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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Wasilla, Alaska** – The following is additional information related to the Iditarod Trail Committee (ITC) press release distributed Oct. 9, regarding the update to Rule 39 resulting from several dogs from a single musher's team testing positive for a prohibited drug. The prohibited drug found in the dogs was Tramadol.

Tramadol is an analgesic that can help control moderate to severe pain. It is listed as a Class IV Opioid drug.

Based on the test results, it was estimated that the drug could have been administered somewhere between fifteen hours prior to, and up until the time the team was tested in Nome.

Urine samples were collected from the team for testing six hours after finishing the race.

Again, in consultation with legal counsel, the ITC Board of Directors determined that the ITC would likely not be able to prove intent.

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