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### **Rob Cooke scratches at Kaltag checkpoint**

**Nome, Alaska** — Iditarod musher Rob Cooke (bib #10) of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada, scratched at 8 p.m. this evening at the Kaltag checkpoint.

Cooke had left the Kaltag checkpoint just before 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, overnighted at the Tripod Flats cabin and then decided, in the best interest of his race team, to scratch. Cooke did activate his tracking device for a non-emergency welfare check. Local Kaltag community members assisted Cooke with returning to Kaltag, and both he and his race team are back in Kaltag resting comfortably.

Cooke had 12 dogs in harness at the time he made the decision to scratch.

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