



Alaska Dog Musher's Association, Inc.

2007 International Sled Dog Symposium

Pioneer Park Civic Center, Fairbanks • October 19–21, 2007

Mark your calendar!

The 2007 sled dog symposium will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 19–21, at Pioneer Park in Fairbanks.

See registration form on back page.

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www.sleddog.org/symposium

Enjoy a weekend of informative and entertaining sessions for every kind of musher and working-dog owner. Our exciting program includes distance mushing phenomenon **Lance Mackey**, an all-day Yukon Quest Rookie Workshop on Friday, a junior mushing presentation, a panel session on alternative kennel management, two special workshops for nonprofit organizations by the Foraker Group, veterinary presentations, and much more. This is a great opportunity to get the expert advice you've been looking for. Take a look at the preliminary schedule inside, and watch our website at www.sleddog.org/symposium for program updates, speaker biographies, and more detailed information.

Special events

Yukon Quest Rookie Workshop and Birthday Party

The Yukon Quest will help kick off the symposium on Friday with a rookie workshop and their annual birthday party. The workshop, from 10 AM to 4 PM, is strongly recommended for all rookies of the 2008 Yukon Quest (regardless of experience with other 1000-mile races!), but all future rookies are welcome to join as well. Hear from veterans, veterinarians, and race staff how to train, prepare for and run the toughest sled dog race in the world. See the symposium website, call 907-452-7954 (fax: 907-452-7959) or e-mail questmanager@mosquitonet.com for more information or to RSVP. The Yukon Quest will also host their 24th birthday party on Friday beginning at 5:30 PM. Enjoy a spaghetti feed, live music, drawings, and a no-host bar. Memberships and volunteer sign-ups will be available at the door.

Fundraising Auction

ADMA's Saturday night auction is a treat for mushers and nonmushers alike. All sorts of great stuff will be put on the auction block, both silent and outcry. Past auction items include sleds, chain-link fencing, dog food, and clothing for dogs and humans, as well as an amazing assortment of artwork, books, gift packages, gift certificates from local restaurants and merchants, and other nifty items. There will be delicious food and a no-host bar, and you can't ask for better company as you peruse the bounty. **Donations of all kinds are welcome! E-mail ndewitt@alaskabird.org.**

Best Invention Contest

Bring in your dog-related invention for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate from AIH. Entries will be on display at the trade fair all weekend and voted on by the public. Votes will be tallied and the winner will be announced at 1:30 PM on Sunday in the theater.

Can't come this year?

Missed a previous year? Buy the recordings. Sled Dog Studio has a variety of recordings from past and present ADMA symposia, available on MP3 CD, audio CD, and cassette. Go to www.sleddogstudio.com/symposium or see them at the trade fair.

Comfort Inn offers symposium rate

The Comfort Inn offers a special symposium rate of \$65/night + tax for participants. Conveniently located behind Pioneer Park, the Comfort Inn is dog-friendly and provides a complimentary deluxe continental breakfast to its guests. Call 907-479-8080 to reserve a room and **ask for the 2007 sled dog symposium rate.**



This year's symposium is cosponsored by the Fairbanks Junior Dog Musher's Association, Fairbanks North Star Borough Parks & Recreation Department Pioneer Park, and Eagle Pack Pet Foods. A City of Fairbanks bed-tax grant helps fund the ADMA symposium.

Friday, October 19

12 – 4 p.m. • Main floor and mezzanine
Trade fair setup in civic center

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Blue Room
Yukon Quest rookie workshop

This workshop is free for mushers who have entered the 2008 Yukon Quest race, and \$20 (separate from the symposium, to be paid at the door) for all other mushers. RSVP to the Yukon Quest (contact information on page 1).

4 – 7 p.m. • Lobby

Early-bird registration and advance registration check-in; snacks available until 5 p.m.

Avoid the Saturday morning rush! If you registered in advance, you can pick up your name tag and information packet on Friday. If you're paying at the door, beat the cashier lines Saturday morning by registering Friday night.

