

BELOW ARE THE DISPATCHES FROM THE FIELD THAT BENGT AND SIGRID SENT FOR PUBLICATION ON THE BORGE OUSLAND WEBSITE. THEY ARE WHAT FRIENDS AND FAMILY SAW DURING THE EXPEDITION. (ALF WAS THE TRIP COORDINATOR.)

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GREENLAND CROSSING SUPPORTED BY DOGSLEDGE



Almost there... the team has been preparing for months now. Itineraries, flights, equipment, permits at work, family...all had to match. Finally now all of them are ready to fly to Kangerlussuaq and start the crossing. On the East side of Greenland our guide Sigrid Ekran is ready to go as well. Since dogs "live" in Isortoq she will have to cross the Icecap first in order to meet the team at dog camp West side.

Here's is today's report :

Playing with kids and pup's at Isortoq. Great people and an amazing village of 40 adults and 23 kids. Everyone so welcoming and happy!

-Sigrid



HAPPY DOGS

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Yesterday we drew a depot of dogfood and fuel 22km up the icefall in beautiful sun with happy dogs.
Yesterday we got the rest of the gear up and had our first night in the tent.
Happy campers, dogs and people!
Kristin, Salo, Sigrid and dogs



WINDY...

Today windy day, amazing dogs!!
Salo is teaching us some Greenlandic in the tent.
-Sigrid

WIND AND SNOW...

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Strong winds during all day made us stay in camp.
Cozy in the tent and in the dog's snow caves.
We got visitors from Denmark crossing west to east on skis.
Happy campers!
-Sigrid

ALWAYS HAPPY DOGS.

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Sigrid and "Friendly"

Great day yesterday, still windy but also sun. Amazing dogs! I'm really falling in love with these tough, strong, hard working and always happy dogs.
Salo is teaching us to braid rope in the tent. Fixing gear is a daily evening job.

Sigrid,



Fixing rope in the tent. Kristin and Salo

SUN AND NO WIND

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Our first day with no wind.

Everything is so white, blue and amazing on days like this.

It is cold, around -20C, but the sun warmed us up and we enjoyed a lunch break in the warmth of the sun :)

-Sigrid



THIS IS HEAVEN

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Picture 1:
"Crazy";

I'm so proud of my new sweet blue shoes!

Greenland dogs has really good paws, but even for them booties are good for preventing iceballs under their feet.

Picture 2:

we are getting close to summit and yesterday Kristin saw a polar fox on the ice.

Dogs are doing awesome and the moon is almost full.

This is heaven!



AT THE SUMMIT

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We have passed the summit and are now only about three days from Dye 2. It's cold, but so beautiful! The sun makes a big art gallery for us.

Cheers!

-Salo, Kristin, Sigrid and dogs

SALUTE FOR ALL THE DOGS !!!

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Windy and cold day, ground storm. The weather looks great up in the sky, sunny and blue.

We are cold, but the dogs seems to love the cold weather, so happy to be on the ice.

Salute for all the dogs!!

- Salo, Kristin, Sigrid and dogs

GREENLAND SUNSET

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We have passed summit on our route, and are now only one day from the radar station Dye 2.
The thickness of the ice cap is 3000 meter. 85% of Greenland, Kalaallit Nunaat, is covered by ice, and 56.000 peoples live here.
We enjoyed the sunset from our "home" last night.
-Salo, Kristin, Sigrid and dogs



READY TO GO !

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Both teams, ski crossing and dogsled team, have arrived to Kangerlussuaq, almost finished preparations and are ready to start.

Tomorrow about noon they head up to point 660 where they will leave the car and start taking all equipment up the Icefall.

More news tomorrow !

DYE II

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We made it to the old radar station Dye 2 last evening. Dogs got crazy when they saw the large dome about 15 km away, and we had a fast run! Now it is breakfast time in the tent, and after packing the sleds we are going inside the abandoned station to visit the old ghosts.

- Happy campers!



Camp outside Dye 2

"Mikey Ma" a teddy bear of a dog, so kind and always happy :)

READY

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Both teams have taken off from Kangerlussuaq and up towards the ice.



In the bus, towards point 660

They are heading up the icefall led by Bengt Rotmo and towards dogcamp. Once there they will go their separate ways. Our dogsled team will meet Sigrid Ekran, Salo and the dogs and will start their return crossing towards Isortoq, dog's home :)
And the rest, our ski crossing team, will follow at a slower pace.
The adventure has finally started !!!



