



## Media Release

### Sixteen Mushers Already Set to Compete in the 2011 Yukon Quest

**August 10, 2010 (Fairbanks, Alaska & Whitehorse, Yukon)** – Opening day of signups for the 2011 Yukon Quest ended with sixteen mushers registering their names to take the champion's title in the 2011 race.

For the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, Brent Sass started Opening Day off by becoming the first person to signup. Sass is one of seven veterans who signed up for the race on Saturday. Rounding out the current field of mushers are nine rookies, including mushers from New Jersey, Ontario, Quebec and Colorado.

Two of last year's top five finishers were among the names signing up on Saturday. Hugh Neff, who finished third in 2010, will return to take part in his 11<sup>th</sup> Yukon Quest. Since the year 2000, Neff has only missed running the Yukon Quest once (in 2004). Joining Neff from last year's top five in Ken Anderson, who will be competing in his 3<sup>rd</sup> Yukon Quest, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in his previous two years on the Quest trail.

“Opening day is the point on the calendar when the race starts to feel close,” said Marti Steury, Executive Director in Alaska. “The sixteen mushers signed up to-date are sure to provide a highly competitive race. We can't wait for February!”

The sixteen mushers who registered on Saturday to compete in the 2011 Yukon Quest are:

1. Brent Sass
2. Kyla Durham
3. Mike Ellis
4. Josh Cadzow
5. Peg Harpham
6. Clint Warnke
7. Terry Williams
8. Hugh Neff
9. Jerry Joinson
10. Kurt Reich
11. Denis Tremblay
12. Ken Anderson
13. Dave Dalton
14. Hank DeBruin
15. Kim Darst
16. Wade Marrs

Please visit [YukonQuest.com](http://YukonQuest.com) for profiles of all sixteen mushers and for up-to-date information on the Yukon Quest.

The 2011 Yukon Quest starts February 5th in Whitehorse, Yukon.

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