

Hi Sled dog fans!

Wow, how time does fly! Summer is already gone and fall training is in full swing. The mornings are nice and cool for running dogs.....now all we need is snow! This winter is going to be a very busy one for sure. I am currently working with Triple Creek Ranch in Darby, Montana. I have been working for them all summer in their horse program taking guests out on horseback rides, cattle drives, and team pennings. Triple Creek is a great place to work, it has been a lot fun and I have met so many wonderful people! I will continue to work with them this winter taking guests out on dog sled rides but I do also plan on racing as well. With 60 dogs in training for both tours and racing it will keep me busy for sure! I have a great bunch of dogs I am very excited about this year. There is 32 in training for racing and the rest of the kennel is mostly young dogs (yearlings and puppies) and a few older race retirees that will help out with the tours for the winter.

Right now I am using a 4-wheeler to train the dogs with but I sure can't wait for snow so I can use a sled again. In Alaska I have always been able to run with a sled around the end of October but here in Montana we don't usually get enough snow until mid December so I guess I better get used to the 4-wheeler for a while! I have a great place to train though. I live on the CB ranch which is affiliated with Triple Creek and has miles and miles of roads to train on and they also connect to endless miles of forest service roads as well. We see lots of deer and elk all the time so it never gets boring.

I have a litter of 9 week old puppies right now that are pretty darn cute. There is 4 pups, 2 females and 2 males. I decided to name them after tropical islands so the girls are Kokomo and Aruba and the boys are Montego and Jamaica. Their mother is Lucy who is one of my main race dogs and has finished Iditarod the last couple years. Lucy's mother and the pups grandmother is Kuling who finished 9 Iditarod's with me and the last one at 12 yrs old! Should be some good pups if they are anything like their parents!

I hope everyone has a great winter and holiday season coming up! Please check back in and I will try to keep updates on our progress through out the winter and if you want to go on a dog sled ride with us come visit us at Triple Creek Ranch! Hope to see you soon!

Happy Trails!  
Jessie and the J team