All ready !

GREAT DAY !

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Short message from Bengt, who is leading both teams (ski and dogsled) up the Icefall and towards dogcamp:

Great day! Sun, a bit windy in the morning but calmed during the day. The icefall has been really nice with packed snow. Good progress!

See our [position here](#)

CURRENT POSITION, EVERYTHING OK

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Current position. Everything OK

Bengt Rotmo sent this message from: Lat 67.140788 Lon -49.990712

See position on [this link](#) (System registered to Are Johansen's name)

CLOSE TO "DOG CAMP"

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We are getting close to the position "Dog Camp". This is the point where the team will come up from the ice fall on skis.

Yesterday we saved a little bird that was last, and stuck in the old station Dye 2. I hope it is now on it's way to a warmer climate.

Happy Birthday to Jonas Gangås !!!

We are celebrating you in the tent.

- Salo, Kristin, Sigrid and dogs



FINALLY AT DOG CAMP

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Today my best friend Kristin ended her adventure with us. She has run dogs from the east side (Isortoq) to the west side (Kangerlusuaq). Tomorrow she will fly back to Norway, home to her two boys Jonas and Tord.

Thank you for an awesome journey, you are the best!

We will miss you!!

-Salo, Sigrid and Dogs

BEST VIEW IN TOWN

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Sigrid at home...

Love the simple camp life! Taking care of dogs, fixing gear and have lots of time to make a different dinner every day. Bengt and the crew are doing well on their way up the icefall. I'm looking forward to soon meet them all. I'm 100% sure that I have the best view in "town"!

Beste utsikt = Petter)

-Sigrid



Best view in town !

ANOTHER GREAT DAY

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Message from Bengt, last night:

Hi, another great day on the icecap. Warm, windy and sunny. Skies are a bit sticky, but progress is good. Happy team! No ice here now, only snow:)

Our position

WAITING AT DOG CAMP

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While waiting for the crew to come up, Salo and I are looking at maps and GPS point's. Salo have so many stories to tell about hunting together with his dog team along the east coast of Greenland. We don't speak the same language, but communication is still no problem.
-Sigrid

SKIS SLIDING !

PUBLISHED ON MAY 10

Current position. Everything OK

Bengt Rotmo sent this message from: [Lat 67.137075 Lon -48.914008](#)

Finally our skis are sliding !!!

Whiteout day that became nice and clear the two last legs.

Did 7,5 effective hours walking, a good day.

All good :)

Bengt and team

ENORMOUS LANDSCAPE

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Bengt Rotmo sent this message from: [Lat 67.005218 Lon -48.517685](#)

Enormous landscape and dramatic clouds in between whiteout periods.

Good day, 23km in 8 effective hours skiing.

We are 1450m above sea now. Spirits are high :) B

NAIL CUTTING DAY

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Today was the day to cut all the dog's nails.

"Ice" wanted to eat my nail-cutter, but after some tumbling around he got all his nails cut...

Salo and I also prepared the runners on all the sleds for the "home-run" to Isortoq.

-Salo, Sigrid and Dogs

16 KM TO DOG CAMP

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Current position: **Lat 66.881332 Lon -48.061882** Everything OK.

"Another great day, a bit windy when we started, but it calmed down later. Visibility good, sunshine and blue sky in the end !

Dramatic landscape all around us.

We covered a good 24km and are now only 16 Km more to "dog-camp" where Sigrid, Salo and the dogs are waiting for us"

Bengt and team.



WAITING FOR THE SKIERS

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Salo and I are excited to meet the skiers tonight. If everything goes as planned, they should be here around 18.00. We have plenty of food for people and dogs ! Right now I'm enjoying my mun's cracker with dried reindeer meat from Fjellviltt.

-Happy Campers :)



CROWDED CAMP

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All of a sudden the Dog Camp is crowded!

11 happy skiers came together with Bengt yesterday afternoon.

6 of them (Anja, Clare, Mike, Tom, Chris and Ian) will now travel with the dogs, Salo and me, and the rest (Lisa, Bryony, Antoine, Boris and Alexis) will continue on skis and pulkas with Bengt.

- Sigrid :)



ON THE MOVE

PUBLISHED ON MAY 15 BY ALF IN GREENLAND WITH DOGSLEDGE 2015

We had a good start yesterday.

Ian and Chris became great dogmushers, and had fun with their happy 8-dog team.

Windy last night, but looks better today.

Awesome group of people and dogs!

