



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
OPEN LETTER TO THE INDUSTRY

The Animal Transportation Association, Inc (ATA) is a non-profit international trade association dedicated to promoting our members and providing access to necessary resources and education for the safe and humane handling and transport of all animals worldwide.

The ATA believes that all animals, birds, fish and other living creatures, domestic and wild, including biological materials, are a vital part of our world environment, to be preserved, humanely treated, and utilized for the long-term wellbeing and benefit of the human race. The ATA understands the need for research, education, and some public interest regulation of animal health and transportation, and it is the policy of ATA to develop and promote, in collaboration with the industry, the best means of accomplishing these objectives.

ATA provides an important opportunity for individuals, businesses, organizations and groups involved in any phase of animal transportation to become part of an international effort to find solutions to a variety of problems related to the transport of animals. At the same time, members are linked to information, resources, contacts, and key developments in the field that can help them provide better services and conditions for animals in transit. ATA provides a means for making research needs known, encouraging research, and disseminating findings. The organization further encourages uniform and effective international regulations and humane handling and shipping of live animals. We request our Members to obey all applicable international, federal, state and local laws as well as licensing requirements governing animal care and transportation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robin Turner', is written over a horizontal line.

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*The Animal Air Transportation Association (ATA) was organized in 1976 in response to the concerns of industry leaders, government officials, and humane association representatives. In 1989, the name of ATA was changed to "The Animal Transportation Association" to emphasize that sea, air, and land transport are of equal importance in the safe and humane transport of animals.*

*The ATA's members comprise the entire spectrum of those concerned with the transportation of animals: Airlines, Truckers & Shipping Firms; Government Agencies throughout the world; Universities & Research Organizations; Breeders; Importers/Exporters; Veterinarians; etc.*