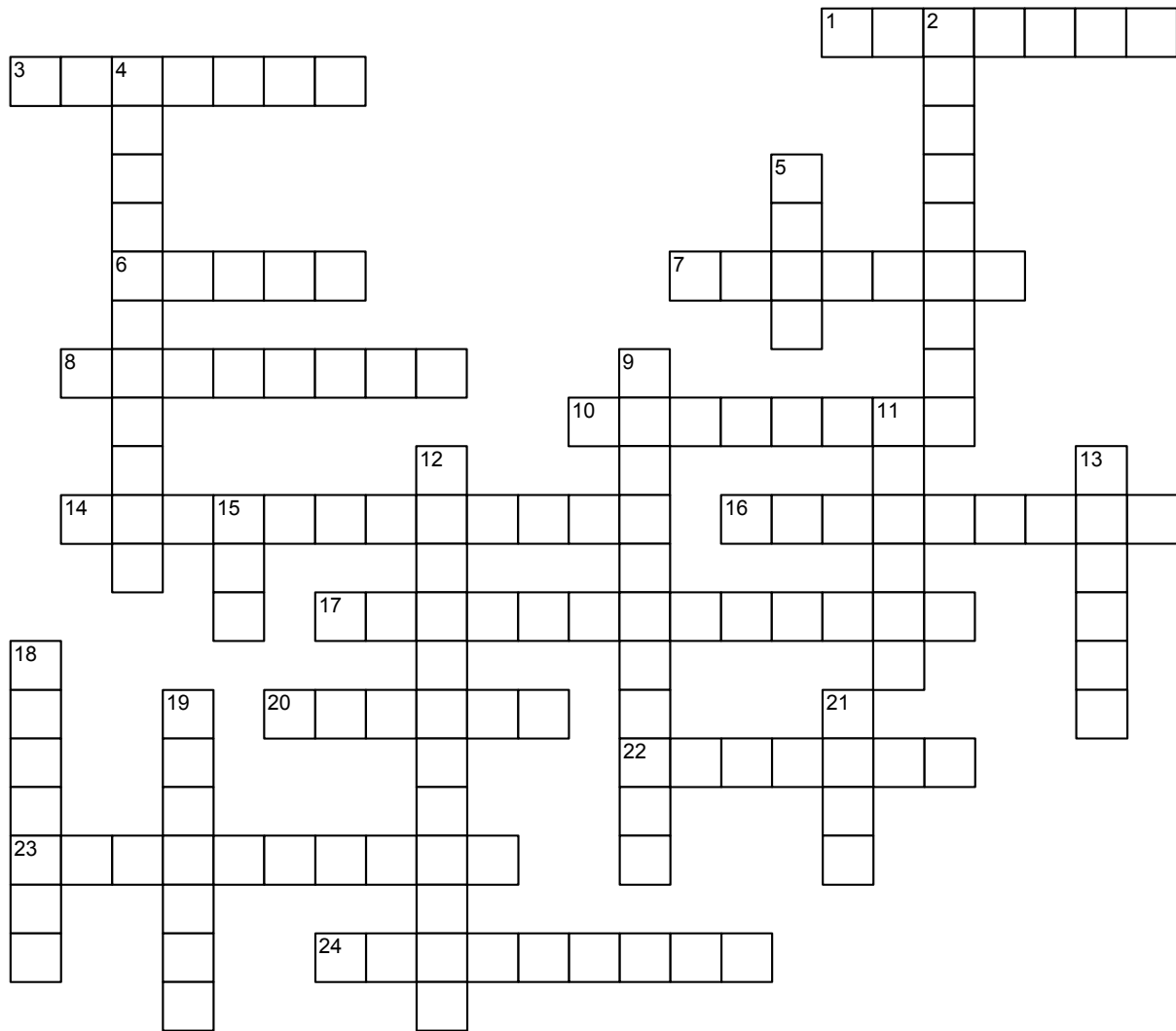


Count Down to Start



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Across

- 1 The member of the team that is ahead of all the other team members (2 wds)
 3 Dogs wear this so they can pull the sled
 6 Beds for the dogs are made of this at the checkpoints
 7 Where the musher stands on the sled
 8 Dogs have a complete physical examination before the race. This is referred to as the "Official ____" (2 wds)
 10 Long line that runs down through the center of the team to which the dogs are attached.
 14 2005 Iditarod champion
 16 This identifies the dog when a special scanner is passed over the dog
 17 The Iditarod always starts on this day in March. (2 wds)
 20 The human member of the team
 22 A person who helps the musher with the dogs
 23 A person who has purchased the chance to be in the sled at the start of the race.
 24 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Go! _____ to the start.

Down

- 2 Where the race begins
 4 Only five time winner of the Iditarod
 5 They line up along the fence of the chute to cheer the team as they depart on the race.
 9 This person is in charge of enforcing the rules along with his team of deputies. (2 wds)
 11 Country first foreign champion came from.
 12 Name of the street where the Iditarod begins (2 wds)
 13 Restart town
 15 Dogs have this heart test before they can run the Iditarod (abbreviation)
 18 Worn on K-9 feet to protect them
 19 A musher from this state was the first from outside Alaska to win the Iditarod
 21 What the team pulls