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01 THE PRESENTATION OF THE RACE



LA GRANDE ODYSSEE VVF

La Grande Odyssee VVF is one of the last playgrounds for these navigators of the white seas in search of the absolute. La Grande Odyssee VVF is also the story of a dream. The dream of an adventure that would cross our alpine massifs while the standard of this sport, for decades, was to run on frozen areas with little relief.

Beyond the sporting competition, even though in the Great North snowmobiles have replaced sleds, La Grande Odyssee VVF reconnects with adventure with a capital A and advocates a certain vision of sport, nature and respect of the environment. Sensitized by these same values, a whole mountain territory between Savoie, Haute-Savoie and Isère is mobilized for the success of this extraordinary race.

Each year, more than 50,000 spectators enjoy a unique experience in the heart of 20 resorts, towns and villages in the Alps, dressed up for the occasion, by attending La Grande Odyssee VVF.

The 21st edition of La Grande Odyssee VVF will take place from January 11th to 23th 2025. The public will also be able to follow the race through a digital monitoring system and daily appointments in the French media with more than 15 hours of TV broadcasting (TF1, TMC, France 3, BFM TV etc.), 13 hours of radio (France Bleu, France Inter etc.) and 250 articles in the written press.

EDITORIAL



La Grande Odyssée and VVF, 20 years of shared passion! What's the secret of a lasting partnership? Whether in the events business or in the associative world, it lies in the art of cultivating shared projects and passions. And when it comes to La Grande Odyssée and VVF, this lasting relationship translates into a shared passion for :

- the mountains, snow and their landscapes ;
- the Alps, its people and culture;
- families and children's love of animals;
- sled dogs, their traditions and the deep bond between them and their musher;
- racing and its adventures;
- nature and its preservation.

Once again this year, La Grande Odyssée and VVF will be joining forces to help all families discover the beauty of the mountains and their surroundings through the world's biggest sled dog race, a shared passion that's still as intense as it was 19 years ago! We look forward to seeing you soon on the snowy trails of La Grande Odyssée VVF 2025 !

STÉPHANE LE BIHAN
CEO
of VVF



For this 21st edition, Megève and the surrounding area are once again hosting the Grande Odyssée VVF. Crossing the Haute-Savoie, Savoy and Isère regions, this legendary sled dog race highlights the fascinating discipline of mushing, while sublimating the rich natural and mountain heritage of our region. This extraordinary competition requires mushers to combine courage and high standards to brave one stage after another, promising unforgettable moments of spectacle. The beauty of this sport lies in the link between man, animal and nature, which makes this race an incredible adventure. I would like to salute the ambition of La Grande Odyssée VVF to help highlight our territories and enable as many people as possible to discover them, through gentle, environmentally-friendly practices. This is the essence of the policy pursued by the Region through its Mountain Plan, which runs until 2028, with the aim of making Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes the leading sustainable mountain region in Europe. For all these reasons, the Region is proud to support this event. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers who work hard throughout the race to ensure its smooth running. Without them, none of this would be possible. Good luck to the mushers!

FABRICE PANNEKOUCKE
President
of La Région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes



This year marks the 20th anniversary of La Grande Odyssée VVF. It's a real source of pride to see an event of such magnitude evolve over the years.

Since 2005, we've been constantly developing the race to offer mushers and their dogs a challenge unique in the world. Today, after 20 successful editions, we have succeeded in bringing together people from all over Europe around a common passion: mushing, but also nature and its greatness.

La Grande Odyssée VVF is back for the 21st time this year, and we're delighted to be able to continue bringing the mountains and the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region to a wider public. It's going to be a year of celebration and spectacle, both sporting and visual.

ANNABEL KAM
President
of La Grande Odyssée VVF

THE RACES



FROM **11** TO **23**
JANUARY

La Grande Odyssee VVF

La Grande Odyssee VVF is, since its first edition in January 2005, **the annual sled dog event in Europe**. It is the most demanding stage race in a unique alpine setting. This year, an exceptional sporting line-up is expected with **more than 65 mushers and their 600 dog-athletes** coming from the great nations of European mushing (Germany, Belgium, Spain, Norway, Poland, Italy, Switzerland and France). More than **50 000 spectators** live each year a unique experience, in the heart of **20 resorts, towns and villages** in the Alps, dressed up for the occasion, by attending La Grande Odyssee VVF.

The Trophies

FROM **11** TO **13**
JANUARY



FROM **17** TO **19**
JANUARY



FROM **21** TO **23**
JANUARY



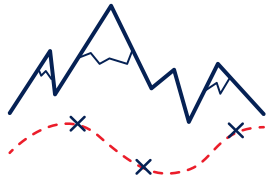
The mushers of the trophies will be together and will run on the same tracks as the mushers of La Grande Odyssee VVF for 2 to 3 days. 10 additional mushers will join the race during each trophy. Pool of 8 to 9 dogs (from 5 to 6 dogs at the start).

