



Media Release

2011 Yukon Quest Race Team in Place

August 4, 2010 (Fairbanks, Alaska & Whitehorse, Yukon) – The Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race is pleased to announce Dr. Alan Hallman accepted the position of Head Veterinarian for the 2011 Yukon Quest. In addition, Greg Shaffer has joined the race team as the 2011 Race Manager.

The priority of the Yukon Quest for 2011 was to maintain consistency and ensure experienced personnel returned to the race. Hallman and Shaffer join Hans Oettli, who was named as Race Marshal earlier this year.

Dr. Hallman returns for his 13th Yukon Quest, and for the 3rd time will act as Head Veterinarian. He started as Veterinarian for the Yukon Quest in 1994, and has been addicted to the trail ever since. He acted as the Head Veterinarian for the Alaska side of the race in 1996 and 1997.

Shaffer has been involved with the Yukon Quest since 1995 as a fan, sponsor, 1,000-mile club member and volunteer. In 2010, he served as Assistant Race Manager. Shaffer also has 20 years of logistics work in the U.S. Air Force that makes him a natural for the position.

“Greg and Alan bring a wealth of experience with the Yukon Quest to our race team for 2011,” said Marti Steury, Executive Director in Alaska. “Having an experienced team in place brings consistency and expertise and lets everyone know the race is in good hands. It’s great to have them both back.”

Also joining the 2011 race team is Stephanie Knaebel, who will be in charge of Race Administration in Alaska. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Language and Literature, and was on the trail for the 2010 race. Stephanie is married to longtime Yukon Quest volunteer pilot Zack Knaebel.

Opening Day of sign-ups for the 2011 Yukon Quest is this Saturday, August 7th. Musher’s can sign up in person on that day either at Race Headquarters in the Log Cabin on First Avenue in Fairbanks from 2 – 4 pm or at the White Pass Depot in Whitehorse from 3 – 5 pm. There will be an incentive draw held on August 13th for all musher’s officially entered on or before Opening Day with the winner receiving a prize of \$1,000 USD.

Please visit www.yukonquest.com for up-to-date information and news on the Yukon Quest. The 2011 Yukon Quest starts February 5th in Whitehorse, Yukon.

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