



## Doug Grilliot Returns as Yukon Quest 2009 Race Marshal

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WHITEHORSE, YT & FAIRBANKS, AK – The Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race is pleased to announce that Doug Grilliot will return as the 2009 Race Marshal. Mr. Grilliot served as the Race Marshal for the 2008 Yukon Quest and recently accepted the Race Marshal position for the 2009 race.

Grilliot brings a strong background of sled dog racing and judging experience to his second year as Race Marshal. As a competitor, Grilliot finished the 2001 (16<sup>th</sup> place) and 2002 (18<sup>th</sup> place) Yukon Quest races as well as the 2004 Iditarod. Grilliot spent two years as a Yukon Quest Race Judge before accepting the 2008 Race Marshal role just weeks before the 2008 Yukon Quest. “We are very pleased that Doug is coming back for a second year as Race Marshal,” said Stephen Reynolds, Executive Director of the Yukon Quest in Canada, “and having him on board in June is a real plus as it will allow us to work together for the 2009 race with lots of time for advanced preparations.”

The Yukon Quest Race Marshal is in charge of all aspects of the race, which starts February 14, 2009, in Whitehorse, Yukon specifically ensuring that all race rules are followed. Race Judges on the trail act as deputies of the Race Marshal.

Grilliot also has a unique behind-the-scenes perspective of the Yukon Quest having served on the Alaska Board of Directors. Grilliot stated, “It is an honor to be asked back as the Race Marshal and I am very much looking forward to the 2009 Yukon Quest. Being appointed several months in advance of the race will be a distinct advantage for myself, my Judges, the mushers and the organization. The experience I received last year as Race Marshal was invaluable and I am ready to begin working with the Yukon Quest staff and many volunteers to ensure the success of the 2009 Yukon Quest.”

Opening Day for sign-ups for the 2009 Yukon Quest is Saturday August 9, 2008.

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