



2023 YQ450

**Musher/Handler
Information Package**

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Section I

Information for Musers

Hello YQ450 Musers,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, welcome to the 2023 YQ450 Sled Dog Race!

This Packet contains information you and your handler(s) will need to prepare for the 2023 race. It includes a list of all mandatory meetings and events, a list of other meetings and promotional events, copies of all required and optional forms, and info sheets. Over the next few weeks we will be sending you additional information by email.

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

If you have any questions concerning the contents of this package or about any aspect of the 2023 YQ450, please don't hesitate to call, email or come by the office.

Sincerely,

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

We have several events planned before and around the race – some are race-related, and some are focused on fundraising and promotion of the Yukon Quest. Our mushers are crucial to the success of our promotional and fundraising abilities. After all, you and your dogs are the stars of the show. While we require your attendance at some race events, we request that you attend as many other events as possible. This is the easiest way you can contribute to the success of the Yukon Quest and show your appreciation of the supporters and volunteers who make the race possible.

Meetings/ Events with Mandatory Musher Attendance

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	NOTES	WHAT TO BRING
Wed, Feb 8 6:00 PM	Musher & Sponsor Evening	Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre		
Thu, Feb 9 3:00 PM	Musher & Handler Meeting, Food Drop	Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre	Handler attendance is strongly encouraged. Closed YQ meeting. Food drop for Scroggie Creek.	A government-issued photo ID , Local Contact Sheet, Payment of any outstanding fees, your Notebook, drop bag for Scroggie Creek
Thu, Feb 9 5:00 PM	Paperwork & Race Materials Signing	Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre		
Thu, Feb 9 6:00 PM	Meet the Mushers & Bib Draw	Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre	This is where you'll draw your bib number.	
Fri, Feb 10 8:00 AM until Completion	Vet Check	Northern Windows & Doors		Veterinary Health Certificate and Exam Forms, Proof of Vaccination
Thu, Feb 16 4:00 PM	Post-Race Musher Meeting	Dawson City	Mandatory for all YQ450 mushers. Closed YQ meeting.	
Thu, Feb 16 5:00 PM	Finish & Awards Evening	Diamond Tooth Gertie's, Dawson City	Mandatory for all YQ450 mushers who have crossed the finish line up to two hours before the ceremony.	Your stories



FORMS & DUE DATES

Here is a list of forms required by the Yukon Quest, as well as 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 the Yukon office if you have any questions about these forms.

DUE DATE	REQUIRED FORMS	NOTES
November 25, 2022	Additional Straw Request Form (Appendix 1)	Submit to YQ office
January 6, 2023	Request for Housing	Contact the YQ office
Between March 2, 2022 and January 14, 2023	Combination Vaccine (Parvovirus and Distemper)	See General Race Procedure, Rule 8
Between Sept. 2, 2022 and January 14, 2023	Bordetella (Kennel Cough) Vaccine	See General Race Procedure, Rule 8
No later than January 14, 2023	Rabies Vaccine	See General Race Procedure, Rule 8
January 24, 2023	Vaccination records submitted	From musher to designated office
February 10, 2023	Veterinary Exam Form (Appendix 3)	Bring forms to Vet Check with top section completed. Fill in one page for every dog.
February 10, 2023	Veterinary Health Certificate (Appendix 2)	To be completed at Vet Check
February 9, 2023	Local Contact Form (Appendix 4)	Submit to YQ office, or bring to the Musher & Handler Meeting

FOOD BAG INFO SHEET

All food and equipment for the race must be in CLOTH BURLAP BAGS OR WOVEN POLY-BAGS, PERMANENTLY MARKED WITH MUSHER NAME. The following information is a guideline only. Each handler is to deliver the food drop to the Checkpoint, before the Musher's arrival and drop it off, at the designated food drop area, as directed by Race Officials. One drop bag, maximum 40 pounds, will be delivered to Scroggie Creek by YQ from the Musher's Meeting.

FOOD BAG QUESTIONS

The best way to learn some of the planning tips and techniques is to get in touch with more experienced mushers, or visit our Rookie Page and listen to mushers discuss their preparation.

