



Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®

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Anchorage, Alaska March 7, 2015-An Iditarod Dog not participating in today's Ceremonial Iditarod Start in Anchorage, was hit by a car on 36th and Old Seward Highway has died.

Stuart, a dog belonging to Iditarod Musher Lachlan Clarke and his wife Linda was in a truck at the end of the Ceremonial Start when he was taken out of the truck to be snacked and watered, "He was playing with the other dogs and his chain became unclipped and he took off" says Linda Clarke.

Other race fans and volunteers tried to help catch the dog but the dog ran into the woods and began roaming Anchorage. The Clarke's received many phone calls, texts and emails about sightings of Stuart.

Linda said "that the outpouring of love from the city of Anchorage has been overwhelming". The Lachlan family would like to thank all the race fans and volunteers who participated in helping to search for Stuart. "The genuine love and support has been appreciated" says Linda.

Lachlan will be running the 2015 race in memory of Stuart.

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