

Pre-Race Musher Package October 9, 2013

Hello YQ300 Mushers,

On behalf of the Boards of Directors and staff in Alaska and the Yukon, Welcome to the 2014 YQ300 race and 31th Yukon Quest Anniversary!

This **Pre-Race Musher Package** contains some of the information you will need to prepare for the 2014 race. This includes a list of all mandatory meetings and events, list of other meetings and promotional events, copies of all required and optional forms, info sheets and a summary of where to find additional info and documents.

Copies of the 2014 Rules are available in the entry package as well as online.

All documents are available by request in hard copy from the YQ office in Fairbanks.

If you have any questions concerning the contents of the package or about any aspect of the 2014 YQ300, please don't hesitate to call, email, or come by the office.

Sincerely,

Linda

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

MANDATORY MEETINGS/ EVENTS

EVENT	DATE / TIME	LOCATION	NOTES	WHAT TO BRING
Food Drop	Sat, Jan 18 th 12p-4p	Fairbanks – Summit Logistics Whitehorse – Kluane Freight	Required for all Mushers or designate	Completed Food Drop Inventory Forms
Vet Check	Friday, Jan 31st	Alpine Lodge Parking Lot	Mandatory for all mushers.	Veterinary Health Certificate and Exam Forms/ Proof of Vaccinations/micro chip request form
Pre-Race Mushers/ Handlers Meeting	IRA I IRA		Mandatory for all Mushers and Handlers. Closed YQ meeting. Get trail report, race updates, meet the Race Marshal & Head Veterinarian	Your notebook, notarized Hold Harmless Agreement, Local Contact Sheet, payment of fees

RECOMMENDED EVENTS

Pre-Race Meet the	Wed, Jan 29 th	Fairbanks –	8pm - public drawing of YQ300 start numbers. Mushers may attend or send designate to draw their start number.
Mushers	6:30-9pm	Alpine Lodge	
YQ300 Finish Banquet	TBA	Circle City -	Rule change!!! Mandatory!!!

OTHER EVENTS

The Yukon Quest hosts a number of promotional and fundraising events before and around the race. Participating in these events is the easiest way you can contribute to the success of the Yukon Quest and show your appreciation for the supporters and volunteers who make the races possible.

EVENT	DATE/ TIME	LOCATION
Fairbanks YQ Birthday Party	Sat, October 12 th 6pm – 10pm	Fairbanks – Ivory Jacks
Beer/Wine Tasting Auction	Sat, November 16 th 6pm – 10pm	Fairbanks – Civic Center in Pioneer Park
Yukon Quest Start & Draw Banquet	Thurs, Jan 30 th 5pm -10pm	Fairbanks – Westmark Hotel Tickets \$ 65

Food Drop Info Sheet

DATE/ LOCATION

Saturday, January 18, 2013 from 12-4pm

LOCATION

In Whitehorse – Kluane Freight In Fairbanks – Summit Logistics

ABOUT THE FOOD DROP

As part of your entry fee, mushers have use of the Yukon Quest Official Food Drop service. You must ship all dog food, personal items and equipment necessary for the entire race (that will not be carried in your sled at the Race Start) via the Official YQ Food Drop, including food for your dogs before the Race Start and/or after the Race Finish.

FOOD DROP PROCESS

- Mushers (or a designate) bring all marked and numbered food drop bags (along with their list of contents) to the food drop (in either Fairbanks or Whitehorse) on January 18th from 12-4pm
- ~ YQ will issue receipt for the number of food drop bags dropped off.
- ~ YQ commits to frozen storage of all bags.
- ~ YQ ensures delivery of all food drop bags to each checkpoint.
- ~ Food drop bags are organized by race (ie. Yukon Quest or YQ300 and musher's last name). They are accessible for mushers upon their arrival at each checkpoint.
- ~Pick-up arrangements (including contact and location) will be made available to mushers and their handlers for food drop bags in the Whitehorse-area and Fairbanks-area.

YQ300 Rules allow mushers to access ONLY food, equipment and supplies for themselves and their team that they have pre-packed and sent to race checkpoints PRIOR to the Race Start.

ADVANTAGES OF YQ FOOD DROP

 If any food drop bags are crossing the border (ie. you are using the food drop in Fairbanks), the Yukon Quest will secure all necessary import permits to ensure shipping of mushers' food drop bags via the Yukon Quest Food Drop.

Any materials that are not included in the Yukon Quest Food Drop will be subject to any and all import regulations in place at the time of crossing or shipping across the Canada-US border.

