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PRIORITY MAIL

Delta Airlines
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Attention: Mr. Lee Macenczak
Executive Vice President of Sales and Customer Care

Re: Rule change of June 13, 2006, *disallowing* Domestic Ferrets from being shipped in-cabin in an approved carrier along with passengers. **REVISED BACK TO ORIGINAL RULE, ALLOWING FERRETS AS IN-CABIN, CARRY-ON BAGGAGE: Reference # GRS 4514/2-11, dated 6/28/06**

Dear Mr. Macenczak:

On behalf of all domestic ferret owners, The American Ferret Association, Inc. (AFA) would like to express our sincere appreciation to Delta Airlines for your recent decision to, again, allow domestic ferrets to be carried on board flights as carry-on baggage.

We trust that the inundation of inquiries from domestic ferret owners has proven to Delta Airlines how much ferret owners depend on your airline to afford us the opportunity to travel with our ferrets. Being the only U.S. airline that understands that domestic ferrets are the third most popular companion animal and the need the ferret community has for a means of travel with our companion pets provides domestic ferret owners with an invaluable service.

We would like to acknowledge Ms. Johnson, Delta's Atlanta Customer Care Department. She was most helpful and courteous to all inquiries and gave us her assurance that the word "**ferret**" has been **REINSERTED into Paragraph 1 and REMOVED from Paragraph 2, Reference Rule GRS 4514/2-11 (below):**

1. "Delta permits small, warm-blooded, domesticated household pets (dog, cat, rabbit, bird, hamsters, guinea pig, ferrets) in aircraft cabin provided pet is at least 8 weeks old. (revised 6/13/06 and reversed on 6/28/06)

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2. "Delta does not accept monkeys/insects/rodents/snakes/spiders/sugar gliders/reptiles/animals with tusks/hooves or foul odor. These animals pose safety and/or public health concerns and airlines are not required to transport them in aircraft cabin. Transport of such animals in cabin could result in a direct threat to our customers and crew members." (revised 6/13/06 and reversed 6/28/06)

In the future, when making policy changes we trust that you will continue to make your decisions based on solid facts and not hearsay.

The domestic ferret is the third most popular interactive companion pet in the United States, with an estimated 8,000,000 (million) kept as pets. Ferret owners fly with their ferrets throughout the year all across the U.S. for vacations and to attend national ferret shows sanctioned by The American Ferret Association. When not flying with their companion pets, ferret owners still insist on patronizing only Delta Airlines simply because of the support that you have shown to the ferret community and the domestic ferret.

Again, on behalf of all domestic ferret owners the world over, our sincerest gratitude to Delta Airlines in remaining the only U.S. airline to support the ferret community and our companions, the domestic ferret.

Sincerely,

THE AMERICAN FERRET ASSOCIATION, INC.

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cc: Ms. Sally Heber, AFA Governing Board Member
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