KEY FIGURES



THE INTERNATIONAL RACE... OF ALL CHALLENGES

- **13 days** totalling more than 400km of effort
- **1 presentation prologue**
- **11 stages** « against the clock »
- **1 Mass Start**
- **12 000 m** of positive altitude difference
- **32 km on average** per day
- **600 high level** dog-athletes



AN EXTRAORDINARY COMPETITION

- A **ranking** at each stage
- A race won in **11 h 01** in the general classification of 2024
- At an average speed of more than **20 km/h** and with a gap of 7 min between the winner and the second
- **Twists and turns** on each stage



A GREAT FESTIVE CONTEXT

- **About 20 resorts**, towns and villages in festive clothes
- Departures and arrivals in the city center
- **Access points** along the routes
- Many **animations**
- An ephemeral **festive village**



COMPETITORS OUT OF THE COMMON

- **+ 55** of the **best mushers** in the world
- **Many nations** represented



SPECTACULAR COURSES

- **1 bivouac** in the high mountains
- A great variety of trails: **Nordic, alpine domain, forest path**,...



MEDIA COVERAGE IMPORTANT (2024 figures)

- Nearly **300 articles** in the print media and digital media
- **127** accredited journalists
- More than **30 million viewers** reached through 7 h 10 of TV broadcasting
- **12 h 45** hours of radio broadcasting
- More than **900 guests**
- **155 438 visits per year** on :
www.grandeodysee.com
- **More than 43 900 fans** on the Facebook page @grandeodysee
- **More than 15 700 fans** on the Instagram page @lagrandeodysee

THE OFFICIALS OF LA GRANDE ODYSSÉE VVF

ANNABEL KAM

President

Has been responsible for communication and press relations since 2011. Following the death of her father Henry Kam (founder of the event) in November 2017, she organizes and directs La Grande Odyssee VVF.



CAMILLE GENIEUX

Operations Manager

He is in charge of «making real during the race» everything that has been imagined and organized during the period of preparation.



CÉLINE KUMPF

Judge

Official judge of the French Federation of Sleds Sports. She is in charge of the application of the rules during the races.



SANDRINE PEZARD-VAN PARIJS

Chief Veterinary Officer

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, she manages the team of vets in charge of the health of the «dog-athletes» during throughout the race.



THIBAUT BRANQUART

Sports Director

Specialist and passionate about mushing, the Sporting Director is responsible for the sporting aspect of La Grande Odyssee VVF.



THE KEY NOTIONS OF THE RULES

The general functioning

On La Grande Odyssee VVF, each dog is identified by a microchip injected under the skin and identified by one of the 10 veterinarians present throughout the race.

The musher has his «pool» for the whole race. La Grande Odyssee VVF. For each stage, a maximum number of dogs is authorized at the start and a minimum number a minimum number of dogs at the finish may be indicated by the the race direction according to the difficulties of the track.

The musher has the possibility to «drop» (leave) his tired dogs at certain check points and he has the the obligation to transport in his sled a tired or injured dog in his sled if he is not on a place where the «drop» is allowed.

A dropped dog or a dog in a sled must be examined as soon as possible by an official veterinarian.

The health of the dogs is a constant concern at all times. A veterinarian has the power to sanction, or even exclude, a musher who would not have care of his dogs.

Anti-doping policy

Anti-doping tests will be carried out on the dogs by the authorized organizations. The regulations describes precisely the list of authorized products and those that are not.

Controls can also be carried out on the mushers by random urine sampling.

Mandatory equipment

The musher must have in his sled or on him, a certain number of mandatory equipment for his safety, even his survival and that of his dogs (avalanche victim detector, GPS, survival blankets). This equipment is checked before the departure of each stage, on all the teams.

Winnings and prizes

La Grande Odyssee VVF offers 25 000 € in prize money as well as special prizes, see opposite.



The rules

The integrality of the rules of La Grande Odyssee VVF and the trophies, is downloadable here : www.grandeodyssee.com/espace-mushers-reglement

PODIUMS, BIBS AND SPECIAL PRIZES

Stage podiums

According to the ranking of the stage, the first 3 mushers per category climb on the podium and are rewarded by the station of the day and by the partner.

The daily presentation of the race bibs



The Leader

The Suzuki « Leader » bib is awarded by category, to the first of the overall.



The Leader Nordic

The Suzuki « Leader Nordic » bib is awarded to the best purebred Nordic (Siberian Husky) team with the best overall ranking in the general classification.



