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Dear Mr. Nandan,

I am writing on behalf of Animal Friends Croatia to express our shock and dissatisfaction upon learning that, after taking into consideration its consumers' feelings and adopting a policy to stop transporting animals to laboratories, Air India has now revoked this ban and put the airline's image at risk of being tarnished by participating in this cruel trade.

Most leading international airlines understand that animals in laboratories suffer miserably as they are tormented in painful, often deadly experiments that are likely to fail to yield results that are useful to humans. These airlines have enacted full or partial restrictions on shipping animals to laboratories. Just among the companies named to the International Air Transportation Association's list of the world's 10 largest cargo carriers, FedEx, UPS, Cathay Pacific, Korean Airlines and EVA Air prohibit any shipments of animals for experiments; Emirates, Singapore Airlines and China Airlines won't ship primates to laboratories; and Lufthansa has banned shipments of cats, dogs and primates destined for laboratories. Recently Jet Airways, the second largest airline in India, committed to a ban on carrying live animals for laboratory experiments. We are also proud and happy to inform you that Croatia Airlines also confirmed that it does not and will not ship any animals to laboratories.

Many scientists – including the members of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, an international group of physicians and researchers – also support the ban on the transport and use of animals for experiments.

Air India's decision to disregard consumers' interests and associate itself with cruelty is likely to prove detrimental to the airline's image and profits as travelers around the world turn to airlines that refuse to carry animals to their deaths in laboratories. We urge you to reconsider your decision and reinstate the policy to stop transporting animals to laboratories.

Thank you and best regards,

Luka Oman
President
Animal Friends Croatia