

## Important Information for 2023 Race

All participants must provide (as part of their entry to race) a list of 24 dogs that will become part of your dog pool. **This list MUST be submitted by January 15, 2023.**

At the pre-race vet check you will choose the 14 dogs for your team from this 24 dog list. Dogs from this 24 dog list can participate in any team in the race, each team will declare their 14 dogs at pre-race vet check day.

The dog pool sheets will be provided to you. The document will include dog information (age, sex, colour, markings), and **mandatory microchip information. Proof of current vaccination information including Rabies veterinarian signed certificates must be provided and accompany the pool list.**

A note from the lead veterinarian Dr. Veronica Devall -

Mushers are fully responsible for the health, wellness and conditioning of their dogs, which also includes up to date race required vaccinations and **as of 2022 required microchip identification of all race dogs.**

Microchips or radio frequency identification devices (RFID) for animals have been available since the 1990's. Presently there are several companies in the US, Canada and worldwide. There are 3 frequencies of microchips in the US and the Canada market. (125 kHz, 128 kHz and 134.2 kHz) **The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standard of 134.2 kHz has been adopted and implemented as the preferred or sole RFID technology for companion animals.** Universal scanners are needed to read or detect all three frequencies.

Mushers may obtain microchips with implantation either:

1. Through their veterinarians. Depending on the

clinic/vet relationship and number of dogs this cost could be anywhere between \$20-\$80/dog . The microchips are implanted and all paperwork is completed by clinic.

2. Purchasing microchips directly from the company or other (on-line). Cost per chip ranges greatly. Mushers would have to microchip the dogs themselves (YouTube or other helpful videos) and do all paperwork if registering either on free sites or through the company. Keep in mind choosing the less expensive microchip versions may not be as reliable and may be unreadable when scanned.

**Any unreadable chips will need to be redone at the prerace vet check.** There will be a \$20usd /dog fee if the race provides the chips.

For your information on reliable companies offering microchips:

Companies using AVID chips (134.2 kHz) charge \$20/dog USD, CAD and include life -time preregistration fee:

1. AVID (US)

1800-336-2843

contact Heather ext 1903

<https://avidid.com/avidsaves>

2. PETIDCO (Canada)

1800-338-1397

contact Marcy

<https://petidco.com/>

Any dogs that participate in the race and proceed through the vet check that has an unreadable chip , will Incur a 20\$ usd charge per dog. If you have chips that you would like to use, that is permissible, rechipping can be done at that time.

The completed dog participant list must be returned by January 15th 2022

## **For further clarification**

Mushers will have a pool of 24 dogs to choose from to participate in the race. They can be in your team or any other team registered in the race. At the vet check you will declare your 14 dogs and they will be designated to your team pool for the race. If you choose to sell, lease, loan or borrow a dog from another registered team that has a dog preauthorized team then that is permissible.

Simply, any dog racing in the 2023 race must have had paperwork submitted by Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2023, including vaccination verified and microchipped. This paperwork submission is considered part of your entry.

This is a requirement of entry, if paperwork is not received it will nullify your entry.

Paperwork to be submitted to Dianna Lehn