ITEMS ALLOWED IN FOOD BAGS

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

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN FOOD BAGS

- Straw – The Yukon Quest supplies 1 bale of straw per checkpoint each for Braeburn, Carmacks, Scroggie Creek, and Pelly. If you want to bring extra straw you can do so.
- Fuel – **NO fuel is allowed inside food drop bags**, including alcohol, kerosene, or methanol. Methanol is provided at checkpoints. **Mushers must supply their own HEET/fuel which is to be stored in a certified, approved container and clearly labelled. It must not be inside Food Drop bags but can be placed beside the drop bags in checkpoints.** Fuel will be provided in Scroggie Creek.
- Firearms, ammunition, or any items prohibited by law.
- Ensure that your food bags are kept frozen.
- If you need any gear that does not fit into the bags, such as sled runners, please contact your YQ office as soon as possible and we will work with you to find a solution.

CUSTOMS

For any mushers coming from the Lower 48 or elsewhere in Canada who are shipping dog food independently, and traveling across the international border in your own trucks, 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 the US Customs and Canada Border Services 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: <http://www.cbp.gov>
- Canadian Border Services Agency: <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>

VET CHECK INFO SHEET

DATE/TIME

Friday, February 10, 2023

You will be contacted by our Vet Check Coordinator in January to set up your Vet Check appointment time.

LOCATION

In Whitehorse – Northerm Windows & Doors, #1-17 Burns Road

ABOUT THE VET CHECK

All Musers must attend the Vet Check. As part of your Entry Fee, mushers have access to all veterinary services provided at the Official YQ450 Vet Check. The Vet Check is coordinated by the Yukon Quest to ensure that all mushers have access to professional veterinary assessments for all of their sled dogs prior to the Race Start.

PLANNING FOR THE VET CHECK

Your Vet Check appointment will be made with your designated office in early January. A maximum of 14 dogs will be examined at the YQ450 Vet Check.

Microchips: Microchips are not required for the YQ450 and the chips will not be available for purchase at the YQ450 Vet Check.

Vaccinations: You will need to provide proof that all dogs in your YQ team have received their vaccinations as outlined in the 2023 YQ450 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 YQ450 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 YQ450 Vet Checks or any requirements, please contact the Whitehorse office as early as possible.

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS OF THE YUKON QUEST TRAIL

Canadian Maps (Department of Energy, Mines & Resources Canada)

Whitehorse	105 D	
Lake Laberge	105 E	
Glenlyon	105 L	(N.B. only 6 miles/ 10 kms of Trail are on this map)
Carmacks	115 I	
McQuesten	115 P	(N.B. only 9 miles/ 15 kms of Trail are on this map)
Stewart River	115 O & 115 N	(this is a single map)
Dawson	116 B & 116 C	(this is a single map)

Where to get the Maps

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.

Yukon Mapping Online:

The Yukon Government - Energy, Mines and Resources Department has an excellent online mapping tool available for free to the general public (<http://mapservices.gov.yk.ca/Lands/>). It includes a number of tools, data layers, and map views. Feel free to navigate through the interface and if you have any questions contact the Whitehorse Office.

SECTION II

Information for Handlers

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Staff, Race Vets and Officials, welcome to the 2023 YQ450. This package contains helpful information regarding trail procedures, rules, driving, packing tips and reminders to help you prepare for the 2023 race.

About the YQ450 Musher/ Handler Meeting

- Thursday, February 9, 2023 – 3:00 p.m. at the Mount McIntyre Recreation Centre
- This meeting is **mandatory** for all 2023 YQ450 Musers and one Handler per team. (Handler attendance is strongly encouraged.)
- **BE ON TIME** or early for this meeting. **Roll call is done at exactly at the meeting start time** with closed doors.
- You will be given an overview of procedures, highlights, updated info, and a chance to ask all your questions.
- You will meet the Officials and Vet Team.

The Rules

Official YQ450 Rules Relevant to Handlers

Here are a few important rules that are especially important to Handlers. **Please note:** A full copy of the Official 2023 YQ450 Rules can be found on our website or acquired from the Yukon Quest office.

RULE Trail Procedure # 29 - Outside Assistance:

No planned help is allowed throughout the race. No musher may receive outside assistance between or at checkpoints unless an emergency has been declared by the Race Marshal, or if an emergency is ruled to have occurred, after the fact. The intended spirit of this race dictates that the musher be self-sufficient and therefore able to help other mushers in case of real need. No assistance which would result in competitive advantage may be accepted or solicited. Handlers are not allowed on the YQ450 Trail between checkpoints.