- Ensures that all food drop bags are in place prior to the Race Start. Mushers who choose not to use the Yukon Quest Food Drop MUST take all responsibility to ensure that all of their food drop bags are secured and in place at each race checkpoint PRIOR to the Race Start. This is **NOT RECOMMENDED** by the Yukon Quest as shipping, permitting and securing your food drop bags can be a logistical nightmare.
- Mushers can use the food drop to ship any dog food and supplies you may require the entire time you are away from your home kennel, including pre-race in the Fairbanks area or after the race until you return home.

DESIGNATE AT FOOD DROP

The Yukon Quest recommends that mushers deliver their food drop bags to the YQ Food Drop in person; however mushers may designate another person to deliver their food drop bags to the food drop. Mushers are still responsible for all contents and their delivery.

SHIPMENTS OF BAGS OUTSIDE THE YQ FOOD DROP

Mushers who are not able to attend or do not have a designate to attend the food drop, please contact the YQ office as soon as possible to discuss alternative arrangements.

FOOD DROP PLANNING

The best way to learn some of the planning tips and techniques is to get in touch with more experienced mushers and learn from them.

ITEMS ALLOWED IN FOOD DROP BAGS

You may include dog food, personal food, clothing, batteries, sled parts, and other items you may need along the trail.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN FOOD DROP BAGS

- Straw **NO straw is allowed**. This is to ensure that all straw used during the race is suitable (some import regulations and some trail areas have restrictions on types of straw allowed). See Request for Additional Straw Form (in this package) for info about straw that is provided and additional straw that can be purchased for checkpoints.
- Fuel NO fuel is allowed including alcohol, kerosene, and methanol. Methanol is provided at checkpoints.
- Firearms, ammunition or any items prohibited by law.
- Any spoiled food products. Ensure that your food drop bags are kept frozen.
- Any gear that does not fit into the bags such as sled runners will have to be sent by your own arrangements.

CUSTOMS

For any mushers coming from Canada or the Lower 48 who are shipping dog food independently or travelling across the international border in your own truck, you may be subject to all general import restrictions applied to the general public. These restrictions may include some of the animal products you are carrying as dog food!

Please be aware that US Customs and Border Protection have current regulations on importing into the country. For accurate information on what you are allowed to ship and take across the border, please see the appropriate websites: US Customs and Border Protection: <u>http://www.cbp.gov</u>

Canadian Border Services Agency: http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

FOOD DROP BAG PACKAGING

Race rules state that all food and gear must be in **burlap or woven poly bags**. Plastic bags do not stack well nor do they ride on snow machines well.

Each bag **must be labelled with YQ300, musher name, checkpoint name and numbering** (ie. 1 of 3). Write clearly in large block letters with permanent marker or spray paint. No double labelling of recycled bags!!!

We recommend **sewing bags shut using heavy thread or twine**. Plastic electrical cable ties and regular wire may break during transport. Make sure no loose, sharp ends are exposed. We will not accept any bags that are not labelled or closed properly.

Bag weight cannot exceed 40 pounds. Food Drop bags exceeding 40 lbs will not be accepted and you will be asked to re-pack all your bags. BRING EXTRA EMPTY BAGS. Please be respectful of our volunteers who are hauling hundreds of bags.

IF MUSHER DOES NOT FINISH

Scratch: The musher can retrieve or make arrangements to retrieve their food drop bags. If musher or designate cannot retrieve their bags, dog food will be removed to reduce the bulk and weight during transport, and a reasonable attempt will be made to return personal gear to the YQ office in Fairbanks for retrieval. Food drop bags will be emptied of all perishables, and stored by the Yukon Quest for up to 2 weeks. After this, all food drop bags become property of the YQ, and will be discarded.

Withdrawal or Disqualification: Food drop bags will be immediately removed from the checkpoints, dog food will be removed to reduce the bulk and weight during transport, and a reasonable attempt will be made to return personal gear to the YQ office in Fairbanks for retrieval. Food drop bags will be emptied of all perishables, and stored by the Yukon Quest for up to 2 weeks. After this, all food drop bags become property of the YQ, and will be discarded.

FORMS TO BE COMPLETED

YQ requires an accurate list of all food drop bag contents. Ensure that the complete contents of each bag are listed on the **Food Drop Inventory Form** (separate form required for each checkpoint). You will be asked for this paperwork before you begin unloading your food drop bags at the food drop. We cannot accept your food drop bags without your completed forms.

