

| Year | Deaths | Source | Notes |
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| Before 1997 | 107 | "WANTED: HEALTHY, HAPPY DOGS. FROM THE BEGINNING, ANIMAL-RIGHTS GROUPS HAVE PRESSURED RACE OFFICIALS ABOUT DOG CARE" Doug O'harra And Natalie Phillips Daily News Reporters, <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , February 23, 1997 | Before the start of the 1997 race, <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> reported that "at least 107 have died, according to newspaper accounts." |
| 1997 | 5 | Craig Medred, <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , April 19, 1997 | Nip, Beege, Scrub, Al Gore, and Teller. Three of the five dogs suffered from vitamin E deficiencies that probably contributed to their deaths. |
| 1998 | 1 | "PLUS: SLED DOG RACING -- IDITAROD; One Dog Died In This Year's Race" <i>Associated Press</i> , March 20, 1998 http://www.nytimes.com/1998/03/20/sports/plus-sled-dog-racing-itarod-one-dog-died-in-this-year-s-race.html | Five-year-old Trim collapsed and died during the Shaktoolik to Koyuk run. |
| 1999 | 1 | "Iditarod Sled Dog Race -- Swingley Victory Almost On Ice" <i>Associated Press</i> , March 15, 1999 http://community.seattletimes.nwsourc.com/archive/?date=19990315&slug=2949533 | Three-year-old Rodman died in harness less than a mile outside Anvik. |
| 2001 | 1 | Craig Medred, <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , March 10, 2001 | Carhartt was left in the care of Iditarod handlers because they weren't eating well on Tuesday. Friday morning the dog was found dead. |
| 2002 | 2 | <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , March 12, 2002 and Iditarod Race Advisory, Iditarod website, March 15, 2002 | Goro suffered a spinal injury in the neck area as a result of a tangle in the gangline. Mark died during surgery to repair a stomach ulcer. |
| 2003 | 1 | "Iditarod Briefs" <i>Wire Reports</i> , March 18, 2003 https://web.archive.org/web/20151026080702/https://www.juneauempire.com/stories/031803/s_po_iditarod.shtm#.WTBq3evyvlU | Seven-year-old Joker died between White Mountain and Safety. |
| 2004 | 2 | <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> | Five-year-old Wolf died between Rohn and Nikolai. Seven-year-old Takk sat down and died right before the Unalakleet checkpoint. |
| 2005 | 4 | Iditarod advisory, 2005, Iditarod website, Iditarod advisory, March 17, 2005, Iditarod website Craig Medred, <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , March 12, 2005 | Three-year-old Tyson ran out onto the Bering Sea Ice and drowned. Nellie was dropped in Elim and transported to Nome for treatment related to acute pneumonia. Four-year-old Oakley died eleven miles from Safety. Rita dropped on the trail just outside of Anvik. |
| 2006 | 4 | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2006_Iditarod | Four-year-old Yellowknife died from pneumonia. Three-year-old Bear died between Cripple and Ruby. Four-year-old Cupid died likely because of regurgitation and aspiration, as well as gastric ulcers. Five-year-old Jack died of unknown causes. |
| 2007 | 3 | "Musher disqualified from Iditarod for abusing dogs" <i>Associated Press</i> , March 18, 2007. http://www.espn.com/sports/news/story?id=2803778 and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2007_Iditarod | Three-year-old Kate died between White Mountain and Safety, the day after being hit with a trail marking lathe. Six-year-old Snickers died at Grayling, likely from acute hemorrhage due to a gastric ulcer. Three-year-old Thong died between Koyuk and Elim, likely due to acute pneumonia. |
| 2008 | 3 | "Sled Dogs' Lives, and Deaths, Raise Questions" <i>Associated Press</i> , March 23, 2008 https://www.nytimes.com/2008/03/23/sports/othersports/23iditarod.html | Three-year-old Lorne was struck by a snowmobile, another probably died of aspiration pneumonia, and the third death could not be confirmed. |
| 2009 | 6 | "Criminal charges sought in Iditarod dog death" <i>Associated Press</i> , March 20, 2013 https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/2013/03/20/criminal-charges-sought-in-iditarod-dog-death/2001827/ | AP reported that six dogs died in the 2009 Iditarod. Dizzy and Grasshopper reportedly die of hypothermia after they were stuck outside in temperatures that plummeted to minus 45 degrees. |

