



**I**n the time it takes to run the IDITAROD TRAIL INTERNATIONAL SLED DOG RACE, astronauts would circle the earth from 250 to 400 times! Why then do men and women put themselves through 1,049 miles of brutal, grueling, grinding torture to compete?

**D**og musher HOWARD ALBERT is from Ruby and will be running once again. HOWARD has been training hard all year to beat his 7th place finish in the last IDITAROD he ran, back in 1979. His time was 16 days, 07:26:40. He fully intends to beat that time this year.

**I**f his sister ROSE ALBERT has anything to say about it, HOWARD is going to win. ROSE used the Albert dog-team last year and finished 3rd among the women competitors in the time of 20 days, 4:54:53. And this was her, and any Native woman's first try in this event.

**T**raining and maintaining a dog-team, travel expenses to get to Anchorage and return to Ruby, sleds and equipment, all of these make it an expensive proposition. HOWARD ALBERT needs another \$4,000 to make a run for the championship this year.

**A**re you willing to become part of a winning team? If you, your company or your corporation wants to help sponsor HOWARD ALBERT, in any way, please let us know. We will turn away no one who wants to see HOWARD ALBERT compete this year.

**R**OSE or HOWARD ALBERT can be reached by writing to them at P.O. Box 2, Ruby, Alaska 99768 or you can call either one of them there at (907) 468-4421. If Howard is not there to answer, you'll know he is out with his dog-team, training, training and training.

**O**r, you can call Diane E. Benson in Anchorage at (907) 344-8666 to express your interest and support. As to WHY people put themselves through these rigorous paces to finish, it is probably as easy an answer as why men climb mountains: Because it's there!

**D**rop the ALBERTS a line today or give them a call. If HOWARD is willing to devote so much time and energy, why not help in the realization of his goal to compete in and to win the 1983 IDITAROD TRAIL INTERNATIONAL SLED DOG RACE!



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