-Sigrid



32 DOGS BARKING AND HOWLING

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Thursday 14th May:

Is a lot of work with the dogs and it's hard going trying to keep them under control.

Clare and two others skied the 31.5 Km yesterday, and the other 5 including me did the dogs which also involves, skiing, shouting, untangling, encouraging....

We hope to arrive at DYE 2 tomorrow after 22km. DYE is and old relic from America's early warning ballistic systems against the Russians...

Friday 15th May:

We did the planned 22km today, and here we are at our planned stop to visit DYE 2, a surreal experience seeing a building that was evacuated in 48 hours as it was at risk of collapse.... went into the radar dome and just wandered around this ghost structure. +

The dogs are in good form, howling half the time as some are in heat.

Lying here now listening to 32 dogs barking and howling, the lack of sleep is more annoying than anything else.

I (Mike) am back on the dogs tomorrow and Clare is skiing, they will sleep tomorrow night, after I finish driving them on or myself insane...

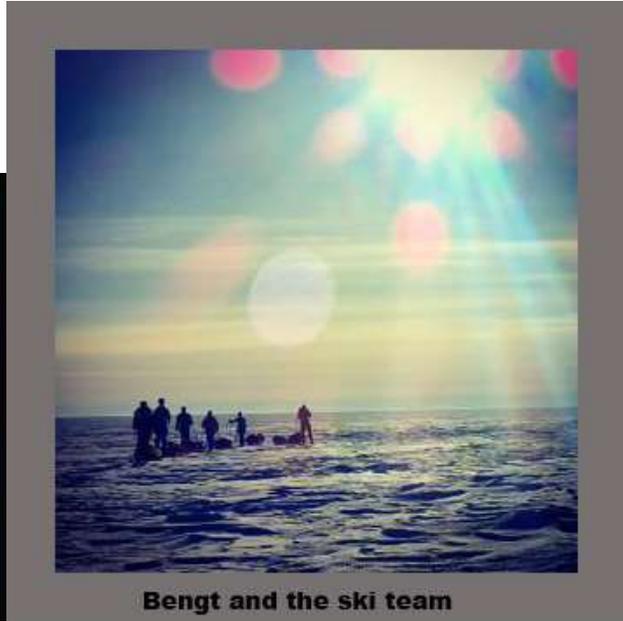
Weather fabulous today but very cold. An amazing day, sunny and no wind at all.

We had a We had a really good dinner, brownies and a drink before visting the station. In the evening the ski group came and joined us at our campsite.

Here is another portrait of Salo, our Greenlandic dog musher. Not a work of English, but a great character !

Greetings from everybody !





MORNING FOG

PUBLISHED ON MAY 17 BY ALF IN GREENLAND WITH DOGSLEDGE 2015

The day started with some hours of waiting for the thick fog to burn off, and around 13:00 we left the Dye 2. Right after we took off with the dogs, a Hercules C-130 was landing at Camp Raven's ice cap landing strip. Sunny day, and a happy frosty Mike!

Chris and I wish everyone in Norway a great 17th of May!! We will have a 17.mai-tog !
-Sigrid and Dogs



17TH MAY

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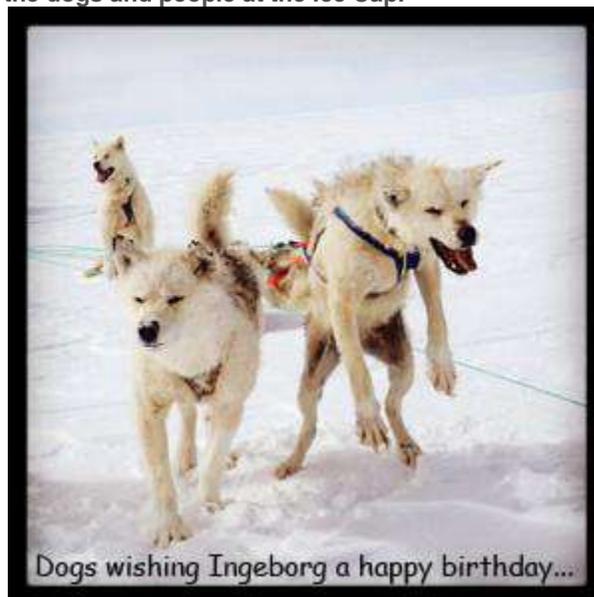
17th May. Norway's national day

We had a great 17th of May celebration in the tent last night!
We also celebrated Chris's wedding day and his dad's birthday, who ran dogs in Antarctica!
-Sigrid and team

HAPPY BIRTHDAY INGEBORG

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY INGEBORG!!
We will all dance and jump around for you to day!
Enjoy being 14!
Cheers from Chris "Dad", and all the dogs and people at the Ice Cap.



