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**Roger Lee scratches at Shaktoolik checkpoint**

**Nome, Alaska** — Rookie Iditarod musher Roger Lee (bib #10) of Birkenhead, England, scratched at 12:30 p.m. this afternoon at the Shaktoolik checkpoint.

Lee made the decision to scratch while traveling between Unalakleet and Shaktoolik in best interest of his race team.

Lee had nine dogs in harness at the time he made the decision to scratch.

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