Outside assistance is allowed for a team that is arriving at or leaving a checkpoint, including the start line. Any person may assist a distracted, tangled or off-course team if it becomes apparent that help is required for that team to enter or exit in a safe and orderly manner.

RULE Trail Procedure # 35 - Care and Feeding of Dogs:

All care and feeding of dogs will be done by the mushers only. Dogs will never be fed by any mode other than voluntarily on the part of the dog. Musers may assist one another with care and feeding of dogs between checkpoints. At no time during the race may a musher house dogs in heated shelters.

RULE Trail Procedure # 49 - Sportsmanship:

The Code of the North dictates all travelers be courteous, helpful, generous and honourable. Conduct yourself well enough so the next musher will be welcomed with equal hospitality. **Rude behavior or inappropriate actions by a musher or handler may result in a penalty, withdrawal, or disqualification. This includes any publication, sharing, posting or comments deemed false, derogatory or negative towards any musher, race manager, official, volunteer, the Yukon Quest organization, or their sponsors or supporters. This rule is in effect from musher sign-up until 30 days after the finish banquet.** Any competitor or athlete worthy of the name realizes that all people – officials, volunteers, sponsors, media, and fans – are valued and important participants in this event. It is the musher's responsibility to embody the upper limits of human performance. A true Sportsman is an inspiration to all.

Procedures for Handlers

General Procedures

The following general procedures will be adhered to throughout the entire race:

- Park your dog truck **only** in designated parking areas.
- Pay attention to where your exhaust is going when parked (i.e. Keep it away from other dog trucks that might have dogs in it or from blowing into the holding area or into buildings).
- **There will be official Yukon Quest handler armbands; please wear them at all times to identify yourself to Race Personnel.**
- Please be courteous to everyone.
- If ever in doubt, ASK a Race Judge or the Race Marshal. They are the only people on the trail with authority regarding questions on rules, assistance or conduct.
- Checkpoint amenities are in place for use by the mushers; food and sleeping arrangements are not guaranteed for handlers. Do not eat the food or use sleeping quarters without first talking to the checkpoint manager.

Carry this document with you in the truck at all times.

Checkpoint and Vet Check Procedures

The following procedures will be adhered to at all checkpoints and during vet checks:

Handler Arrival

When the handler arrives at a checkpoint, they are to identify themselves to the checkpoint personnel.

- Drop off your Mushers food drop at the designated Food Drop area. Please keep fuel and food drop separate.
- The handler should inquire about and familiarize themselves with the following:
 - Debris/trash/straw collection or disposal points.
 - The location and limits of the holding area.
 - The locations where the teams will be arriving and departing.
 - Location of dog holding area, food drop bags, straw, water, methyl hydrate (methanol), musher's food and musher's sleeping area – info to pass along to your musher.
 - Current standings and the approximate/expected arrival time of teams.
- Try to arrive at a checkpoint before your musher does. They will be happy to see you and may have important information about dropped dogs. If you don't make it in time your musher may worry about you, the truck, dropped dogs....
- Prepare – talk with your musher well in advance of the race
- Clarify their expectations AND yours
- Even if you have a schedule set up with your musher, keep an eye on what's happening in the race; things change and schedules can vary significantly with weather and trail conditions. Remember that bad weather will also influence your travel time.

A handler is not permitted:

- To access any services for mushers (straw, food drop bags etc...)

Musher Arrival

When a dog team has entered a checkpoint and the musher has completed the official check-in procedures, the handler may then take control of the team's leader(s) or the sled and assist the musher in moving the team to the location designated as the parking spot for that team. After the team is secured, the handler must immediately leave the holding area. The handler may return to *observe* the team when the musher leaves the holding area.

- Give your musher information about the location of services (straw, food drop bags, sleeping quarters, food) or the location of a Race Judge or Vet.
- Understand that things will happen – your approach needs to be flexible and supportive of others.
- Your musher will be exhausted and may act with disrespect. Don't take it personally. Let it go and discuss any issues after the race when everybody has had a good rest. Don't bother the musher with your problems along the road and try to only have positive news for them on the trail.

