



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**February 15, 2009 (Braeburn, YT)** - The 2009 Yukon Quest 1000-mile sled dog race officially started today in Whitehorse, Yukon. The first portion of the race took mushers to Braeburn, Yukon. After the first 100 miles, Jean-Denis Britten was the first musher to arrive at the Braeburn checkpoint.

Britten arrived at Braeburn Lodge at 9:00 PM, making the 100 mile run from Whitehorse to Braeburn in just under 10 hours. Yukon Quest rookie and Iditarod champion, Martin Buser followed closely behind at 9:15 PM. Adjusting for the differences in their start times, both mushers completed the run in the same amount of time, 9 hours and 54 minutes.

By 1:45 AM local time, 24 of the 29 mushers had arrived in Braeburn. For the most up-to-date results from the Yukon quest, please visit <http://yukonquest.com/site/race-updates/>.

Yukon Quest 1000 mushers will take their 2 hours mandatory rest before they are eligible to leave. Most are expected to stay longer. YQ300 mushers are expected to begin arriving Sunday morning.

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