



2024 YQ100

Musher/Handler Information Package

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Section I

Information for Musers

Hello YQ100 Musers,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, welcome to the 2024 YQ100 Sled Dog Race!

This Packet contains information you and your handler(s) will need to prepare for the 2024 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 2024 YQ100, please do not 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
Thu, February 1, 2024 8:00 AM until Completion	Vet Check	TBA		Veterinary Health Certificate and Exam Forms, Proof of Vaccination
Thu, February 1, 2024 3:00 PM	Musher & Handler Meeting, Food Drop	MacBride Museum	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, February 1, 2024 5:00 PM	Paperwork & Race Materials Signing	MacBride Museum		
Thu, February 1, 2024 6:00 PM	Meet the Mushers & Bib Draw	MacBride Museum	This is where you will draw your bib number.	
Fri, February 2, 2024 5:00 PM	Musher & Sponsor Evening	MacBride Museum		
Tue, Feb 6, 2024 4:00 PM	Post-Race Musher Meeting	Whitehorse	Mandatory for all YQ100 and YQ250 mushers. Closed YQ meeting.	
Tue, Feb 6, 2024 5:00 PM	Finish & Awards Evening	Whitehorse	Mandatory for all 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 24, 2023	Additional Straw Request Form (Appendix 1)	Submit to YQ office
January 6, 2024	Request for Housing	Contact the YQ office
Between March 2, 2023 and January 14, 2024	Combination Vaccine (Parvovirus and Distemper)	See YQ100 Race Rules 2024, Rule 4(b)
Between Sept. 2, 2023 and January 14, 2024	Bordetella (Kennel Cough) Vaccine	See YQ100 Race Rules 2024 , Rule 4(b)
No later than January 14, 2024	Rabies Vaccine	See YQ100 Race Rules 2024, Rule 4(b)
January 14, 2024	Vaccination records submitted	From musher to designated office
February 1, 2024	Veterinary Exam Form (Appendix 3)	Bring forms to Vet Check with top section completed. Fill in one page for every dog.
February 1, 2024	Veterinary Health Certificate (Appendix 2)	To be completed at Vet Check
February 1, 2024	Local Contact Form (Appendix 4)	Submit to YQ office, or bring to the Musher & Handler Meeting

VET CHECK INFO SHEET

DATE/TIME

Friday, February 1, 2024 at 8:00am

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

LOCATION

In Whitehorse – location TBA

ABOUT THE VET CHECK

All Musher's must attend the Vet Check. As part of your Entry Fee, mushers have access to all veterinary services provided at the Official YQ100 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 YQ100 Vet Check.

Microchips: Microchips are not required for the YQ100 and the chips will not be available for purchase at the YQ100 Vet Check.

Vaccinations: You will need to provide proof that all dogs in your YQ team have received their vaccinations as outlined in the 2024 YQ100 Race Rules, see YQ100 Race Rules 2024: 5(b). 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 YQ100 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 YQ100 Vet Checks or any requirements, please contact the Whitehorse office as early as possible.

TIME STATION INFO SHEET

There is NO food drop delivered to the time station. The following information is a guideline only. The best way to learn some of the planning tips and techniques is to get in touch with more experienced mushers, or visit our website to read mushers discuss their preparation.

STRAW

The Yukon Quest supplies ½ bale of straw at Time Station 1. If you want to bring extra straw, you can do so.

FUEL

Mushers must supply their own HEET/fuel which is to be stored in a certified, approved container and clearly labelled.

TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS OF THE YUKON QUEST TRAIL

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

Whitehorse 105 D

Lake Laberge 105 E

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 2024 YQ100. This package contains helpful information regarding trail procedures, rules, driving, packing tips and reminders to help you prepare for the 2024 race.

About the YQ100 Musher/ Handler Meeting

- Thursday, February 1, 2024 – 3:00 p.m. at the MacBride Museum.
- This meeting is **mandatory** for all 2024 YQ100 Mushers 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 YQ100 Rules Relevant to Handlers

Here are a few important rules that are especially important to Handlers. **Please note:** A full copy of the Official 2024 YQ100 Rules can be found on our website or acquired from the Yukon Quest office.

YQ100 Race Rules 2024: 6(f) - 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 YQ100 Trail between checkpoints. In the event of a loose dog or runaway team anyone may assist the musher without penalty to the musher.

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.

YQ100 Race Rules 2024: 6(a) - 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).**
- **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.

Finish Line Procedure

When the handler arrives at the Braeburn Finish Line, they are to identify themselves to the checkpoint personnel.

The handler should inquire about and familiarize themselves with the following:

- Debris/trash/straw collection or disposal points.
- The locations where the teams will be arriving.
- 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.

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. YQ100 Race Rules 2024: 6(a)

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
- 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

Driving the YQ100

Be careful. This is not a race for you. Stop when you get tired and convoy if possible. Please try to get to Braeburn well ahead of your Musher's arrival.

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 Station List

Between Whitehorse & Braeburn

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

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

2024 YQ100 Request for Extra Straw

All mushers automatically receive one ½ bale of straw at Time Station 1 as part of your entry fee.

You may order full extra bales at checkpoints only. No half bales may be ordered. **The cost of extra straw is \$10 CDN per full bale.**

Deadline for extra straw requests: Friday, November 24, 2023

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	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: _____

2024 VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Please bring this form to your scheduled Vet Check appointment and complete with your Vet Check Veterinarian. Musher's 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 YQ100 Sled Dog Race, I have read and understand YQ100 Race Rules 2024: 5(f) (Drugs) of the official 2024 YQ100 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 YQ100 race.

I have provided accurate and complete information regarding any and all medications administered to any and all dogs entered in my YQ100 team. I also understand that I must inform the Head Veterinarian before the end of the Pre-Race YQ100 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 100-mile sled dog race.

I have read YQ100 Race Rules 2024, Rule 5(a-g) of the Official 2024 YQ100 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- 2024

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: _____



2024 LOCAL CONTACT FORM

Please submit this form to the Yukon office or bring to the YQ100 Musher/Handlers Meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2024. 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

- Mandatory Stop – 4 hours & time differential
- Official check in & sign out with gear check

Braeburn – YQ100 hand in SPOT/Trackers, Bibs & Vet Book

- Official check in with gear check
- Mandatory vet check

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.