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2026 IDITAROD MEDIA ADVISORY

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From: Dan Carter, Race Marshal, Iditarod Trail Committee

Unalakleet, Alaska – Charley, a four-year-old female from the race team of Mille Porsild (bib #15), expired en route to the Elim checkpoint on March 17, 2026. Charley was flown to Unalakleet where a necropsy was conducted by a board-certified veterinary pathologist. The necropsy did not identify any obvious traumatic or medical abnormalities to explain Charley’s death.

Further laboratory testing is being conducted in accordance with race protocol to support a thorough investigation and complete the necropsy, with every effort made to determine the cause of death.

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