For any additional questions about the food drop, contact the Fairbanks office.

Vet Check Info Sheet

DATE/TIME

Fri Jan 31st by appointment (You will be contacted by our Vet Check Coordinator in January to set a time)

LOCATION

Fairbanks – Alpine Lodge

ABOUT THE VET CHECK

All mushers must attend the Vet Check. As part of your entry fee, mushers have access to all veterinary services provided at the Official YQ300 Vet Check. The Vet Check is coordinated by the Yukon Quest to ensure that all mushers have access to suitable, professional veterinary assessments for all of their sled dogs prior to the race start.

PLANNING FOR THE VET CHECK

The YQ office will contact you in January to set up your YQ300 Vet Check appointment time. A **maximum of 14 dogs** will be examined at the YQ300 Vet Check.

Microchips

Microchips are not required for the YQ300, however they may be available for purchase at the YQ300 Vet Check (upon availability). Cost is estimated at \$13. Please inform the Fairbanks office immediately, if you are interested in getting microchips.

Vaccinations

You will need to provide proof that all dogs in your YQ300 team have received their vaccinations as outlined in the 2013 YQ300 Race Rules, see General Race Procedure #8. Please ensure that you understand and adhere to the specified dates and vaccinations required.

To Bring

Veterinary Examination Forms with the top portion filled out for all of your YQ300 dogs; proof of vaccinations; and any additional medical history or notes that you have on your dogs can be helpful.

If you have any questions at all about the YQ300 Vet Checks, please contact the Fairbanks office as early as possible.

Trail Distances (approx)

Fairbanks to Two Rivers Two Rivers to Mile 101 Mile 101 to Central Central to Circle Circle to Central

45 miles 82 miles 33 miles 74 miles 74 miles

TOTAL DISTANCE 308 miles

Trail Elevations

Fairbanks	440ft
Two Rivers	750ft
Mile 101	ft
Central	935ft
Circle	597ft
*according to the Geological Survey	

Where to get the Maps:

In Alaska:

Maps are available at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Geophysical Institute Map Office located in room 204 of the International Arctic Research Center (Akasofu Bldg), Fairbanks, AK. Telephone 907-474-6960.

In the Yukon:

Maps are available at Mac's Fireweed Books – downstairs in Map Sales, 203 Main Street Whitehorse YT Y1A 2B2. Telephone 867-668-2434.

Special Rate Accommodations for Volunteers

The **Alpine Lodge** in Fairbanks will offer \$69 per night including airport shuttle and free internet access.

In order to ensure you receive the negotiated rate, please specify that you would like the Yukon Quest special rate.

Alpine Lodge

<u>www.akalpinelodge.com</u> Phone: (888) 473-1548 Toll-Free Reservations: 1-888-474-0579 Fax: (907) 328-0914

4920 Dale Road

FORMS CHECKLIST

Here is a list of forms required by the Yukon Quest as well as a list of forms available for optional requests and submissions of information. Please submit all required forms to your designated office or to the designated meeting on or before their due dates. Contact your designated office if you have any questions about these forms.

REQUIRED FORMS	Due Date	Notes
Food Drop Inventory Form	Sat, Jan 18 th	Bring completed forms to Food Drop (need separate form for EACH checkpoint)
Veterinary Exam Form	Fri, Jan 31 st	Bring forms to Vet Check with top section completed. Fill in one page for 4 dogs.
Veterinary Health Certificate	Fri, Jan 31 st	To be completed at Vet Check
Release and Hold Harmless Agreement	Fri, Jan 31 st	Must be notarized **see below Submit to YQ office or bring to Pre-Race Meet the Mushers No emails or fax accepted –original needed
Local Contact Form	Fri, Jan 31 st	Submit to YQ office or bring to Pre-Race Meet the Mushers

OPTIONAL FORMS	Due Date	Notes
Request for Additional Straw	Fri, Dec 6 th or before	Submit to the YQ office
Request for Microchips	Fri, Jan 31 st	Submit to the YQ office or complete at Vet Check

INFORMATION ABOUT NOTARY**

What is a notary?

A notary public is an <u>officer</u> who <u>witnesses</u> and authenticates documents. The Release and Hold Harmless Agreement requires the musher to sign the agreement in front of a notary public to authenticate the document with their signature and seal. Do not sign the document before going to the notary public.

Where do you go to get Notary?

In Fairbanks, you can go to any bank and get your document notarized. The cost is usually \$5.

