



MEDIA RELEASE

February 18, 2010; 7:00 PST (Whitehorse, YT) - Jennifer Raffaeli has received a 30-minute penalty, which was assessed at the Braeburn checkpoint. Raffaeli had assistance with repairs to her equipment during the race due to safety concerns. Under these circumstances, race judges made the decision to apply the penalty.

The 30-minute penalty was tagged on to her mandatory 8-hour layover at the Braeburn checkpoint. Raffaeli and her team were back on the trail at 3:06 AM local time this morning.

Two teams came across the Whitehorse finish line Wednesday evening. Kelley Griffin arrived at 18:02 PM with nine dogs on the line. Cindy Barrand also completed the race at 23:21 PM, arriving at the finish with 13 dogs. Barrand's team is the largest to finish this year.

Bart De Marie is the next musher expected to arrive in Whitehorse later today.

By the time of this release, all remaining teams have left the Carmacks checkpoint. There are still 6 competitors remaining in this 27th running of the Yukon Quest.

****For the most up-to-date results from the Yukon Quest, please visit <http://yukonquest.com/site/race-updates/>. You can also access mini-updates of the race through our Facebook page - just search Facebook for "Yukon Quest - Official Site". Plus, follow the race on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/YukonQuest2010> ****

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