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Yukon Quest Confirms Race Start in 2022

February 24, 2021 (Fairbanks, AK & Whitehorse, YT) - The Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race confirms race start in 2022.

After having made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Boards of Directors are happy to confirm that the next race will start in Fairbanks, Alaska on February 5, 2022.

“In the past few years the race usually started in Fairbanks in even years, and Whitehorse in uneven years – generally on the first Saturday in February. We’re happy to continue with this tradition despite not having the race start in Whitehorse this year,” says Josi Leideritz, Executive Director in the Whitehorse office.

“After the success of our race here in Alaska this winter, the 2021 Summit Quest 300, we’re excited to now begin planning next year’s Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race,” agrees Doug Grilliot, Secretary and Musher Representative of the Board of Directors in Alaska.

“Obviously there is still a bit of uncertainty about what exactly the race will look like, as it all depends on how the pandemic unfolds in the months to come. But with the current rollout of the vaccine we’re hopeful that the border will reopen and the race can go ahead as planned next year,” states Leideritz.

Since its inauguration in 1984, this is the first year the Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race did not happen due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and resulting border closures.

Both Boards of Directors in Alaska and the Yukon are greatly anticipating the race in 2022 and wish to thank all fans, volunteers and sponsors that supported them throughout these unprecedented times.

Further updates on the race in 2022 will be shared throughout the year.

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