



Dear Veterinary Technician:

The Veterinarian Technician race application window is from July to December before the following year's race, with technicians getting notified of their selection by December. Applications are submitted through the Iditarod Volunteer website [here](#) or through requests for a digital link. Requests can be made by emailing my Lead Veterinary Technicians **starting July 1st (see below)**. Please refer to the information below to know if you are applicable before submission.

### General Information for Iditarod Veterinary Technicians

The Iditarod Trail International Sled Dog Race is an Anchorage-to-Nome marathon event that takes place every March. There are 500 - 1200 canine participants. The Veterinary Program utilizes a team of ~15 pre-race and ~10 racetime trail technicians to help screen and care for them, respectively. General requirements include:

- Be able to lift 50 pounds and physically and mentally capable of working long hours
- Be able to volunteer for a minimum of 7 consecutive days
- Must have >2 years clinical experience (previous sled-dog experience highly desirable)
- Be competent in restraint and handling
- Must have fluency in the English language, take direction well, have excellent communication skills

**Pre-race ECG Technician:** Technicians are utilized in indoor locations throughout Alaska for up to 3 weeks leading up to the race to obtain ECG traces and bloodwork. Requirements for this pre-race role, in addition to those general ones above, include:

- Must have a current permanent license in good standing
- Competent in phlebotomy (jugular stick)
- Capable and comfortable working on the floor

**Racetime Trail Technician:** Technicians are stationed at specific trail hubs along the trail during the race to assist veterinarians in caring for Return Dogs. Requirements for this trail role, in addition to those general AND ECG ones above, include:

- Be able to work 8 - 12 hour shifts (trail hubs function 24-hrs a day)
- Comfortable flying in small planes (trail hubs only)
- Have proper gear and be able to work in arctic conditions
- Have previously attended the Pre-race ECG Program

If you have any questions, or are looking for more information, please contact my lead technicians below.

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Thank you for your interest!

Regards,



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