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| 2013 | 1 | "Criminal charges sought in Iditarod dog death" Associated Press, March 20, 2013 https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/2013/03/20/criminal-charges-sought-in-itarod-dog-death/2001827/ and Emily Schwing, <i>Alaska Public Radio</i> , KUAC website, March 20, 2013 | After being dropped from the race, five-year-old Dorado was reportedly buried in snow in an area set up to care for dogs and he asphyxiated. |
| 2015 | 3 | Iditarod advisory, March 7, 2015, https://cloud.iditarod.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Media-Advisory-3-7-15.pdf?7dde9ca9 Iditarod advisory, March 12, 2015, https://cloud.iditarod.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/lance-mackey-expired-dog-thursday-march-12-2015-2.pdf?7dde9ca9 Iditarod advisory, March 20, 2015, https://cloud.iditarod.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/Lance-Mackey-Expired-Dog-Friday-March-20-2015.pdf?7dde9ca9 | Three-year-old Stuart was killed by a car after breaking away from his team during the Ceremonial Start. Three-year-old Wyatt died suddenly between Tanana and Ruby. Three-year-old Stiffy died suddenly between Elim and White Mountain. |
| 2016 | 1 | "Snowmobile strikes Iditarod teams, kills dog, injures others" <i>USA Today</i> , March 12, 2016, https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/03/12/snowmobile-strikes-itarod-teams-kills-dog-injures-others/81687188/ | Three-year-old Nash died after being hit by a snowmobile. |
| 2017 | 5 | "Iditarod live blog for Thursday, March 9: Dog dies on trail near Galena" <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , March 9, 2017 https://www.adn.com/outdoors-adventure/itarod/2017/03/09/itarod-live-blog-mitch-seavey-in-the-lead-doing-musher-falls-off-sled/ "Iditarod live blog for Saturday, March 11: Dog that died in plane may have overheated" <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , March 11, 2017 https://www.adn.com/outdoors-adventure/itarod/2017/03/11/itarod-live-blog-for-saturday-march-11-a-dropped-dog-dies-in-transit/ "The Latest: 3rd dog associated with Iditarod dies" <i>Sports Illustrated</i> , March 14, 2017 https://www.si.com/uncategorized/2017/03/14/ap-us-itarod-latest-0 "Another Iditarod dog death reported as 4-year-old Flash dies on the trail" <i>Alaska's News Source</i> , March 14, 2017 https://www.alaskanewssource.com/content/news/Another-Iditarod-dog-death-reported-as-4-year-old-Flash-dies-on-the-trail-416151943.html Iditarod advisory, March 15, 2017, https://cloud.iditarod.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/3.15.17-Iditarod-Dog-dies-unexpectedly-outside-of-Unalakleet-checkpoint-FINAL.pdf?7dde9ca9 | Two-year-old Deacon reportedly died while running the Iditarod. Two-year-old Smoke died of hyperthermia. Three-year-old Groovey was reportedly struck by a car and killed. Four-year-old Flash died of acute aspiration pneumonia. Three-year-old Shilling died of abnormalities that included extensive pulmonary edema, also caused by fluid in the lungs. |
| 2018 | 1 | "Necropsy shows pneumonia was cause of death for Iditarod dog" <i>Anchorage Daily News</i> , March 15, 2018 https://www.adn.com/outdoors-adventure/itarod/2018/03/15/itarod-dog-dies-after-being-dropped-at-koyuk-checkpoint/ | Five-year-old Blondie's cause of death was consistent with aspiration pneumonia. |
| 2019 | 1 | "5-year-old dog named Oshi dies of pneumonia after finishing Iditarod sled race" <i>KSBW Action News</i> , March 18, 2019 https://www.ksbw.com/article/5-year-old-dog-named-oshi-dies-of-pneumonia-after-finishing-itarod-sled-race/26851036 | Five-year-old Oshi died of aspiration pneumonia shortly after crossing the finish line. |
| 2024 | 3 | "Seavey now has the most Iditarod wins, but Alaska's historic race is marred by 3 sled dog deaths" Associated Press, March 13, 2024 https://apnews.com/article/itarod-winner-dog-deaths-1dd4d6ee87d9b0e90acc639921035ce3 | Two-year-old Bog, four-year-old George, and three-year-old Henry all collapsed and died on the trail. |
| Total | 155 | This conservative number does not include all the others who died during the off-season while kept chained up outside in all weather extremes, those who died during training, or those who were killed because they weren't considered fast or fit enough. | |