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## **IDITAROD XLV MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**From: Mark Nordman, Race Marshal, Iditarod Trail Committee**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – The gross necropsy has been completed on Smoke, a two-year-old male from the team of Scott Smith (bib #69). Smoke died unexpectedly during air transit from Galena to Anchorage. The findings were consistent with hyperthermia, although further testing will be conducted to complete the study. The sequence of events that contributed to the warm temperature within the aircraft are being reviewed.

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