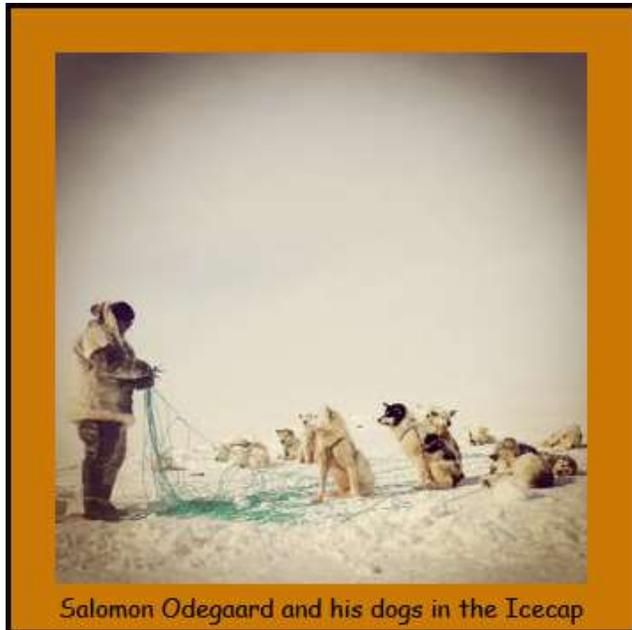
Dogs wishing Ingeborg a happy birthday...

COLD AND WINDY

PUBLISHED ON MAY 20 BY ALF IN GREENLAND WITH DOGSLEDGE 2015

We decided to move although it was cold with the wind... blowing 30-50km at us all day, no idea what the temperature was but cold !

We managed to cover 30km in that wind and whiteout most of the day, long days now, up at 6am cooking and hoping to have all water melted by 10.30pm.



Salomon Odegaard and his dogs in the Icecap



ONLY 8 KM

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After only 8km yesterday we had to set up camp. Wind was so strong that we hardly could get the tents up. Early morning today, waking up people at 03.30 to try to get as fast as we can over the summit before a new weather front is coming.

-Sigrid



BACK IN THE TENTS...

PUBLISHED ON MAY 22 BY ALF IN GREENLAND WITH DOGSLEDGE 2015

Beautiful long day of travelling yesterday!

Today we are back to being stuck in the tents's waiting out another storm...

Life on the Ice Cap!



NIGHT RUN

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We had a beautiful night run from mid-night until 9.00 this morning. The early morning sun came for a visit before the wind picked up and made us set camp for the day. Now we are getting ready for our next night run. Dogs are doing great and spirits are high !!! Sigrid and team.



ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL NIGHT RUN

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Claire in beautiful natural make up !



Night run

Another beautiful night run!

Cold good conditions. Sun set and sun rise are almost at the same time...

We are getting ready for a new long day on the sleds, only need to repair a broken ski binding and a broken sled first.

Happy people and dogs!

-Sigrid

SUN IS SHINING

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After a day of warm nice sunshine, all the bad weather days are forgotten...

-Sigrid

CLOSE TO AN END

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The expedition is getting close to the end.

We will reach the pick up position tomorrow around 13.00, where Anja, Tom, Ian and Chris will fly home.

We are now resting for 5 hours before our last night run.

Claire and Mike will run the last leg with Salo and me to the waterline where people, dogs and equipment will be picked up by boat on Friday going to Isortoq.

Happy campers!

-Sigrid



TOWARDS ISORTOQ

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The helicopter could not come and pick the guys up by the ice front today.

Now the forecast is bad weather for the next two days.
That means everyone get to go to Isortoq ...
-Sigrid

WE MADE IT !

PUBLISHED ON MAY 30 BY ALF IN GREENLAND WITH DOGSLEDGE 2015

After a rough night of traveling and fighting the wind, it feels extra good to be safe and happy in Isortoq.
The dogs are enjoying a big meal of meat, and we are enjoying a hot, loooong shower.



I'm so proud of the team, people and dogs! Amazing trip!



LOADED SHIP....

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My ship is loaded with.....dogs

The dogs also needed to be picked up by the boat due to lack of sea ice.
24 dogs in Salo's boat = no problem!

-Sigrid