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## SP KENNEL'S RACING RESULTS:

*SP Black Team on the Yukon Quest*



*Allen at 50 Degrees Below Zero on the Yukon Quest*

SP Kennel had three teams in the Copper Basin 300 Sled Dog Race in January. The Red Team had a Top Ten finish (9th) out of the 51 teams entered. The Black Team crossed the finish line in 16th place and the R&B Team took 30th. Thirty-six SP Kennel dogs competed in the event.

Allen Moore and the Black Team completed a grueling 1,000 mile Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race in 6th place in February. Twenty-five teams started the event in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada. However, only 13 teams finished. Blizzards, white out conditions, ice, overflow and water were continuous trail hazards that made it incredibly challenging. Allen showed a "failure is not an option" perseverance and finished in 11 days, 7 hours and 32 minutes. Dingle, Quito, Meg, Nacho, Malibu, Biscuit, Rose, Olivia, Boondocks and Chica were in the team across the finish line.

Allen was awarded the Yukon Quest Sportsmanship trophy (a brand new beaver hat), along with two other racers. The race was very difficult this year and even the toughest of competitors had to help each other to survive.

Overall, the Black Team did amazing! After 1,500 miles of training and nearly 1,500 miles of racing they are fit and strong. Most of the Yukon Quest dogs, as well as Allen, are now moving on to Iditarod.

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# RACING RESULTS (Continued from front.)

**“It’s been over a decade since I traveled the 300 miles of Yukon Quest trail from Whitehorse to Pelly Crossing. I had forgotten its serene beauty.” -- Aliy Zirkle**

SP Kennel competed in the Yukon Quest 300 as well. A total of 38 SP K dogs were involved in the Yukon Quest venue.

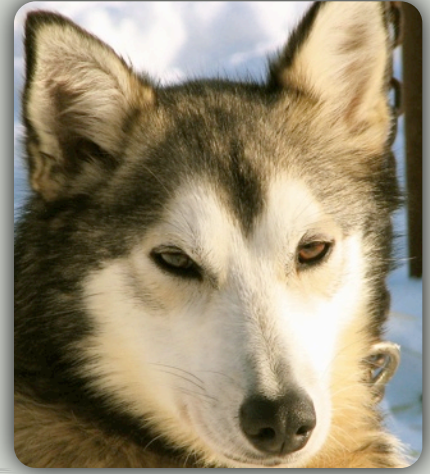
Aliy Zirkle’s Red Team was a combination of experienced veteran dogs and inexperienced novices. The squad came across the finish line in 4th place out of 23 teams.

Ryne Olson’s R&B Team had both wisdom and youth. Cha Cha, Bullet and Teddy led a

squad of younger dogs, including two 16 month olds (Scooter and Sissy), to a fantastic finish.

The Yukon Quest is an unforgettable adventure race. Whether you are on the sled runners for 300 miles, 1,000 miles or you are following a dog team by dog truck or GPS tracker - you were bound to be on the edge of your seat!

DINGLE – Yukon Quest Leader



# IDITAROD: ARE YOU READY?

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race travels 1,000 miles across Alaska’s harshest terrain and climates. The human/canine bond that allows this journey to succeed is phenomenal.

SP Kennel looks on the Iditarod as not only a competition of the highest calibre, but also premiere Alaskan transportation at its finest. The dogs that run the race today have their genetic roots along the Iditarod trail, and it’s awesome to follow their footsteps on this journey.

Aliy will once again be carrying her “Aliy Cam” (video camera) along the race. She hopes to capture the sights and sounds of the dog team traversing hundreds of wilderness miles.

The race will take 9 to 13 days to complete -- so, look for a winner around March 15th (and keep your fingers crossed!) We hope, most of all, for a safe, smooth journey across Alaska for all of our dogs and mushers!

Fans can follow the race on the Iditarod website: [www.Iditarod.com](http://www.Iditarod.com) or follow the updates at [www.SPKDogLog.com](http://www.SPKDogLog.com). The SP Kennel team rosters will be posted prior to the start, and any trail news or tidbits will be immediately shared on the website. All mushers will have GPS tracker units attached to their sleds so that officials and fans can follow their progress. A Trail Notes Iditarod Journal will be forthcoming in the summer.

Thank you to all who have followed us through out the year: Dog Sponsors, “Join the Team” members, corporate and individual supporters, school children and website fans. We love sharing this lifestyle and passion for sled dogs and the wilderness with you. ENJOY!

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race starts March 5th in Anchorage, Alaska. SP Kennel has entered the Red Team and the Black Team in this year’s event. Thirty-two SP Kennel sled dogs will take to the trail with mushers, Aliy Zirkle and Allen Moore. Are you READY?



SP Red Team Starts Iditarod

## About SP Kennel

Skunk’s Place (SP) Kennel is a premier sled dog racing kennel in Two Rivers, AK.

**We are dedicated to the individual dog through excellent health, nutrition, training and specialized care.**

We strive to be good-will ambassadors for the sport of sled dog racing, balancing winning performance with exceptional sportsmanship, community outreach and advocacy for the amazing Alaskan Husky.

### Upcoming Schedule:

- March 6th -- Iditarod
- March 10th - Two Rivers 100
- March 28th - Taiga 300
- March - April -- Natural Extremes Trips

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