

What are checkpoints?



One of Jeff King's dogs looking over the dog lot.

Checkpoints are places mushers are required to stop along the trail. Some of the checkpoints are villages, some are roadhouses, and some are just tents set up just during the race. At each checkpoint mushers are required to check in with the checker who records their official arrival time. Veterinarians will examine the dogs and sign the vet book. Some mushers will stay and rest, while others will take their food drop bags and continue down the trail. Mushers are able to get a short nap and meal at the checkpoints. All mushers are required to take one 24-hour layover at one of the checkpoints. They are also required to take an 8-hour layover along the Yukon river and an 8-hour layover at White Mountain.