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PRIDE Regional Representatives:

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Seat 1-Kathy Frost (Oct
00-02) Seat 2-Ken Severin
(Oct 99-01)
Seat 3-Tonya Schlentner (Oct 00-02)

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00-02)
Seat 6-Jona Van Zyle (Oct 99-01)

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MWP Officers:

President: David
Monson Vice President:
Ken Severin Treasurer:
Kathy Frost Secretary:

There is the current **Mush with PRIDE NOMINATION** form enclosed.
Please take time to look it over and nominate a worthy person for the open positions!

PRIDE is looking for some HELP!!

We need the following:

A Web Master. Our Web page is up and running: check
it out at <http://www.ptialaska.net/~pridel/> but we need
someone to keep it current and filled with new and
interesting ideas. Sound like something you would like
to do?

e-mail : pride@polarnet.com

We also need a newsletter editor. You can be located
anywhere as a lot of our correspondence is done via e-
mail.

As you can see from this simplified current newsletter,
we would like to find someone who has some experience
in putting out a good product for our members!

e-mail: pride@polarnet.com

Thanks!

PRIDE Sled Dog Rescue:

The goal of Mush with PRIDE's Rescue Committee is to help mushers take good care of their dogs. We want to assist in preventing and alleviating the suffering of sled dogs living in inadequate kennel conditions. Kennel owners or others who seek advice will be given support through information and advisory resources. Cases of unwanted animals will be referred to agencies or shelters mandated for that purpose. If you know of someone who may need help, please call any of the following (if none of these volunteers is in our region, please call anyway-we'll still try to arrange for help).

Interior Alaska

David Monson 907-479-3825
Rick Swenson 907-488-0393
Ken Severin 907-455-6552
Tonya Schlentner 907-455-6861

Nick Vukich DVM 920-468-5800
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920-468-5800

Jeff King 907-683-6874

Southcentral Alaska

DeeDee Jonrowe 907-495-6691
Martin Buser 907-892-7899
Vern Halter 907-495-1197
Susan Whiton, DVM 907-495-1197

We need volunteers wherever PRIDE has members-let us know if you can help.

Colorado/Wyoming

Caroline Griffiths, DVM 970-613-0639

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Paula Ciniero 502-829-0339

Ohio

Kathleen M. Bailey, DVM 740-

344-2606

North Dakota

Eric Hansen 701-882-2272

Wisconsin

Amy Cooper 608-857-3615

The Annual Sled Dog Symposium in Fairbanks, Alaska will take place this year on Oct 12-14 at the Alaskaland Civic Center on Airport Way. This Symposium draws people from all over the world to hear great talks on sled dog care, breeding, racing, skijoring, injuries, strategies and feeding to name a few topics! Friday night starts off with Mush with PRIDE's presentation. This year it will center on trapping and what to do if your dog gets in a trap, multi-use trails and the care of trapping injuries.

Saturday and Sunday will begin with a large trade fair that runs both days along with talks, seminars and panels on many different subjects. Sandy Saundersen and Pam Flowers are both invited speakers. An auction Saturday night benefits the ADMA. It will be held at the Chena Convention Center. If you have anything to donate please contact Lynn Orbison 907-488-9685. Hope to see you there!

TITLE: PRIDE is an organization of volunteers.

Message from the Vice President

The title to this is very appropriate. David Monson, PRIDE's president is off on family business, so the job of getting the information about what Mush with PRIDE is up to came to me.

It is funny how people perceive Mush with PRIDE. There is no doubt that PRIDE is influencing the world of mushing through our Dog Care guidelines. Mushers across the world are using them to improve the quality of dog care and also to influence governmental regulation. Yet when you come down to it, PRIDE is a relatively small group of concerned individuals, not a huge organization with a large office staff to take care of the day to day details. Surprising for an organization that has as much influence as PRIDE does.

Since the last newsletter Mush with PRIDE has gotten a lot done, although we in "management" aren't fulfilling the job of getting a newsletter out as often as we want. Why? Ultimately it comes down to the fact that we no longer have a dynamic editor (and pushy!) who makes sure that stories get filed and that the president (or vice president) gets stuff in on time. Diane Herrman did a fantastic job for PRIDE for many years but has moved on to other things - PRIDE needs a newsletter editor. Often we get requests: "How can I help Mush with PRIDE?" Here is one, be our editor. With electronic communication you could be anywhere. Let us know.

The same thing is true for PRIDE's website. At the moment I'm keeping it somewhat up-to-date, but I know someone else can do better. If you want to manage a website for what is a major group in mushing, let us know.

Enough moaning. The kennel certification program is off the ground and our website is getting around ten hits a day and we have several applications turned in. Let us know how we can improve the program, which is designed to be a program made by mushers for mushers to improve dog care.

Alyeska Pipeline has agreed to print our Sled Dog First Aid booklet, designed as a pocket-sized manual for assistance on the trail. Expect to see it in the next few months. There has been interest from several mid/long distance races to use it as their vet book.

PRIDE is working on a children's version of the Dog Care Guidelines, and has a working draft. If we as responsible mushers can teach children the proper ways to take care of dogs then we can say we have done a good job. But what is it going to take to get the draft into a final form? Someone to take the initiative and do it. PRIDE is you.

The PRIDE board has talked about future projects. They include a manual on responsible breeding (talk about something that is a big topic!), dogbarns, and also helping insurance companies make intelligent decisions about whether or not to insure mushers. None of these things will happen without a lot of work. If you want PRIDE to keep making responsible dog care at the top of the list in mushing, let us know and pitch in.

On a more practical side, here in Alaska the leaves are starting to turn, the evenings are getting cool, the dogs are getting restless, and we are all waiting for the snow to fly. Happy Trails!

Ken Severin, Vice President

To: MUSH with PRIDE Members

Re: Slate of Nominations for the Board of Directors
From: MUSH with PRIDE Secretary
Date: September 10, 2001

The Nominating Committee of MUSH with PRIDE is in the process of gathering nominations for the following six seats of the board of directors. (Please refer to the list of directors on the bottom of this page to see who will carry over from the 2000-2001 year.) These directors will be serving for a period of two years. Their term will begin immediately after being instated at the September General Membership meeting.

Please submit your nominations to me by October 5, 2001. Submissions may be:

- 1) e-mailed to pride@polarnet.com
- 2) mailed to MWP POB 84915 Fairbanks, AK 99708.

You may nominate as many people as you would like, however we request that you receive the consent of the nominee. Please include the individual's phone number so that we may confirm his/her willingness to serve on the MUSH with PRIDE Board of Directors. The term of the directors will be two years with approximately 1/2 of the board being elected yearly. You may nominate people from Alaskan regions other than the one that you are located in, just remember to get their consent. If you have any questions concerning these nominations, please contact our office at 1-800-50-PRIDE (outside Fairbanks) or 907-457-6241 (Fairbanks area). You may nominate a many people as you would like.

Thank you for your assistance.

Board Nominee; name _____
address _____
phone number _____

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address _____
phone number _____

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address _____
phone number _____

Board of Directors for MUSH with PRIDE
carry-overs from the 2000-2001 year and vacancies to be filled for the 2001-2002 year.

Regional Representatives

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