



REINDEER REALLY DO FLY

A cargo worker for Wien Air Alaska in Nome, gets ready to load several crates of reindeer onto a Boeing 737 for a trip to Fairbanks. Almost 40 of the animals have flown on Wien during August. They are a part of a University of Alaska, Fairbanks, research project on brucellosis, an infectious disease

found in cattle, humans and reindeer.

This is not the first time that Wien, Alaska's oldest airline, has been called upon to ship reindeer. They've been handling unusual cargo for years and have made many reindeer hauls. Besides the reindeer, the 1976 list of unusual cargo items includes

one whale, a horse on its way to McGrath, walrus and the bones of a hairy mammoth.

Not so unusual cargo includes complete dog teams during Alaska's winter sled dog racing season, snow machines, riverboats, complete pre-fabricated houses, appliances and every item needed in Alaska's bush.