

# Basic Sled Dog Nutrition Seminar

Thursday, November 9, 2006

Sponsored by Breeders Education Committee

Advance Registration: \$10, due by Friday, October 27, 2006

Day-of-Seminar: \$12, if space is available

The presentation will discuss the variables to consider when developing a diet for the racing sled dog. There will be information about the value of fat, protein, and carbohydrates, as well as supplements commonly used. We will discuss what the bag tells us about the contents and what it does not tell us. We will also discuss some of the newer concepts to consider when formulating a diet for your particular team.

## **The Presenter: Dr. Al Townshend, Staff Veterinarian, Eagle Pack Pet Foods, Inc.**

Dr. Al graduated from the University of Georgia School of Veterinary Medicine in 1969. In 1972, he established a private practice in Chestertown, MD. His awareness of the value of nutrition led him to take a position as a consultant for Eagle Pet Products, Inc., in 1993. Recently, Dr. Al sold his practice and took a full-time position as Staff Veterinarian at Eagle Pack. He has been an active volunteer in his community, as well as internationally, serving with various organizations, including the International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association. He has been a volunteer trail veterinarian on many sled dog races throughout North America, including the Iditarod, John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon, Montana Race To The Sky, and the Wyoming Stage Stop Sled Dog Race. Dr. Al has received the coveted "Golden Stethoscope Award" from the Iditarod for contributions above and beyond the call of duty in bringing veterinary care to the dogs of the Iditarod.

**Also present:** Dr. Sonny King holds a doctorate degree in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Georgia. In 1993, he attended his first Iditarod, serving as a trail veterinarian. Over the next four years, he earned the respect of his peers and the mushing community, who presented him with the first-ever "Golden Stethoscope" award. In 1997, he took to the trail in order to learn more about canine athletes, finishing 42nd. In 1998, he captured the "Most Improved Musher" title, finishing 25th. In 1999, he finished 22nd. In 2000, Dr. Sonny lost his self-proclaimed title of "experienced rookie" when he finished the Iditarod in 18th place—not bad for someone who lives in South Carolina, where it rarely snows. He has served as chief veterinarian for the International Rocky Mountain Stage Stop Sled Dog Race and is a regular in training races. He has also served as a member of the Iditarod Trail Committee and the International Sled Dog Veterinary Medical Association.

<p><b>Mail to:</b> <b>Leesa Thomas</b> <b>1570 High View Drive</b> <b>Mount Vernon IA 52314</b></p> <p>Questions? Contact Leesa@gotoadventure.com 319.895.0030</p>	<p><b>Pre-Registration Form: \$10.00</b> Checks payable in US funds to AMCA.</p> <p>To use a credit card, please complete the information below. A 5% processing fee will be added to all charges.</p> <p>Credit Card: __ MC __ Visa Exp: _____</p> <p>Name on Card: _____</p> <p>CC #: _____</p> <p>I hereby authorize use of this credit card. Signature: _____</p>
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