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More Mushing Terms

Harness: a webbing of fabric that fits a dog snugly to hitch to gangline

Haw - Command to lead dogs to turn left

Hike! Command to get the team moving.

Husky - in common usage, any northern breed dog - properly, a **Siberian Husky**.

Lead Dogs: the dog or dogs in the front of a team. These dogs are noted for their high level of intelligence.

Mush! many people think this is the term used to get a team going **Hike!** More commonly used.

Musher: a person who drives a sled dog team - also called a **Dog Driver**.

Neckline: a short line (10-12 inches) attached to the **Harness** and **Gangline**, that keeps the dogs in line.

Point Dogs - denotes the two dogs right behind the **Lead Dogs**. Also called **Swing Dogs**.

Runners: the narrow pieces of wood that a sled rides on. Some have a replaceable plastic layer to reduce maintenance. The **Musher** stands on them.

Safety Line: an extra line from the **Gangline** to the sled, in case the main fitting breaks.

Snow Hook: a large metal hook that can be driven into firm snow to anchor a team for a short period of time without tying them.

Team Dogs: all dogs other than the **Lead Point Dog, Swing, or Wheel Dogs**.

Toboggan Sled: a sled with a flat bottom instead of runners. Used when deep, soft snow is expected instead of a good trail.

Tuglines: the main line that connects the dog's harness to the **Gangline** - the line that the dog tugs on.

Wheel Dogs: the two dogs right in front of the sled. These will normally be the heaviest dogs in the team.

Whoa: the command to get the dog team to stop (maybe). **Everyone always asks how the musher gets the dogs to "go"**.

The response from a musher would be, "How do you get them to stop?"



DIRECTIONS

From the South: At the intersection of Routes 6, 11 and 16 in Milo go North on Route 11. Bear left after one-tenth of a mile and remain on Route 11.

Continue on Route 11 for approximately seven and one-half miles until you see a green bridge with overhead girders. Before the bridge, you must turn left onto Railroad Avenue. Stay on Railroad Avenue, travel 4/10 of a mile, and you will see the start of the race at the head of Railroad Avenue.

From the North:

Travel south from Millinocket on Route 11 for approximately twenty-five miles until you see a green bridge with overhead girders. After the bridge you must immediately turn right onto Railroad Avenue. Stay on Railroad Avenue, travel 4/10 of a mile, and you will see the start of the race at the head of Railroad Avenue.



3rd Annual Brownville - KI and Beyond Sled Dog Race & Dog Days of Winter Saturday January 28, 2012



**For more information, call:
Brownville Town Office
965-2561
Or
Race Coordinator
Terry Knowles 965-8120**

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Race starts at 10:00 AM at the head of Railroad Avenue, Brownville. The 30-mile race trail is a scenic out and back course which traverses varied terrain. Race entries at www.critterwoods.com

Come watch the dogs and join us for the other great Dog Days of Winter activities. Prizes are awarded for some events:

TURKEY BOWLING – AMERICAN LEGION SPONSORED. CONDUCTED BESIDE THE AMERICAN LEGION. *All ages can enjoy bowling with a frozen turkey to hit ten 2-liter frozen soda bottles.*

SNOW ART – AMERICAN LEGION SPONSORED. CONDUCTED VICINITY AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING. *Using food coloring spray bottles, artists paint on snow. Pictures are taken for later judging.*

SCAVENGER HUNT– LOCATION AND SPONSOR TO BE DETERMINED

SKATING - LOCATION AND SPONSOR TO BE DETERMINED.

SNOW TUBING - LOCATION AND SPONSOR TO BE DETERMINED.

HUMAN MUSHING - CONDUCTED BY THE MAINE HIGHLANDS SLED DOG CLUB (TMHSDC) SPONSORED BY BROWNVILLE JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI. COURSE TO THE REAR OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. *Bring your friends and enter to drive and pull a sled as a team.*

ONE DOG RACE - CONDUCTED BY THE MAINE HIGHLANDS SLED DOG CLUB (TMHSDC). COURSE TO THE REAR OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING. *Participants of all ages invited to try mushing.*

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE PUBLIC DINNER (BY DONATION) **AND THE MUSER AWARDS** - SPONSORED BY BROWNVILLE JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. *Enjoy a hearty spaghetti dinner sitting side-by-side with the mushers and the volunteers.*



Joan Chapman of Brownville, a 30-miler racer, January 2011

Mushing terms

Alaskan husky: a northern dog of mixed breed, bred for racing.

Basket: the main body of a sled, where passengers or gear may be carried.

Booties: slippers for dogs, worn while working under certain conditions to prevent ice forming between their toes. Made of a wide range of fabrics, including fleece and Gore-tex

Brushbow: the curved piece out in front of the main body of a sled, designed to stop brush from damaging the sled.

Dog Bag: a fabric bag carried on a race sled, used to put a sick or injured dog.

Dog Box: a carrier for several dogs, most often seen as a wooden structure in the bed of a pickup truck.

Driving Bow: the handle that the musher holds on to - also called a **Handlebow**.

Gangline: the main line that the dogs and sled are attached to.

Gee: Command to lead dogs to turn right

Handler - a person who assists the musher.