

International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race Runs Through Jackson
Twenty-one teams leave the starting line in eight-day event



Photo: Chris Havener

Jackson, Wyoming – January 27, 2012 – Recent snow in Jackson created the perfect course for the 21 teams leaving the starting line of the 2012 IPSSSDR. Crowds of locals, skiers, and dog lovers lined the track three people deep for a glimpse of the internationally-known mushers in town to vie for the \$100,000 purse. The race began with two dignitary teams followed by the 21 competitors off Jackson’s Town Square starting line on a course through the streets of town and ending at Snow King Resort.

Luc Mongeau, President of Mars Petcare North America, title sponsor for the race, drove the first dignitary team from the starting line, followed by Pedigree’s dignitary driver Ray Evans. Racing teams leaving the starting gate included 2011 IPSSSDR Champion Blayne “Buddy” Streeper, as well many of the top finishers from last year’s race.

Following the run through town, Pedigree hosted a free-to-the-public reception at Snow King Resort. The event concluded with a torchlight parade down the ski slope, music, and fireworks.

Following the Jackson stage, teams will continue to Lander, Pinedale/Cora, Big Piney/Marbleton, Alpine, Evanston, and Lyman/Mountain View, Wyo., over the next week before arriving in Park City, Utah, for the final stage and awards ceremony on Saturday, February 4. With its unique “stage stop” racing format, the IPSSSDR stops in

a different community each night, allowing Wyoming's host towns to show their hospitality: Festivities for mushers and spectators alike include pancake feeds, dog parades, banquets, carnivals, and snowshoe softball.

The Pedigree® brand actively supports a wide range of programs that promote responsible pet ownership and highlight the contributions dogs make to society.

The International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race, the largest dog sled race in the lower 48 states, was founded in 1996 by Frank Teasley to make sled dog racing more accessible to the public. For a complete schedule, visit the race website at www.wyomingstagestop.org; contact the race at 307.734.1163 or bark@wyomingstagestop.org. The race is also active on Facebook under International Pedigree Stage Stop and on Twitter at @IPSSSDR.

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Finish Position	Bib #	Musher	Elapsed Time	Average MPH
1	2	Ryan Redington	0:06:03	17.4
2	11	Bailey Cross Vitello	0:07:16	14.4
3	18	Warren Palfrey	0:07:34	13.9
4	8	Denis Laboda	0:08:00	13.1
5	17	JR Anderson	0:08:17	12.7
6	16	William Kornmuller	0:08:32	12.3
7	7	Erin Redington	0:08:48	11.9
8	12	Marco Rivest	0:09:07	11.5
9	21	Sam Palfrey	0:09:12	11.4
10	14	Al Borak	0:09:18	11.3
11	6	Kate St Onge	0:09:23	11.2
12	1	Bruce Magnusson	0:09:31	11.0
13	3	Blayne Streeper	0:10:12	10.3
14	4	John Stewart	0:10:35	9.9
15	22	James Wheeler	0:10:47	9.7
16	10	Stacey Teasley	0:11:00	9.5
17	19	Brent Beck	0:11:26	9.2
18	20	Richard Beck	0:11:31	9.1
19	15	Aaron Peck	0:12:17	8.5
20	5	Jerry Bath	0:14:02	7.5
21	9	Dave Turner	0:16:31	6.4