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**Veteran Iditarod Musher Aaron Burmeister scratches at the Unalakleet Checkpoint**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Veteran Iditarod musher, Aaron Burmeister (bib #29), of Nome/Nenana, Alaska, scratched at 11:00 a.m. today at the Unalakleet checkpoint. Burmeister’s reasoning for scratching is “to help promote the mental wellness and health of my team in the future.”

Burmeister had 11 dogs in harness when he arrived in Unalakleet, all in good health.

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