

Musher Expenses
provided by Alaskan musher Eric Rogers

This information was Eric's Iditarod budget. He added comments and notes which you will find below the table.

Race Supplies	Qty	Per	Total
Kibble - 50Lb bags	30	\$45	\$1,350
Fat Blend - 24 lbs / bucket	15	\$40	\$600
Snacks (lbs)	250	.50¢	\$125
Booties	2000	.80¢	\$1,600
Dog Meds - Algyval, Foot Oint, etc	1	\$400	\$400
Spare harnesses	5	\$20	\$100
Supplies for Musher			
Chemical Hand warmers	200	\$1	\$200
Driving gloves	3	\$25	\$75
Chore gloves	28	\$2	\$56
Wool Socks	21	\$10	\$210
Extra Facemasks	5	\$25	\$125
Long Underwear	5	\$70	\$350
LED Headlamps	2	\$60	\$120
Musher Food	1	\$500	\$500
Misc Cash	1	\$250	\$250
Other			
Entry Fee	1	\$1,850	\$1,850
Ship Food Drops	1	\$700	\$700
Fly team from Nome	1	\$600	\$600
Xtra plastic sled runners	3	\$50	\$150
Gang Lines for Race - 16 dogs	1	\$200	\$200
Shipping Spare (2nd) sled	1	\$250	\$250
Vet Deposit	1	\$200	\$200
		Total	\$9,846
Nice, but not necessary items			
	Qty	Per	Total
New sled + bag	1	\$2,500	\$2,500
New set Arctic Clothes & boots	1	\$1,250	\$1,250
Veteran Lead Dog	1	\$2,500	\$2,500
Annual Kennel Expenses			
Kibble - 10/50 Lb bags/month	120	\$45	\$5,400
Fat - 1.5 24 lb tubs/winter mo	14	\$40	\$560
Vet Care - shots +	-	\$600	\$600
Purchase new dogs	3	\$600	\$1,800
Harnesses/Lines/Dog Box/Sleds	-	\$500	\$500
Other Races - entry fees, travel, etc	2	\$700	\$1,400
		Total	\$10,260

In 2006, Eric spent \$13,000 for the 21 dog kennel, which didn't include race expenses.

His top expenses were;

- dog food at \$1.00 / lb., totaling \$7,500.
- vet care (including worming and vaccinations) was \$4,400 for the year which includes \$1,200 for a single dog that got sick in December
- about \$3000 on fuel for the dog truck for the year
- another \$2,500 or so for the three earlier (training) races

(divide these costs into monthly expenses for the budget)

Eric explains further that he would have spent another \$1,000 on booties other than for Iditarod, but he recycled used, but still usable booties for that.

He needs to buy three new dogs to replace dogs that are retiring which will run between \$3000 - \$5000, and he needs a new sled to replace the broken one - that will run \$1,500 to \$4,000.

Eric pointed out that if you do a monthly budget you need to have a large reserve fund to handle things like the dog that got sick, the broken sled, and the replacement dogs.