4 – 9 p.m. • Main floor and mezzanine

Trade fair opens for weekend—free and open to the general public

The trade fair opens at 4 p.m. Friday and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. **Many vendors will be offering Friday night specials to help celebrate the Yukon Quest's birthday.** Come take advantage of these early-bird deals. Your favorite mushing equipment suppliers will be there, as well as clothing specialists, sled builders, informational booths, and much more. Visit www.sleddog.org/symposium for a list of participating vendors.

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. • Theater

Junior mushing

Alaska 4-H Dog Mushing Program—Little Su 4-H Club
A free presentation.

7:45 – 9 p.m. • Theater

Canine observation and evaluation

Wes Rau

In this session, veterinary physical therapist Wes Rau will demonstrate how to look at a dog that has a difficult-to-diagnose injury, how to determine more precisely what is wrong, and how to treat what you see. A free presentation.

5:30 – 9:30 p.m. • Main floor

Yukon Quest birthday party

Celebrate the Quest's 24th birthday! Enjoy a spaghetti feed, live music, drawings, and a no-host bar. Food is free (but donations are gratefully accepted). Memberships and volunteer sign-ups will be available at the door. Sponsored by the Yukon Quest.

Saturday, October 20

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. • Lobby

Onsite registration and check-in; coffee and doughnuts for sale upstairs on mezzanine

Pay at the door if you didn't register in advance; advance registrants can pick up name tags and information packets in the express lanes. Don't forget to buy or renew your ADMA membership and get the club-member discount.

9 – 10 a.m. • Theater

Alternative kennel management

Laura Katucki, Bev Stevens, and Arna Dan Isacson

Kennels often take on different forms to fit the lifestyle of the musher. This session will include a short overview of each presenter's set-up, and the presenters will explain why they choose to run their kennel the way they do. The session will then open for questions and answers.

9 – 10 a.m. • Blue Room

Nonprofit board roles and responsibilities

Mike Walsh, PhD, the Foraker Group

Learn how different types of boards are configured and function, roles and responsibilities for board members, and key differences between staff and board responsibilities. This session will help you better understand the board's role in helping the organization accomplish its mission.

10 – 10:30 a.m. • Break—Go visit the trade fair! The fair is free and open to the public today from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Theater

Shoulder injuries

Wes Rau

Shoulder injuries can be complex, and recovery time can vary widely. Some injuries take literally months to heal. Wes will go over shoulder examinations and what they predict, what to do with an injured shoulder, and how to treat an acute injury versus a chronic one.

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Blue Room

Making the most of your awesome volunteers

Speaker TBA, the Foraker Group

Volunteers are the lifeblood of nonprofit organizations. Become more confident and better able to communicate why and how volunteers are necessary in your organization.

12 – 1:30 p.m. • Pioneer Hall

Mush with PRIDE luncheon and annual meeting

Old and new members welcome! E-mail info@mushwithpride.org for more information.

12 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (and time to visit trade fair); food available on third floor mezzanine

The use of recording equipment and cameras (with or without flash) during presentations is prohibited except by authorized press and personnel. • This is a preliminary schedule. Speakers, sessions, and schedule are subject to change. • Updates will be posted at www.sleddog.org/symposium. • Theater presentation audio will be live on the web. Watch the website for a link.

Saturday, October 20 (continued)

1:30 – 3 p.m. • Theater

Keynote presentation: Reward-based training for all dogs and all occasions—see how it works!

Claudia Sihler, The Better Companion

You don't need a clicker to train your dog with positive reinforcement methods. See right on stage how a dog can change within minutes. Take home ideas on how to improve communication between you and your dog—whether your dog is a pet, skijor dog, racing husky, or other working dog.

3 – 3:30 p.m. • Break—Go visit the trade fair!

3:30 – 5 p.m. • Theater

Vet care on the trail

Al Townshend, DVM

Tips for caring for your dog out on the trail and some basics about veterinary medicine from an Iditarod race vet.

3:30 – 5 p.m. • Blue Room

"My dog won't run"

John Schandelmeier and Zoya DeNure

A discussion of physical and psychological reasons why a dog might refuse to run, and creative ideas for fixes.

7 – 11 p.m. • Pioneer Park Civic Center

ADMA Fundraising Auction

Do you need dog food or a good book or a truckload of wood shavings? Maybe a warm hat, a new flashlight, or a box of dog biscuits? You will most likely find it at the auction. Join us Saturday evening for silent and outcry auctions to help raise funds that ADMA will use to support the symposium and other expenses such as trail maintenance and hall repairs. Visit our ever-changing list of auction items on the web (www.sleddog.org/auction/2007), and watch many more items magically appear Saturday night.

