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**Iditarod XLVI Media Advisory**

**Nome, Alaska** – At approximately 12:15 a.m. today, Blonde, a five-year-old male from the race team of Katherine Keith (bib #51), died at the Koyuk checkpoint. Blonde had been dropped there earlier in the day and was being treated by veterinarians for signs of pneumonia.

A gross necropsy will be conducted by a board-certified veterinary pathologist.

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