In Whitehorse, you can go to The UPS Store, 108 Elliott Street (behind downtown Tim Horton's). The cost is \$5.

The Yukon Quest will have a notary present at the Mushers Meeting on Jan 31st.

Food Drop Inventory Form

PLEASE BRING THESE COMPLETED FORMS TO THE FOOD DROP. Ensure that the complete contents of each bag are listed. **NO STRAW IS ALLOWED IN FOOD DROP BAGS.** Note: Use one form for EACH Checkpoint. Use additional copies of this form if needed for more than 6 food drop bags per checkpoint.

Checkpoint Name: _____

her Name:	Total # of Bags:		
BAG # OF	BAG # OF	BAG # OF	
Meat or Fish Commercial Dog Food Clothing Sled Parts Batteries Foot Ointment Personal Food Dog Booties Dog Food Supplements Other (please specify below)	Meat or Fish Commercial Dog Food Clothing Sled Parts Batteries Foot Ointment Personal Food Dog Booties Dog Food Supplements Other (please specify below)	Meat or Fish Commercial Dog Food Clothing Sled Parts Batteries Foot Ointment Personal Food Dog Booties Dog Food Supplements Other (please specify below	
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Pre-Race Veterinary Exam Form

Please bring these forms to your scheduled Vet Check appointment with the top portion of the forms already completed (dog name, color, age, sex). Use one form for four dogs. **Note: you may bring a max. of 14 dogs to the Vet Check.**

 Musher Name:
 Veterinarian Name:

 Vet Check Date:
 Time:

DOG NAME	1.	2.	3.	4.
Color				
Age/ Sex				
	• •		•	
Microchip #				
Microchip location				
Weight				
Body Condition				
Temperature				
Heart				
Pulse				
Lungs				
Resp. Rate				
Oral Exam				
mm color				
Eyes				
Ears				
Lymph Nodes				
Abdomen				
Urogenital				
Testicles				
Mammary				
Musculoskel				
Forelegs				
Hindlegs				
Back				
Neck				
Feet				
Front				
Hind				
Dewclaws				
Skin/ Coat				
Frostbite				
Medications				
Current				
Last 30 days				
Vaccines				
Notes:				

Pre-Race Veterinary Health Certificate

Please bring this form to your scheduled Vet Check appointment and complete with your Vet Check Veterinarian. Mushers will be provided copies of this certificate as well as the Vet Check Exam Form prior to race start.

Musher Name: _____

Kennel Name: _____

Medications Declaration Form (to be completed by Musher)

As registered entrant of the Yukon Quest 300 Sled Dog Race, I have read and understand Trail Procedure #26 – Drugs, of the official 2014 YQ300 Rules.

I understand which medications (including herbal and homeopathic remedies) are prohibited. I also understand that any and all medications, whether prohibited or not, must be declared if they have been/ will be used from within the 30 days preceding the Veterinary Check to the finish of the YQ300 race.

I have provided accurate and complete information regarding any and all medications administered to any and all dogs entered in my YQ300 team. I also understand that I must inform the Head Veterinarian, before the end of the Pre-Race Mushers/Handlers Meeting, if any additional medications have been started/ administered since the Veterinary Check.

Musher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Veterinarian Name:

Vet Check Date: _____ Time: _____

Official Health Certificate

(to be completed by Veterinarian)

I hereby certify that I have inspected each individual canine listed herein and certify, to the best of my ability, that each is healthy, free of restricted drugs, and has all required vaccinations. These animals are in condition to complete a 300 mile sled dog race.

I have read General Race Procedure #8 Vet Check and Trail Procedure #26 – Drugs, of the official 2014 YQ300 Rules.

I have certified that all dogs listed herein have current vaccinations, including parvovirus, distemper, rabies.

Veterinarian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete and sign 2 copies of this form.

MUSHER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Please submit this original notarized form to the YQ office or bring to the Pre-Race Musher/Handler Meeting on Fri, Jan 31st.

hereby acknowledge the following:

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(Musher Name - please print)

I am an official entrant in the 2014 Yukon Quest 300 Sled Dog Race (YQ300); and I am participating in the competitive event entirely upon my own initiative, risk and responsibility. In consideration of the permission extended to me by Yukon Quest International, Ltd. (YQIL) and Yukon Quest International Association Canada (YQIA) to enter and participate in the YQ300, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, agents and employees, I release, hold harmless and forever discharge YQIL and YQIA, and their agents, officers, employees, sponsors and volunteers from any and all claims, demands, action or causes of action on account of myself or my support personnel from any and all claims, demands, action or causes of action on account of my death or on account of any injury to me or my property (including dogs), which may occur from any cause during the YQ300 or any phase of the YQ300, including scheduled events before or after the YQ300, and emergency medical treatment or rescue.

