



MEDIA RELEASE

Full Field of 25 Mushers Ready for the 2011 YQ300

November 9, 2010 (Whitehorse, Yukon & Fairbanks, Alaska) – This past weekend, seven more mushers signed up to compete in the 2011 YQ300, bringing the total number to 25 – the maximum limit for the race.

A waiting list has been started should additional mushers wish to sign up. If a musher withdraws prior to the start of the race, mushers from the waiting list will be able to take their place according to the order in which they signed up.

“The YQ300 is an incredible race and we are excited that so many mushers will be competing this year,” said Georgina Leslie, Executive Director of the Yukon Quest International Association (Canada). “Our goal is to put on an exceptional, competitive race and with the field of mushers ready to start in February, we think this will be one of the best YQ300 races yet.”

The Yukon Quest 300 Sled Dog Race is a mid-distance race where mushers can experience a portion of the Yukon Quest Trail. The race is a recognized 300-mile qualifying race for both the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race and the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

The following is the list of mushers signed up for the 2011 YQ300:

1. Gwen Holdmann
2. Nathan McNee
3. Dyan Bergen
4. Gidget Hagan
5. Kathleen Frederick
6. Rolf Meili
7. Manuela Albicker
8. Susie Rogan
9. Paige Drobny
10. Fabian Schmitz
11. Eric Pourteau
12. Jim Foster
13. Brian Wilmshurst
14. Michelle Phillips
15. Aliy Zirkle
16. Kyia Bouchard
17. Jonathan Lucas
18. Misha Pedersen
19. Tom Schonberger

20. Genesee Keevil
21. Gerry Willomitzer
22. Mathias Lynggaard Bech
23. Ryne Olson
24. Megan Routley
25. Blake Matray

There are currently five mushers on the waiting list – Yuka Honda, Peter Fleck, Maren Bradley, Debbie Moderow and Ed Grube.

Please visit www.yukonquest.com for up-to-date information and news on the Yukon Quest and the YQ300. Both races start 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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