

PETA's 2023 F1 Shareholder Meeting Question

My name is Melanie Johnson, and I have a question on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA.

Unlike Formula 1 drivers, who choose to race, the Iditarod forces dogs to run 1,000 miles through some of the most grueling conditions on Earth. Major former sponsors such as ExxonMobil, Alaska Airlines, Coca-Cola, and Wells Fargo have ended their support of this event, yet F1's owner, Liberty Media, continues to prop up the cruel race through its annual \$250,000 sponsorship.

More than 150 dogs have died while running the Iditarod, and hundreds more are pulled off the trail every year because they're ill, injured, or too exhausted to go on, leaving the rest to work even harder. This year's race—which had the lowest number of mushers in history—ended in controversy when the winner was caught on video dragging exhausted dogs to a checkpoint.

F1 is all about athletes pushing themselves to the limit, but there's no athleticism in forcing dogs to pull a sled until their paws bleed, they collapse from exhaustion, or they die after inhaling their own vomit. My question is this: When will Formula 1 ensure that Liberty Media cuts ties with the Iditarod's hideous cycle of torment and death?