



Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®

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THE 2007 SEPPALA HERITAGE GRANT RECIPIENT IS ANNOUNCED

Wasilla Alaska, (June 23rd, 2006) THE IDITAROD TRAIL COMMITTEE is proud to announce that the 2007 Seppala Heritage Grant is Jonathan Korta from Galena. The 40 year old Alaskan musher has been hooked on the sport of mushing since he first witnessed the annual spring carnival dog races in the Alaskan village of Venetie.

The Seppala Heritage Grant is specifically designed to help fund the efforts of mushers who aspire to run the "Last Great Race to Nome" for the first time. Applicants have to demonstrate a commitment to work with, train and race sled dogs, and show value traits of generosity of spirit, courage, integrity and love for the dogs, land and people of Alaska.

Korta raises and races Alaskan Huskies. He has already completed four Iditarod qualifying races including a first place finish in the 2004 Yukon Quest 250. Korta is President of the Galena Dog Mushers Association, and a long time Iditarod Volunteer. He is married to Tanya and the two of them are raising three children and twenty-nine huskies.

The Seppala Heritage Grant was founded by the Seppala Family with a \$10,000 donation and a four-year commitment of \$10,000 per year per recipient. It is the hope of the Seppala Family and the selection committee that other persons or organizations will donate to this charitable grant with money or services, thereby increasing the outreach potential of this grant. Grant funds are administered by Iditarod National Historic Trail, Inc., a private, nonprofit organization with 501, C-3 federal tax status.

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