunder will be required to view a

training film within a period of one year from the date of this Order.

Atlanta

Baltimore

Boston-Logan

Chicago-O'Hare

Cleveland

Dallas-Fort Worth

Denver-Stapleton

Des Moines

Kansas City

Los Angeles-LAX

Miami-Miami International

Newark

New York-LaGuardia & JFK

Oklahoma City

Omaha

St. Louis

Salt Lake City

San Francisco

Washington, D.C.-National & Dulles

The film will be purchased by respondent from a party that has been supplied the film by APHIS. Complainant will provide respondent with the name, phone number and address of the Animal Care Sector Supervisor of APHIS in each state in which the film is to be shown. Respondent will give the appropriate APHIS Animal

Care Sector Supervisor ten days notice prior to the holding of a training session so that an APHIS representative, if available, may be present at the training session to answer questions.

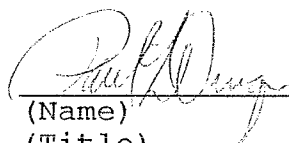
Respondent shall, within thirty days after the one-year period specified for showing the film, send the Animal Care Sector Supervisor in Minnesota a written report setting forth the name of each employee who saw the film and the date seen and the name of the airport where the employee saw it.

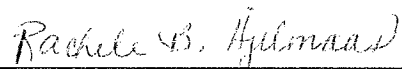
2. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$500, which shall be paid by a certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of United States.

The provisions of this order shall become effective on the first day after service of this decision on respondent.

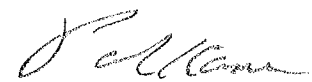
Copies of this decision shall be served upon the parties.

NORTHWEST AIRLINES, INC.  
Respondent, by

  
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(Name)  
(Title)

  
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Rachele B. Hjelmaas  
Attorney for Complainant

Done at Washington, D.C.  
this 29th day of May, 1990

  
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Administrative Law Judge