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**Marcelle Fressineau scratches at Shaktoolik checkpoint**

**Nome, Alaska** — Iditarod musher Marcelle Fressineau (bib #35) of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada, scratched at 2 p.m. this afternoon at the Shaktoolik checkpoint.

Fressineau had left the Shaktoolik checkpoint for Koyuk, but decided, in the best interest of herself and her race team, to turn around and return to Shaktoolik to scratch.

Fressineau had 12 dogs in harness at the time she made the decision to scratch.

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