



Media Release

Yukon Quest Fall Events Schedule Announced

October 4, 2010 (Fairbanks, Alaska & Whitehorse, Yukon) – The Yukon Quest has an exciting schedule of events planned for this fall as we begin the countdown to race time. We invite you to join us as we prepare for what promises to be another great competitive race.

Fairbanks

This fall's activities get underway in Fairbanks during the ADMA International Sled Dog Symposium at Pioneer Park on October 8th- 10th. The Yukon Quest will participate in this event by hosting the **Rookie Workshop** on October 8th from 10 AM – 4 PM followed by the **Yukon Quest Birthday Party** from 6-9 PM.

Mushers scheduled to speak at the Rookie Workshop will include; Ken Anderson, Josh Cadzow, Mike Ellis, Sonny Lindner, Lance Mackey, Hugh Neff, Brent Sass, Abbie West, Terry Williams, and Gerry Willomitzer. Veterinarian Margy Eastman will also be there to talk about the Vet Team and Vet Protocols. The Birthday Party will feature a spaghetti dinner, live music, prize draws, and a no-host bar. Food is free, donations will be gratefully accepted. Memberships and volunteer sign-ups will be available on site.

On October 10th at 12:45 PM, the Yukon Quest and Cold Spot Feeds will host the **Great Cooker Cooker-Off** at Pioneer Park. This competition will put mushers to the test to see who has the best dog food cooker. You can participate by bringing your favorite cooker and see if you can be the first person to bring three gallons of plain water to a full, rolling boil. The winner will receive a free case of HEET donated by Cold Spot Feeds.

The Yukon Quest office in Fairbanks is currently selling tickets for our **Fall \$10,000 CASH Raffle**. Tickets are \$100 each, and only 250 tickets are being sold. There are many great prizes to be won and the drawing will take place at the Badger Den in North Pole on October 16th starting at 6 PM. For more information, contact the Yukon Quest Office in Fairbanks at 907-452-7954 or questops@mosquitonet.com.

Whitehorse

In Whitehorse, the **Yukon Quest Birthday Party** will take place on October 22nd from 6 – 10 PM at the Old Fire Hall. There will be live music, a cash bar, games and auctions.

Admission is free and all are welcome. Membership and volunteer sign-ups will be available on site.

The draw for the 2010 Summer Cash Raffle will take place at the Birthday Party. The raffle features cash prizes totaling \$13,000 with only 750 tickets printed at a cost of \$40 each. (Yukon Lottery License # 2010-099)

On October 23rd - 24th, the Yukon Quest will be hosting a *Canine Care Workshop* in Whitehorse. Highly appraised Wes Rau will provide information on how to detect an injury in your dog, signs of stress and fatigue, but more importantly, what to do and how to massage your dogs to make them feel and run better. In order to attend the advanced workshop on Sunday, you must attend the beginner's course on Saturday or have done a course in the past. This workshop will give you the opportunity to bring a dog with an issue that needs to be worked on. Cost is \$160 per day including lunch. Space is limited so book early to secure your spot. Call 668-4711 for more information.

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.

Media interested in attending or covering the 2011 Yukon Quest are invited to register for accreditation by visiting <http://www.yukonquest.com/site/media-accreditation/>

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