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IDITAROD XLV MEDIA ADVISORY

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From: Mark Nordman, Race Marshal, Iditarod Trail Committee

Nome, Alaska – Groovey, a three-year-old male, dropped previously from the team of John Baker (bib #65), was released from the Iditarod Trail Committee on Saturday afternoon, March 11, in Anchorage, Alaska. He was in good health at the time of discharge.

Unfortunately, we learned that later that evening, Groovey got loose at his handler's residence and was reported as missing to Animal Control. The following day, the body of Groovey was found not far from the intersection of Northern Lights and Bragaw, where he apparently had been hit by a vehicle. Groovey's microchip number was recorded by Animal Control, and identification was confirmed by the Iditarod Trail Committee.

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