



# Iditarod trail sled dog race™

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Iditarod Veterinary Pre-Race Exam (Veterinary Signature)

Dear Veterinarian:

Thank you for supporting Iditarod by performing the pre-race veterinary exam. Please spend the time to examine each dog in the team carefully. This is the final exam to be performed on the team before it starts the race. Do not pass any dog in the team if there is any reason why it would not be able to complete a 1,000 mile race. In the past, dogs that were too thin and dogs that were in the last trimester of pregnancy have made it to the starting line. Fortunately the head veterinarian has the authority to prevent these dogs from starting the race, but this is a poor reflection on the musher and on the veterinarian who performed the pre-race exam. If you have any questions about the ability of a dog or team to complete the Iditarod, refer them to me, do not pass them on the pre-race exam. Dogs with a history of seizures, syncope and/or collapsing in harness are not allowed to compete in the Iditarod.

An Iditarod Pre-Race Exam form must be completed for each dog preparing to enter the race. By signing it, you are acknowledging that the dog has passed its physical and appears healthy to race.

Once again, thank you for your help!

Stu Nelson, DVM  
(907) 376-5155

I have read and understand this letter and upon examination of this team find no reason for it not to compete in the 2011 Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Veterinarian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Veterinarian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Clinic Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number for Veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Musher Name \_\_\_\_\_