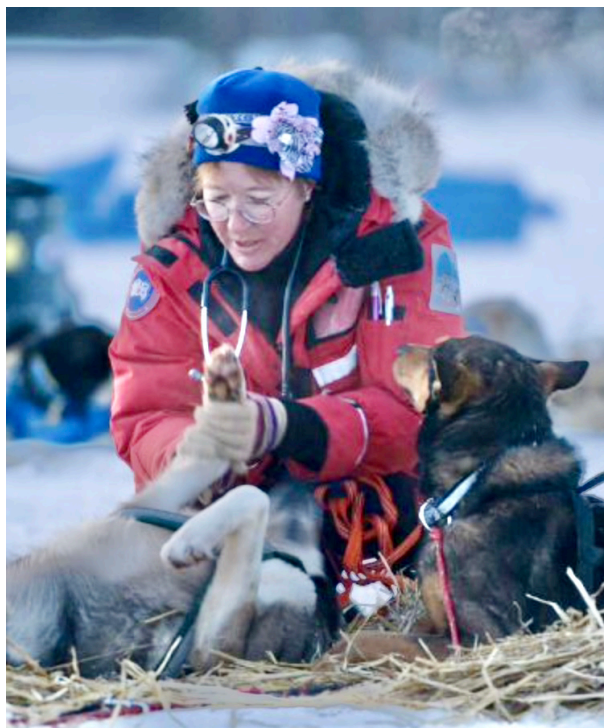


## Multi Radiance Laser passes extreme cold test Performs at 2021 Iditarod in near zero temperatures

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Championship, called **The Last Great Race** for its toughness and requirement for extreme endurance is held in March each year. Mushers normally race 1000 miles from Willow to Nome. However, the just completed 2021 race was shortened slightly to 854 miles due to Covid complications.

Despite the enormous logistical challenges for Covid testing, 47 teams of Alaskan Huskies and Malamutes pulled their 350 lb. sleds and brought some mushers fame and glory and for the rest, the satisfaction of having qualified and given it their best, dodging moose, avoiding frost bite in weather often zero or below and successfully navigating check points staffed by 40 volunteer vets, carefully looking out for the animal's health over the entirety of the race.



Kim Henneman DVM is a veteran check point volunteer having served at now ten Iditarod races and like everyone else, she wondered if it would really happen this March considering last years race took place just before Covid changed the world. Stationed at Checkpoint Skewentna, Dr. Henneman and her veterinarian colleagues carefully examined and assessed each dog with absolute authority to let it continue or pull it for the welfare of the animal.

The teams are comprised of 10-16 dogs and each one can burn 10,000 calories per day. Only Siberian huskies and

Alaskan malamutes are permitted to enter because they're uniquely suited for the cold.

This year, Dr. Kim Henneman had something extra in her backpack, the **My Pet Laser** by Multi Radiance. Only dogs that are pulled from the race were allowed to be treated with the laser to prevent any team from having an unfair advantage!



These canines can have muscle and ligament injuries like any other athletes and it's very advantageous to treat them as soon as possible to reduce inflammation and stimulate their metabolism to produce more healthy cells to replace those injured faster.

Would the My Pet Laser be able to perform consistently at near zero temperatures? That was an unqualified yes and the huskies weren't the only beneficiaries. Vets also had aches and pains and enjoyed the same fast pain relief to resume their long hours of work providing for the 47 teams totaling over 470 canine racers.

Congratulations to five time winner Dallas Seavey for his finish in 7 days, 14 hours, 8 minutes and 57 seconds. He's only the second musher to ever win 5 of these grueling races.

Our special thanks to Dr. Kim Henneman DVM, DACVSMR (Eq,K9), FAAVA, DABT, CVA-IVAS, CVC-AVCA, rock star in her own right. She embodies the dedication and commitment to become tops in her field as academic and clinician, still finding time to give back hugely for events like the Iditarod!

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**Note:**

“Normally Skwentna is the second checkpoint on the Iditarod route. However, due to the COVID changes this year, we didn't go to Nome on the Bering Sea (due to not wanting to expose the indigenous villages of Inupiaq Eskimo on the west coast). Instead we did the "Gold Rush Loop" (first time ever) by going to Iditarod (halfway point and historic mining, ghost town) then sending everyone back the way they came. Yentna is normally the first checkpoint, but that became a "hospitality stop". So Skwentna became the first and last checkpoint with a North stop (outbound) and a South stop (return). This picture was as the mushers were going through a second time on the way to the finish. I was at Iditarod and Skwentna-S for my checkpoints this year.”

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