Holding Area

- Only one handler per team will be authorized to be in the holding area at any time to monitor the team and to intervene only in the case of a dog in distress or an emergency.
- If the musher is in the holding area, the handler must leave.
- While in the holding area, the handler may stand either at the front of the team or at the rear of the team behind the sled. The handler may not walk back and forth from the front of the team to the sled or chat with the dogs. "Observe Only."
- Handlers must wear provided reflective armbands.
- Know the rules and understand your responsibilities and limitations.
- If you are not sure about something **ASK** a Race Judge or the Race Marshal **BEFORE** you do it. They are the only people on the trail with authority regarding questions on rules, assistance or conduct. Do not ask checkpoint volunteers.
- A handler may **not** enter the mushers sleeping area – if a message needs to be sent or there is an emergency situation, only a Race Judge or the Race Marshal shall enter the mushers sleeping area to communicate to the musher.

A handler is not permitted to touch any dog, gear, equipment, food or water at any time, except:

- While parking a team or during immediate departure.
- Unless directed to do so by a Race Judge or the Race Marshal.
- Until after the musher and team have officially checked out and left a checkpoint.
- In an emergency where anyone is permitted to assist any team (i.e. dog fight, loose dog, loose team etc. to prevent harm to the dogs).

Vet Checks

- At no time may the handler administer or provide any type of substance, including medications, food or water to any dog in any team within the checkpoint unless directed to by a Race Judge or the Race Marshal.
- When a dog is dropped from a team at a checkpoint, the handler may take physical custody of the dog **ONLY** from a Race Vet, a Race Judge or the Race Marshal **AFTER** the appropriate forms have been completed.

Musher Departure

A handler is never permitted:

- To notify any checkpoint personnel of a musher's intention to depart a checkpoint.
- To sign any musher out of a checkpoint.

A handler is ONLY permitted to assist:

- When the team is being moved from the holding area to the check-out location for immediate departure.
- **If instructed to do so by a Race Judge or the Race Marshal** (i.e. this instruction might be issued if an entry or exit

to an area is particularly tricky).

- Outside assistance is allowed for a team that is arriving at or leaving a checkpoint, including the start line. Any person may assist a distracted, tangled or off course team if it becomes apparent that help is required for that team to enter or exit in a safe and orderly manner. This allowance is made in the interests of dog safety and is in consideration of the distraction of crowds, insufficient snow to hook down a team so the musher can untangle or redirect a team on their own, coupled with the danger of nearby highways. *See Rule Trail Procedure #29 Outside Assistance*

Handler Departure Responsibilities

After the musher has officially departed a checkpoint, the handler may enter the holding area and collect the supplies, debris and trash that were bagged by the musher prior to their departure from the checkpoint. The handler is to then rake, bag, and remove all straw and animal waste remaining from their team. All supplies, trash, debris, straw, and animal waste is to be disposed of properly by the handler. If you are unsure of disposal procedures/locations, ask a Race Judge or the Race Marshal. *The musher will incur monetary and/or time penalties if this collection and disposal is not done properly as Rule Trail Procedure #19 & 25.*

Ensure you know the procedure for garbage removal for each checkpoint (which may include a designated area on site or may mean taking it to the dump)

- It is strongly recommended that the handler have a hard tine rake and a broom style rake to improve the checkpoint holding area clean up.
- Use good quality garbage bags to make your life easier (cheap ones break easily in the cold)
- Clean your dog team's parking spaces (clean them well).
- Do not remove food drop bags, clean-up your musher's parking area, or leave a checkpoint less than 30 minutes to one hour after your musher's departure. *If your musher has to return to the checkpoint for any reason, they will not be able to access their food drop bags if they have been handled.*

Retrieving Dropped Dogs

When retrieving a dropped dog from a Race Veterinarian, be sure to discuss that dog's condition carefully with the Vet – if you have any questions, **ASK!**

- Be sure that you completely understand any TREATMENT or PRESCRIPTION that the Race Vet recommends for your dropped dog – it is very important to follow the Race Vet's instructions completely.
- It is advised that you have the dog checked again by a Vet six hours after being dropped, and in some cases regularly for 12-15 hours. This is obviously dependent on your travel schedule. Don't hesitate to have a dog checked again by a Race Vet at the next checkpoint.
- Before leaving any checkpoint, determine if your musher dropped any dogs there – don't start driving unless you KNOW that all of your musher's dogs have been accounted for.

Conduct

The Code of the North dictates that “all travelers be courteous, helpful, generous and honourable”.

