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**Anchorage, Alaska** – Below is a statement from Iditarod Trail Committee Race Marshal Mark Nordman with regard to specific actions the Iditarod Trail Committee is taking to mitigate hyperthermic conditions when Iditarod sled dogs are being transported in aircrafts:

“We hadn’t anticipated that dogs could overheat while in transport at altitude and in winter conditions. Unfortunately, we’ve now learned that they can.

Although we have used this configuration successfully in the past, these specific actions are being implemented to minimize the possibility of similar incidents in the future:

- no longer transporting dropped dogs in dog coats, and;
- ensuring that flight configurations we use for the remainder of the race provide for cool cabin temperatures and increased ventilation.”

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