Sunday, October 21

8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. • Lobby

Onsite registration and check-in; coffee and doughnuts for sale upstairs

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9 – 10 a.m. • Theater

Comparisons of thyroid hormone concentrations in sled dogs

Kriya Dunlap, PhD

Kriya recently completed a study of the effects of environment and exercise on thyroid hormone concentrations in sled dogs. Learn about the results of this study to gain an understanding of how a dog's environment impacts thyroid function.

9 – 10 a.m. • Blue Room

Practical tips for successful breeding

Aliy Zirkle, Kathy Frost (tentative, depending on sea ice), and others TBA

Breeding sled dogs and raising pups costs time and money. Learn how to get the best from your dollars and your time. A well-thought-out breeding program saves you both, and increases the odds that you'll get good pups for your efforts.

10 – 10:30 a.m. • Break—Go visit the trade fair! The trade fair will be open today from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Theater

Feeding distance versus sprint

Al Townshend, DVM, and Arleigh Reynolds, DVM, PhD, DACVN

This question-and-answer session will cover current trends in feeding distance and sprint dogs, and how new, high-powered foods are being used. Take advantage of this great opportunity to get the specifics on customizing your feeding program to match your running style and suit your needs.

10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. • Blue Room

Waxing 101 clinic

Joel Buth

Learn how to wax skis and runners from one of Fairbanks' premier technicians.

12 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch (and time to visit trade fair); food available on third floor mezzanine

1:30 – 3 p.m. • Theater

A fireside chat with Lance Mackey: Whitehorse to Hollywood and everything in between

Lance Mackey, with Karl Kassel

Join Karl as he chats with Lance Mackey about his life, his dogs, what it's like to be nominated for an ESPY award, and (of course) about winning both the Yukon Quest and the Iditarod in the same year. Questions from the audience are encouraged!

3 – 4 p.m. • Main floor & mezzanine

Wrap-up and trade fair

Last chance to visit the trade fair, and to chat with fellow participants and organizers. Please let us know what you thought of this year's symposium!

No dogs will be allowed in the civic center without prior approval. Trade fair vendors who wish to bring dogs into the building MUST contact Lori Wilson at 907-457-3911; others should contact Ami Gjestson at 907-488-5621. • Please remember to turn off cell phones, pagers, and watch alarms during the presentations.

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...and receive information about our annual sled dog symposium and other activities. Associate membership will get you on our mailing list. General memberships are required if you intend to vote or race in ADMA events. Any ADMA membership qualifies you for discounts on your symposium registration. Memberships run May 1 through April 30. More about ADMA can be found at www.sleddog.org.

Information

Prices are for advance registration only. Fees after October 5 are \$35 for one day or \$65 for both days. Make checks payable to **ADMA** and mail to: **Bonnie Borba, 1740 Snowhook Trail, Fairbanks, AK 99709**. If you are using a credit card, you may fax this form to 907-455-9663 between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Alaska time.

Refunds will be given for symposium registration, minus a 25% processing fee, if requested by October 12. No refunds for memberships or trail passes. Substitute attendees are allowed with written notice.

Register NOW and save!

Please print legibly and fill in all the appropriate blanks. To register someone with a different address, please use a separate form.

Primary attendee name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Other attendees at same address:

#2 _____ #3 _____

Unless you have a lifetime membership, EVERYONE must renew membership below to get the ADMA member price.	ADMA member	nonmember	subtotal
1-day Saturday admission x _____ attendee(s)	\$25	\$30	
1-day Sunday admission x _____ attendee(s)	\$25	\$30	
2-day admission pass x _____ attendee(s)	\$45	\$55	
2007–2008 ADMA general membership List names of additional family:	\$25 +\$10 each add'l. family member		
2007–2008 ADMA associate membership	\$15		
2007–2008 Jeff Studdert Racegrounds trail pass	\$75	\$75	
Total amount enclosed			\$

If paying by credit card:

VISA or MasterCard # _____

Name on card _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____ V-code (3-digit #) _____