

Institute Animals Killed by Dogs

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One reindeer bull and three ptarmigan arctic birds died Monday at the Institute of Arctic Biology pens due to "harassment by dogs in a restricted area," according to an Institute spokesman.

The bull reindeer, dubbed "Alvin" by a department aide, was one of two reindeer that the Institute has invested in.

A few thousand dollars was lost in time and money due to the deaths. The ptarmigans were shipped from Nome three weeks ago in cooperation with the Department of Wildlife.

"Dog owners," warns the Institute spokesman, "better take care of their pets if they value them."

An intensified trapping program will soon be initiated. Trapped dogs will be turned over to the North Star Borough dog catcher for disposal.