

NORTHERN ALASKAN MALAMUTE CLUB

*Presents the*

# GUTBUSTER

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**The Real Dog Equipment Company**



- Entries to:** Race Co-ordinator  
J. Harris  
2 Arran St  
Avondale  
Auckland 0600
- Start Time:** 5.00pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August
- Start Intervals:** We will be operating single starts with two (2) minutes between teams at the start.
- Time:** The winning teams will be determined by the fastest “trail time” (as per NZFSS Distance Race Rules).  
  
“All time involved on the trail shall constitute Trail Time including but not limited to meal and rest stops, stops mandated by weather conditions, lost time on wrong trails, etc.”
- Mandatory Rest:** Each team will be required to carry out a mandatory rest period of three (3) hours at one of the checkpoints during the course of the race.
- Water Drop:** Each team will be allowed a maximum of one (1) water drop during the course of the race. The container(s) is to be marked with the mushers name, and at which checkpoint it is to be “dropped”.
- Notification:** Each musher has to give at least five (5) minutes notice of their intention of leaving a checkpoint to either the checkpoint official, or the race marshall.
- Checking In/Out:** Each musher will be required to sign out, and in for each stage. This is so the race officials can keep track of each musher.
- Gear:** Each team will be required to start the race with all the equipment and supplies, apart from their designated water drop, needed to finish the race. Once a team has arrived at the clearing and has set up, then they can leave any stake out lines as well as the water received from their water drop at the clearing. Also if any camping equipment is set up, then this also will be allowed to remain in place.
- Trail Distance:** 50km (approx) depending on availability and condition of tracks at the time of the race. A reasonable level of fitness from both dogs and musher is recommended.

**Stage Lengths:** There will be 4 stages, varying from 10 – 15km (approx). We will Endeavour to make one stage 15km (approx), one stage 10km (approx) and two stages 12km (approx). The first stage we anticipate to start around the school camp area taking the race to a clearing which will be used as a central check-point where the remaining stages will start and finish.

**Trail Condition:** Actual trail we will use will not be known until nearer race time but the anticipated trail will be within a suitable distance to the Waiotapu School Camp. Most of the trail will be typically undulating, but do expect some decent hill climbs. The surface we endeavour to make sure is not too rough.

**Mushers Meeting:** Mushers meeting and bib draw - **3.00pm Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August.** Followed by a rig and gear inspection, then followed by a pre-race veterinary check. Each musher must be present during the inspection and the vet check.

**Accommodation:** Is at the Waiotapu School Camp. The NAMC is offering accommodation on both Friday and Saturday nights. Friday night accommodation is **\$10** per adult – children **FREE**. Saturday night accommodation is **FREE** to all. This to enable that everyone has plenty of time to travel, as well as maximizing on rest prior to the event.

**Meals:** We are not offering meals for this event, but the kitchen facilities (including fridge & freezer) will be available for use. There is also a BBQ that will be available for use. Tea & coffee, as well as hot soup will be available also at no extra charge.

**Prize-giving:** Will be held on the Sunday, approx 12 noon.

*The emphasis for the Gutbuster is on good dog care, sportsmanship and having quality time with your dogs & fellow mushers.*

## **Race Officials**

**Race Marshall:** Jim Coburn

**Race Co-ordinator:** Jolyon Harris

**Head Time-keeper:** Rachel Gatland

**On-site Race Veterinarian:** Vicky Charman

**Trail Boss:** John Watarawi

## **Mandatory Equipment**

- Headlight:** Forward facing White light that is clearly visible, attached to the rig or musher, or both. Spare batteries recommended.
- Tail Light:** Red rear facing flashing light attached to the rig and must be visible at all times.  
*Rear facing lights to be going at all times*
- Dog booties:** 1 full set (4) per dog either on dog or in rig bag.
- Safety line:** A safety line attached to your rig where the ganglines are secured.
- Water:** At least 1 litre per dog and a suitable container which allows a dog to drink to be carried on the rig at all times.
- Food:** One (1) day's dog food ration for each dog.  
One (1) day's food ration for the driver
- Stake-out lines:** Suitable lines to securely fasten dogs at check points.
- Hypothermia Blanket:** This must be carried on the rig at all times. This is to be provided by the individual musher.
- Protective clothing:** Parka, boots, headgear, mittens, socks, thermals etc.

## **Recommended Equipment**

- Helmet:** This is entirely up to the individual musher to use one or not, but it is advised to carry one if it is needed.
- Sleeping Bag:** If mushers wanted to have rest during stage stops, then obviously this will be essential.
- Shelter (tent):** If the weather is bad, or if the musher is intending to have rest, this will be a handy extra if needed.

## **ENTRY CRITERIA**

Entries will be accepted from any musher who, in the opinion of the race organisers and Race Marshall, has the experience and skill to safely complete the race trail.

## RULES & REGULATIONS

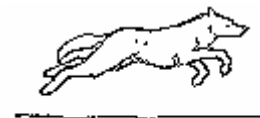
The race will run under NZFSS Distance Race rules

This event is not an NZFSS sanctioned event

### THE ORGANISERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY ENTRY

1. By signing this form you agree to be bound by the rules and regulations as set down by the organisers. Entry will not be accepted unless this form is completed in full, signed in the appropriate place and all money is due paid in full.
2. The organisers of the Gutbuster Sled Dog Race, the Northern Alaskan Malamute Club (“NAMC”), and the committee of the “NAMC” cannot be held responsible for accidents or injury to people, dogs, or equipment howsoever such injury or accident may be caused.
3. The organisers of the Gutbuster Sled Dog Race cannot be held liable for events that occur which are outside the control of the organisers and which may cause disruption to or curtailment of the event.
4. Suitable alpine clothing appropriate to the conditions must be worn by each musher and numbered race bibs must be worn if provided by the race organisers.
5. Brand advertising by each individual musher acknowledging their team/kennel sponsor(s) is at their discretion but shall not interfere with other individual mushers same rights.
6. Should the official race vet deem it necessary to administer drugs or supplies to any dog(s) during the running of the event the musher and/or owner of the dog/bitch concerned is liable for the cost of said drugs/supplies.
7. The advertised trail and start times are subject to conditions at the time of the race.
8. Any team still on the trail 2 hours after they begin each stage and not making sufficient headway deemed by the Race Marshall may be withdrawn from the event.
9. Any musher that is found to have received supplies other than their designated water drop, or any equipment that they didn't start the race with may be withdrawn from the event.
10. Any entry accepted from a musher is deemed to include all assistants/handlers associated with said musher and also includes all dogs in their care at the designated race area whether racing or not. The musher is responsible for the behaviour and wellbeing of all these people and/or dogs.
11. All entrants are expected to be familiar with the race rules (including NZFSS rules) and in any dispute ignorance of such rules will not be accepted as an excuse.

12. Bearing in mind that the overall intent of this event is for it to be a positive experience; if teams are withdrawn from the event, the decision of the RGO, Race Veterinarian and Race Marshall shall be final.



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# OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please fill in the following to register for this event.

Musher(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Size of team anticipated to be run \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs' Names: 1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_

Class (circle): 6 Dog / 3 Dog

Entry fee: per team @ \$100:00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodation: (Fri) @\$10 per adult # of adults \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make cheques payable to:** Northern Alaskan Malamute Club

Electronic internet banking is available. Please contact the race co-ordinator for bank A/C details.

**I agree to be bound by the rules & regulations as set down by the race organisers:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_