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TRAIL TAILS

PREPARING FOR THE IDITAROD FROM FLORIDA

✧ Where is Winter? ✧

That is the question Floridans are asking this year. With temperatures well above normal, outdoor enthusiasts have donned their beachwear instead of winter jackets.

This winter I have spent a lot of time outdoors enjoying the beach and boating thanks to temperatures in the mid 80's.

These temperatures have afforded me

the opportunity to see bottlenose dolphin frolicking in the lagoon (right) and have

allowed me to spend more time in shorts than any past winter.

As my winter clothes arrive for my trip, it seems so surreal especially when I have to adjust the thermostat to make it cooler just so I can try them on.

Although it has been enjoyable, I am looking forward to snow and cold temperatures - I can't wait to wear all of the cold-weather

gear out on the trail!



Kenai's Korner

Kenai enjoys being outside as much as possible. Here she spends some time in the yard watching the kids play lacrosse. If Kenai were to go to Alaska right now, she would need a winter coat, but not here in Florida!



My Family

I wanted to take a moment and thank my family for the support and understanding they have given me as I follow my Iditarod dream. Hunter, MacKenzie, and

Kevin, I will miss you terribly and am saddened by the fact that you will not be by my side experiencing all the wonders of the trail.

Thank you and I Love you all very much!!

