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**Cindy Abbott scratches at Iditarod checkpoint**

**Anchorage, Alaska** — Iditarod musher Cindy Abbott (bib #16) of Willow, Alaska, scratched at 10:45 p.m. yesterday, Saturday, March 9, at the Iditarod checkpoint.

Abbott made the decision to scratch due to personal health reasons and concern for taking care of her race team, which is her No. 1 priority.

Abbott had 14 dogs in harness at the time she made the decision to scratch.

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