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# Airline says it will cease shipments of monkeys after some got loose in Pennsylvania crash

The move is the latest skirmish in a long-running battle between animal-rights groups and researchers over the use of animals in medical experiments.

Crates holding live monkeys are collected next to the trailer they were being transported in along state Route 54 at the intersection with Interstate 80 near Danville, Pa., on Jan. 21, 2022. Jimmy May / Bloomsburg Press Enterprise via AP file

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By The Associated Press

The airline that carried monkeys part of the way to a U.S. research laboratory before they were involved in a [highway crash in Pennsylvania](#) says it will stop the shipments.

Kenya Airways will not renew its contract with the shipper when it expires this month, airline CEO Allan Kilavuka said in an email to The Associated Press.

Kilavuka did not identify the shipper who paid the airline to fly the animals from Mauritius, an island nation in the Indian Ocean, to New York.

The move by the African airline is the latest skirmish in a long-running battle between animal-rights groups and researchers — with airlines caught in the middle — over the use of animals in medical experiments.

On Jan. 21, a truck towing a trailer with 100 monkeys collided with a dump truck on a Pennsylvania highway. Several of the monkeys escaped. Authorities said later that three were shot [and killed](#) and they accounted for the rest.