The Dog Care

The Royal Canin « Dog Care » Jersey is awarded to the musher whose behaviour towards his dogs the most animal-friendly health, on the stage, with outstanding actions.



The Best Dog Care

The Royal Canin « Best Dog Care » bib is awarded to the team that has demonstrated the most application, control and efficiency in the care of the dogs of the team at the end of the race. Awarded by the team of veterinarians.



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The final podium and special awards

The general rankings determine the final podiums and reward the race finishers by category.

Many prizes are offered to mushers by the event's various partners.

The mushers will also receive numerous prizes for the following special awards:



The Henry Kam Prize

This prize is awarded to the winner of all categories of the Val Cenis stage (stage over 2 days including a night in a bivouac), in tribute to the founder of the race.



The Golden Harness Award

Awarded by category to the most impressive dog of the winning team, chosen by the musher.



Rookie of the Year Award

Awarded by category to the highest ranked musher among those who have completed the race and are participating the race for the first time, or who have never finished the race, completed the race.



The Red Lantern Award

Awarded by category to the last musher in the among those who took part and finished all stages of the and completed all stages of the race in their entirety. This is a tradition in the mushing world that goes back to the dates back to the gold rush. At that time, as long as a musher was on the trail, the lantern remained lit, it was only turned it off when he returned.



The Fair Play Award with Alpes Ishere

Awarded to the musher of La Grande Odyssee VVF who demonstrated the most fair play and sportsmanship towards towards the other competitors. This prize is awarded by the mushers.

THE ODYSSEYS



During the Chapelle d'Abondance stage of La Grande Odyssee VVF, on January 13, and the January 21 stage at Collet d'Allevar, in the Gresivaudan region, children are transformed into competitive mushers. L'Odyssee des Enfants with Crédit Mutuel is a race entirely dedicated to children. For one day, they'll enjoy the same conditions as the mushers taking part in La Grande Odyssee VVF : same infrastructures, same start and finish sites, announcer and numerous spectators.

Eighteen young mushers, previously selected and trained by professional mushers, will take part in this race with 3-dog teams over 4 km, on the same track that will be used a few hours later by the world's elite mushers in La Grande Odyssee VVF. Departures are scheduled in waves from 1:30 p.m. at La Chapelle d'abondance and 10 a.m. at Collet d'Allevar.

Ahead of the race, the apprentice mushers are given a day's training in mushing, one week before the race, by a professional musher.



L'Odyssee des Espoirs with Crédit Mutuel is a race for mushers aged 12 to 17 who are members of the FFST "Pôle Espoir". The mass start will take place on Saturday January 18 at 1pm in Bessans.

Our young mushers will cover 6 km of magnificent mountain scenery, putting themselves in the shoes of a professional musher. A pool of 4 to 6 dogs is authorized for the race (each musher is autonomous in terms of equipment and dogs).

At the end of the race, a prize-giving ceremony rewards the top 3 mushers!



L'Odyssee pour Tous with Crédit Mutuel welcomes 4 young people (aged 15 to 25) with disabilities to La Grande Odyssee VVF during the Megève stage, to complete a 7 km demonstration loop supervised by Team Ehawee.

The young participants are already well acquainted with the discipline of mushing, training year-round with the Handimush association. For this Odyssey, they will either drive the sled on their own, or pair up with a professional musher.

The race will start at Cote2000 at 3 p.m. before the Megève stage, and will thus complete their Odyssey!

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THE MUSHERS



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The mushers of La Grande Odyssée VVF

On 13 days / 11 stages, from 11 to 23 january 2025.

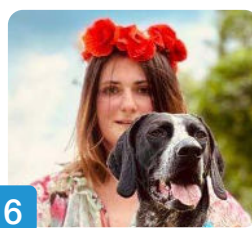


Elsa Borgey

 France

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Veteran



Daria Findzińska

 Poland

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Rookie



Clément Raux

 France

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Veteran

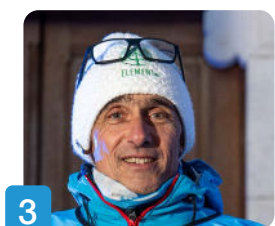


Sissel Wolf Mølmen

 Norway

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Veteran



Jean Combazard

 France

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Veteran



Yohann Henry

 France

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Veteran



Cindy Duport

 France

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Veteran

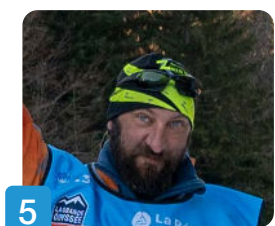


Gaël Brossette

 France

47

Veteran



Łukasz Paczyński

 Poland

45

Veteran



Gregor Burzynski

 Norway

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Veteran

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Alexandre Camberlein

 France

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Rookie



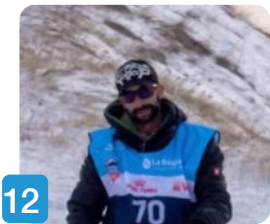
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Itoitz Armendariz

 Spain

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Rookie



12

Sébastien Moix

 Switzerland

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Rookie



18

Cécile Durand

 France

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Rookie



13

Matteo Fossati

 Italy

39

Rookie



14

Olivier Gilles

 Belgium

32

Rookie



15

Iker Ozkoidi

 Spain

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Veteran

THE MUSHERS

Trophy 1

On 3 days / 3 stages, from 11 to 13 january 2025.



