

February Interview with Nicole Forto

3A: How many dogs are you still training for the race?

Nicole: We're still training all the dogs because even though a select few are going to be on my race team, they all need the exercise.

3A: How many dogs will be on your final team?

Nicole: I'm allowed a 12 dog team therefore I will be taking 12.

3A: Are their sponsors for Junior Iditarod mushers like there are for Iditarod mushers? Do you have any sponsors? If so, how many and who are they?

Nicole: Yes, junior mushers can receive sponsors just like in the Iditarod. I have four sponsors: Team Ineka - my dog kennel, Alaska Chicks Clothing Company, Dale Campbell, and my grandparents.

3A: Do you know how many junior mushers are signed up now?

Nicole: I believe there are 15 mushers signed up.

3A: What inspired you to run dog races?

Nicole: My dad's dream of running the Iditarod inspired me to help him train the dogs which led to me running races.

3A: Do you have all of your mandatory gear yet?

Nicole: Yes, because I have raced before I had all of my gear ready.

3A: Do you have to do drop bags like the Iditarod mushers? If so, what did you pack?

Nicole: Yes, I was allowed to pack food for the dogs, food for myself, booties, extra gloves, and necklines/tuglines.

Thank you for all your support!!