Please remember that as a handler you are a part of the overall image of the Yukon Quest and your musher. As such, your behavior and demeanor will be judged by all the people who observe us along the trail. It is critical that we all conduct ourselves in a friendly, courteous and professional manner.

The musher may incur a penalty, withdrawal or disqualification for rude behavior or inappropriate actions by a musher or handler. (Rule - Trail Procedure #49)

Packing the Truck

Here is a list of highly recommended items:

- Food Bags
- A hard tine rake AND a broom style/garden-leaf rake
- Hand warmers
- Long leash
- Good quality, strong and durable black garbage bags for clean-up
- Snow shovel and toboggan – good for setting up your campsite
- Water and food for everyone in your rig – dogs and humans
- Minimum 5 gallons of extra fuel
- Extra fluids for the truck - power steering, hydraulic, anti-freeze, oil
- Windshield wiper fluids, spare tire, jack, wrench
- Extra-long extension cord, battery charger
- A warm sleeping bag and extra winter clothing for road emergencies
- Maps, a copy of the YQ450 2023 Rules, **and this document**

Driving the YQ450

Be careful. This isn't a race for you. Stop when you get tired and convoy if possible.

Whitehorse to Braeburn (68 mi/ 110 km) From Whitehorse, you will head north on the Alaska Highway and turn right onto the Klondike Highway (North) following the signs to Dawson City. Braeburn Lodge is located on the Klondike Highway. Gas is usually available. It is recommended that you fuel up in Whitehorse. (Gas is reliably available at Carmacks, Pelly Crossing, and Dawson but check the station hours ahead of time.)

Braeburn to Carmacks (42 mi/ 67 km) From Braeburn continue north on the Klondike Highway. The checkpoint is located at the community center on River Drive. From the Highway turn left on Freegold Road and right onto River Drive. You will see the community center just up ahead.

Carmacks to McCabe Creek (40 mi/ 65 km) McCabe Creek Dog Drop is located at Mile 142 on the Klondike Highway. There is very limited signage so keep a keen eye out for the driveway on the left hand side (west side) of the highway. Handlers are usually permitted and welcome to drive into McCabe Creek Dog Drop, however **access is a one-mile long narrow driveway which is also the YQ trail.** Drive slowly, be careful, and watch out for dog teams. Ask Dog Drop volunteers for advice on parking as some areas are reserved for dog team parking. To avoid any conflicts we recommend parking your dog truck at the pull out area near the highway and walking into McCabe Creek Dog Drop.

McCabe Creek to Pelly Crossing (25 mi/ 41 km) From McCabe Creek continue north on the Klondike Highway to Pelly Crossing. The checkpoint is located within the Community Hall at the Northeast corner of town. Turn left at the gas station and follow the road toward the river.

Pelly Crossing to Dawson (155 mi/ 250 km) Continue north up the Klondike Highway. Turn left at Stewart Crossing. Watch out for traffic, especially large trucks. When you arrive in Dawson City, proceed to the checkpoint located within the Tourist Information Centre (Klondike Visitor Association) on Front Street.

Gas Station List

Between Whitehorse & Dawson

WHITEHORSE- numerous			
TAGS/ Husky	4221 4th Ave.	24hours/day 7days/week	
Petro CANADA	Mile 910 Alaska Hwy	24hours/day 7days/week	
BRAEBURN			
Braeburn Lodge	on Klondike Hwy (at Checkpoint)	0700-0100, full hours at race time	restaurant
CARMACKS			
Tatchun Center	on Klondike Highway	0730-2200	general store
PELLY CROSSING			
Selkirk Grocery	on Klondike Highway	1000-1900	grocery
Stewart Crossing (North 60 Petro)	on Klondike Hwy (btw Pelly & Dawson)	Mon-Thu 0900-1800, Fri-Sun 0900-1900	gas available 24/7 with credit & debit
DAWSON CITY			
Dominion (North 60 Petro)	In Dawson town site	Mon-Fri 0700-2100 Sat-Sun 0800-2100	gas available 24/7 with credit & debit
Bonanza Esso	on Klondike Hwy (before Dawson)	0900-1800	grocery
AFD Petroleum	KM 712 Klondike Hwy	24hours/day 7days/week	Cardlock open 24/7

As weather can be unpredictable during the Yukon winter, it is **strongly advised** that handlers keep dog trucks topped up with fuel whenever possible.

