



MEDIA RELEASE

19 Sign Up for 2018 Yukon Quest on Opening Day

August 7, 2017 (Fairbanks, AK & Whitehorse, YT) – Sign Up Day for the 2018 Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race saw 19 mushers confirm their intention to run.

For the second year in a row, Whitehorse resident Rob Cooke was the first to hand in his paperwork, followed by two-time champion Hugh Neff of Tok, Alaska. As of Sunday, there are 10 veterans running and nine rookies. Additionally, the YQ300 received 21 entries, including 1,000-mile finishers Aliy Zirkle, Cody Strathe, Ben Good, Gerry Willomitzer, Matthew Failor and Mandy Nauman Austin.

The full list of mushers signed up for the 1,000-mile race as of Sunday is as follows:

1. Rob Cooke – Whitehorse, YT
2. Hugh Neff – Tok, Alaska
3. Luc Tweddell – Whitehorse, YT
4. Paige Drobny – Ester, AK
5. Christine Roalofs – Palmer, AK
6. Nathaniel Hamlyn – Whitehorse, YT
7. Kristin Knight Pace – Healy, AK
8. Claudia Wickert – Whitehorse, YT
9. Riley Dyche – Fairbanks, AK
10. Allen Moore – Two Rivers, AK
11. Torsten Kohnert – Sweden
12. Matt Hall – Two Rivers, AK
13. Bradley Farquhar – Halifax, NS
14. Ryne Olson – Two River, AK
15. Rick Katucki – Eagle, ID
16. Bernhard Schuchert – Sassenberg, Germany
17. Jason Campeau – Rocky Mountain House, AB
18. Jennifer Campeau – Rocky Mountain House, AB
19. Alex Buetow – Fairbanks, AK

The full list of mushers currently signed up for the YQ300 is as follows:

1. Allen Dunn
2. Jacob Heigers
3. Olivia Shank Neff
4. Gerry Willomitzer
5. JJay Levy
6. Chase Tingle
7. Laura Allaway
8. Richie Beattie

9. Joanna Jagow
10. Cody Strathe
11. Jacob Vallée
12. Melissa Schenke
13. Mandy Austin
14. Ben Good
15. John Dixon
16. Matthew Failor
17. Lia Amundsen
18. Heidi Sutter
19. Abe Rose
20. Meredith Mapes
21. Aliy Zirkle

The 2018 Yukon Quest will start Saturday, February 3rd in Fairbanks, Alaska.

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