



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**February 18, 2010; 17:00 PST (Whitehorse, YT)** - A total of 19 teams have crossed the finish line in Whitehorse in the 2010 Yukon Quest. There are still three competitors remaining in this 27th running of the 1,000 mile race.

By the time of this release, three mushers had arrived in Whitehorse today. Belgian musher Bart De Marie was the first to make it in to the finish at 13:14 PM local time. De Marie had nine dogs on the line. Peter Fleck finished at 15:22 PM with a team of 10 dogs. At 19-years-old, Fleck is the youngest musher competing in this year's race. Jennifer Raffaeli was the third to reach the finish at 16:17 PM with 11 dogs on the line and one in the basket.

Katie Davis is the next musher expected to arrive in Whitehorse later tonight.

At the time of this release, Pierre-Antoine Heritier and Jocelyne LeBlanc are the other two teams remaining. Heritier is scheduled to leave the Braeburn checkpoint at 18:26 PM this evening. LeBlanc is currently en route to Braeburn where she will begin an 8-hour mandatory layover.

**\*\*For the most up-to-date results from the Yukon Quest, please visit <http://yukonquest.com/site/race-updates/>. You can also access mini-updates of the race through our Facebook page - just search Facebook for "Yukon Quest - Official Site". Plus, follow the race on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/YukonQuest2010> \*\***

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