Final Words

Try and have some fun out there. This is an opportunity to meet new people and see some beautiful country. Read the race rules and carry a copy in your truck, you are responsible for the rules that apply to you, and by extension, your team.

The Yukon Quest is unique because you really are part of the team. Your actions can and will have a profound impact on your musher. Be supportive. Be patient. Let your musher "vent" if they need to. Everyone is going to be really tired, so try and stay focused on what your role is during the race.

There have been some impressive blow ups between mushers and handlers on this race in the past, don't let it happen to you. Some input from Joe May below, used with his permission:

A Note for First Time Yukon Quest Handlers:

"Since the inception of the Yukon Quest, the **handlers' convoy** has, for some, proven to be as grueling as the dog race. Frozen engines, flat tires, and blown transmissions aren't unknown. Cooperation with other crews long ago has become the norm. Please help each other if needed. It's a long cold road.

The upside is that it's an opportunity to meet some great new people. Over the years, waiting in the checkpoints, and on the long haul between Circle and Dawson City, I suspect there've been marriages made, divorces announced, 300-mile silences, tons of potato chips consumed, and maybe germination of a notion to run the race someday. In any event, have fun, stay warm, and drive safe...." *Joe May*

Be safe out there, help each other out, be patient with your musher and if you have questions, don't be afraid to ask the Race Marshal or a Race Judge. Thanks for participating and have a great race!

2023 Request for Extra Straw

All mushers automatically receive one bale of straw per checkpoint (except the start and finish) as well as one bale of straw at Scroggie Creek Dog Drop as part of your entry fee.

You may order full extra bales at checkpoints only. No extra straw may be ordered at McCabe Creek Dog Drop, Stepping Stone Hospitality Stop or Time Stations. No half bales may be ordered. **The cost of extra straw is \$10 CDN per full bale. Absolutely no straw will be permitted in food drop bags.**

Deadline for extra straw requests: Friday, November 25, 2022

NOTE: There is a NO REFUND policy for any straw sold

Musher Name: _____

Checkpoints	Straw Provided	Straw to be Purchased # of extra bales
Whitehorse	0	_____
Braeburn	1	_____
Carmacks	1	_____
Pelly Crossing	1	_____
Scroggie Creek	1	_____
Dawson City	0	_____

Total Cost _____ # of full bales x \$10 CDN = \$ _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. (MM/YY): ____ / ____ CVV: _____
Musher Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE

Payment Type (circle): Credit Card Cash Check E-transfer

Payment Date: _____ YQ Staff Signature: _____

2023 VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Please bring this form to your scheduled Vet Check appointment and complete with your Vet Check Veterinarian. Musers will be provided copies of this certificate as well as the Vet Check Exam Form prior to race start. **Please complete and sign 2 copies of this form.**

Musher Name: _____

Kennel Name: _____ Musher type (circle one): Rookie or Veteran

Medications Declaration Form

(to be completed by Musher)

As registered entrant of the YQ450 Sled Dog Race, I have read and understand Trail Procedure #42 – Drugs, of the official 2023 YQ450 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 YQ450 race.

I have provided accurate and complete information regarding any and all medications administered to any and all dogs entered in my YQ450 team. I also understand that I must inform the Head Veterinarian before the end of the Pre-Race YQ450 Musher/Handler Meeting if any additional medications have been started or administered since the Veterinary Check.

Musher Signature: _____ Date: _____

Veterinarian Name: _____ **Vet Check 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 450-mile sled dog race.

I have read *General Race Procedure #8 – Pre-Race Vet Check* and *Trail Procedure #42 – Drugs* of the Official 2023 YQ450 Rules.

