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Rogue squirrel forces down plane

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Oh, furry furry demon

The squirrels have returned.

Just when the squirrel menace looked like it might have faded away, an American Airlines flight from Tokyo has been forced to make an emergency landing in Honolulu because a rogue squirrel had managed to sneak on board.

The squirrel emergency was discovered when, on the flight from Tokyo to Dallas, the pilots heard what has been described as a 'skittering' noise in the space above the cockpit.

Subsequent investigations revealed that the noise was caused by an insurgent squirrel that had somehow managed to board the flight.

The plane was forced to make a quick landing in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the pilots were worried that the squirrel could severely damage the plane by chewing through wiring.

The passengers were taken off the plane when it landed, and were forced to spend the night in hotels while wildlife officials hunted down the squirrel. Eventually, they caught it, and – fearing it might have rabies – killed it.

Nobody knows how the squirrel got on the plane.

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Why did they kill it. Couldn't they have kept it and tested it to see if it had rabies first. They had already caught it. It would not have been that hard to keep it in the cage and test the poor thing to see if it had rabies or not.

- Tina, Portales, New Mexico USA

Why are people too lazy to do research on rabies and rodents before they kill them cause

they "might" have rabies?

There has never been a case of a squirrel giving rabies to a human.

Rodent are resistant to rabies and are end vectors anyway.(End vector = lunch.)

You can check for yourself at the CDC.

As a former wildlife rehabber,we learned a lot about rabies..And the Truth is rabies is not mandatory in mammals. Everything is not carrying rabies and dieing to give it to you.

And even if the squirrel did have rabies (the chances are about as high as you being struck by lightening twice in the same day)

rabies is spread by saliva and rodents have a dry bite.

All they needed to do is put on gloves,put the squirrel into a cage,take it to a park and release it. End of story.

But oh no,they have to kill it for no reason except mindless stupidity.

- D M, New Bern NC

I am sick and tired of these mutha f*ckin squirrels on this MUTHA F*CKIN PLANE!!!

- theMantisWithin, Waco, Tx. USA

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