I further release YQIL and YQIA, and their agents, officers, employees and volunteers from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of action on account of my employees, partners, agents, volunteers or their property (including dogs), used by me in the YQ300 or any phase of it including scheduled events before and after the YQ300 and emergency medical treatment or rescue.

It is understood and agreed that I rely wholly upon my own judgment, belief and knowledge of the nature of the dangers, risks and hazards to life, limb and property inherent in participating in the YQ300. I also understand that there are only four (4) checkpoints at which food, veterinary and other services are available between the starting point of the race and finish point of the race. These checkpoints are Two Rivers, Mile 101, Central, and Circle. I also understand that it is my responsibility to plan, prepare and otherwise organize my personal supplies such as food, fuel, equipment and medical supplies. I further state that I have not been influenced to any extent whatsoever in making this release or in participating in the YQ300 by any statements or representations made by the sponsoring corporations, their employees, officers, agents, volunteers or any other persons representing or acting for or on behalf of them.

It is understood and agreed that this is a full and final release of all claims of every nature and kind whatsoever including claims that are known, unknown, suspected or unsuspected.

MUSHER

I have read and acknowledge that I understand this release and I sign it voluntarily.

Name	Social Security No.	
	or Passport No.	
Signature	Date	_
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NOTARY PUBLIC

I have witnessed the signature and verified the identification of the above musher.

Name	 Commission Expiry Date
Signature	Date

Local Contact Form

Please submit this form to the YQ office or bring to the Pre-Race Mushers/Handlers Meeting on Fri, Jan 31st. The information on this form will assist the Yukon Quest in contacting you and your race support team for dropped dogs, important notices and general communications. **Please fill in ALL information on this form.**

MUSHER NAME:				
Emergency Contact P	'erson (not your hand	ler):		
Phone for that persor	ו:			
DOG TRUCK INFO:				
Will your truck be follow	ving the race? Yes _	_ or No		
Make	Model		Color	
Licence #	State/Terr	/Prov	Dog Box Color	
Other truck details				-
HANDLER INFO:				
Will you have a handle	r following the race?	Yes or N	o	
Name(s):			Cell phone:	
Emergency Contact N	lame:		Phone:	
FAIRBANKS ACCOM	MODATION INFO:			
Hotel		🖵 Pr	rivate Home	
Hotel Name:		Family	y/ Contact Name:	
Phone Number:		Conta	act Name:	
Name on room booking]:	Phone	e Number:	
		Altern	native Phone:	

Please contact Linda in the Alaska office with any questions about this form.

Request for Additional Straw

As part of the entry fee, all mushers receive one bale of straw at each checkpoint (except the Start and Finish).

You may order additional full bales (no $\frac{1}{2}$ bales) at Checkpoints only. The cost of straw is <u>estimated</u> at \$13 per full bale. **Absolutely NO STRAW is allowed in Food Drop bags.**

Deadline for additional straw requests: Friday, Dec 6th, 2013 However we recommend sending the Request for Straw to the YQ office ASAP.

MUSHER NAME

	STRAW PROVI Checkpoints		TRAW TO BE PURCH additional bales (full b		
Fairbanks (Start)	0	_			
Two Rivers	1	_			
Mile 101	1	_			
Circle	1	_			
Central	1	_			
Circle (Finish)	0	_			
Musher Signature:			# full bales x \$_ -	_ = \$ Total Cost	
OFFICE USE					
Payment Type (circle): Credit	Card Cash	Cheque	Money Order	Payment Date:	
Payment Office:		YQ Staff signature:			

Request for Microchip Form

Microchips are NOT required for the YQ300. However, they may be available for purchase at the Vet Check (upon availability). The cost of microchips is estimated at \$13 (approx at-cost price). If you wish to purchase microchips through the Yukon Quest, please complete this form with the Veterinarian or Vet Check volunteers at the Vet Check.

MUSHER NAME					
NAME OF DOG		ŧ		NAME OF DOG	MICROCHIP #
				# micr	ochips x \$ = \$ Total Cost
Musher Signature:				-	
OFFICE USE					
Payment Type (circle):	Credit Card	Cash	Cheque	Money Order	Payment Date:
Payment Office:			YQ Staff s	signature:	