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

Veterinarian Signature: _____ Date: _____

YUKON QUEST PRE-RACE EXAM- 2023

Musher: _____ Dog Name: _____

Circle: Rookie Veteran RACE: 100 mile 250 mile 450 mile

SEX: M F M/N F/S AGE: _____ Temperature: _____ Microchip # _____

	<u>Normal</u>	<u>Abnormal</u>		<u>Comments</u>
Attitude				
Weight				
Haircoat				
Skin				
Eyes				
Ears				
Nose				
Teeth/Mouth				
Heart			<u>Rate:</u>	
Respiratory/Lungs			<u>Rate:</u>	
Musculo-skeletal				
Front Limbs				
Hind Limbs				
Lumps/Bumps/Sores				
Feet				
Genito-Urinary				
Mammary Glands/Vulva				
Testicles				
Prepuce				
Rectum				
Abdomen				
History/ Injuries/ Comments / Medications				

Vaccination Status

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Date Administered</u>	<u>Administered by</u>
Rabies		
DH2PP		
Bordetella		

Veterinarian PRINTED NAME: _____

Veterinarian Signature: _____ Date: _____



2023 LOCAL CONTACT FORM

Please submit this form to the Yukon office or bring to the YQ450 Musher/Handlers Meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023. 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 Person (not your handler): _____

Phone for that person: _____

DOG TRUCK INFO

Will your truck be following the race? Yes ___ or No ___

Make _____ Model _____ Color _____

License # _____ State/Terr/Prov _____ Dog Box Color _____

Other truck details _____

HANDLER INFO

Will you have a handler following the race? Yes _____

No _____

Name(s): _____ Cell phone (if applicable): _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

WHITEHORSE ACCOMMODATION INFO

Hotel	Private Home
Hotel Name: _____	Family/ Contact Name: _____
Phone Number: _____	Contact Name: _____
Name on room booking: _____	Phone Number: _____
	Alternative Phone: _____

Please contact the Whitehorse office with any questions.

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MUSHER REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION

TS1 Dawson Trail – YQ100

- Straw – ½ bale of straw provided per musher
- Mandatory Stop – 4 hours & time differential
- Official check in & sign out with gear check
- Meal for ALL mushers (3 races)

Braeburn – YQ250 & 450 (YQ100 hand in SPOT/Trackers, Bibs & Vet Book)

- Accommodations – Mushers may sleep in their dog truck or a tent put up by their handlers. Three rooms with two beds each will be available to mushers in the bunk house.
- Straw – 1 bale of straw provided per musher
- Methanol – provided
- Mandatory Stop (or Carmacks) – 6 hours & time differential & Vet Check
- Meal for Mushers
- Official check in & sign out with gear check

TS2 Mandanna Lake – YQ250 & 450

- Meal for Mushers

Carmacks – YQ240 & 450

- Accommodations – Mushers may sleep in their dog truck or a tent put up by their handlers. Floor space available in the rec centre.
- Straw – 1 bale of straw provided per musher
- Methanol – provided
- Mandatory Stop (or Braeburn) – 6 hours & time differential & Vet Check
- Meal for Mushers
- Official check in & sign out with gear check

McCabe Creek – Dog Drop – YQ250 & 450

- Straw – 1/2 bale of straw provided per musher
- Meal for Mushers
- 18” coated drop cable required for any dropped dogs

Pelly Crossing – YQ450 (YQ250 hand in SPOT/Trackers, Bibs & Vet Book)

- Accommodations – Mushers may sleep in their dog truck or a tent put up by their handlers. Floor space available in the Link Centre.
- Straw – 1 bale of straw provided per musher
- Methanol – provided
- Meal for Mushers
- Official check in & sign out with gear check
- SPOT/Trackers – get the batteries changes
- Time Penalties – to be served or added to finish time

Stepping Stone – YQ450

- Meal for Mushers

Scroggie Creek – Dog Drop – YQ450

- Straw – 1/2 bale of straw provided per musher
- Meal for Mushers
- Methanol - provided
- 18” coated drop cable required for any dropped dogs

TS3 Granville – YQ450

- Mandatory stop if any rest still not taken
- Meal for Mushers
- Quick Vet Check

Dawson (YQ450 hand in SPOT/Trackers, Bibs & Vet Book)

- Time penalties – any time penalties assessed after Pelly will be added to the overall finish time

Race Veterinarians and mushers shall sign the vet book at all checkpoints. At checkpoints not requiring a mandatory vet check, the Race Marshal / Race Judge may sign the vet book if a Race Veterinarian is not present.

The health and condition of all dogs may be assessed at any checkpoint or time station; or in the case of a suspected emergency, at any point along the trail. Race Veterinarians in conjunction with the Race Marshal or a Race Judge may perform a veterinary exam or detain teams at any checkpoint or time station. No dog team will leave a checkpoint until the dogs in that team are fit to continue in the race.