Ingrid Abraham Collomb

 France

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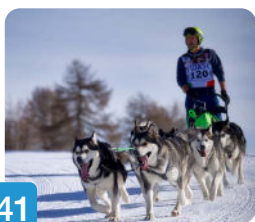


Eric Grosbois

 France

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Nicolò Vergani

 Italy

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Mattia Santin

 Italy

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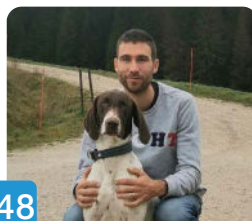


Luca Brioschi

 Italy

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Valentin Rouvier

 France

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Stefania Ramponi

 Italy

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Patrick Capelli

 France

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Cyril Kaluszynski

 France

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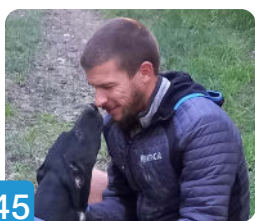


Jules Labourier

 France

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Sylvain Secret

 France

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Charles Cochet

 France

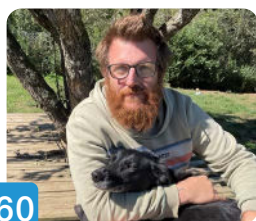
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THE MUSHERS

Trophy ALLIANZ

On 3 days / 3 stages, from 17 to 19 january 2025.



Anthony Moretto

 France

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Maxence Brouttet

 France

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Cyril Kaluszynski

 France

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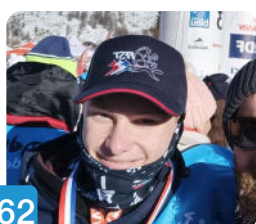


Rémi Desoutter

 France

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Aymeric Desbree

 France

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Claudio De Ferrari

 Italy

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Richard Perron

 France

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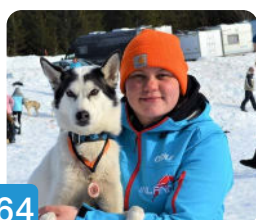


Agnès Philipona

 Switzerland

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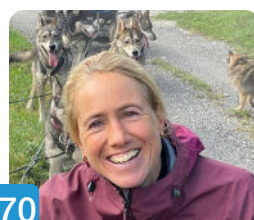


Cécile Humbertclaude Miesch

 France

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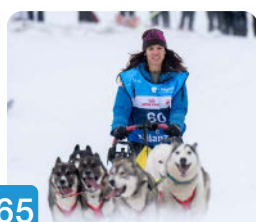


Evelyne Gaze Stauffacher

 Switzerland

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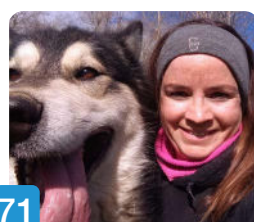


Lisa Bonato

 Italy

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Charlotte Marcelino

 Switzerland

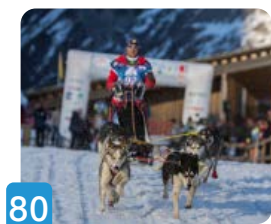
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THE MUSHERS

Trophy 3

On 3 days / 3 stages, from 21 to 23 January 2025.

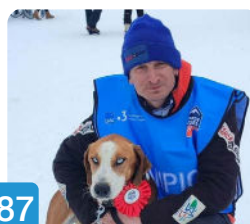


Richard Perron

 France

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80



Julien Chatelain

 France

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Sylvia Ulrich

 Germany

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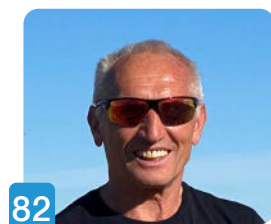


Claudio De Ferrari

 Italy

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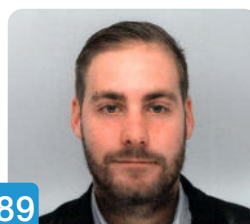


Heinrich Winter

 Germany

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Grégory Coffre

 France

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Winfried Kriegler

 Germany

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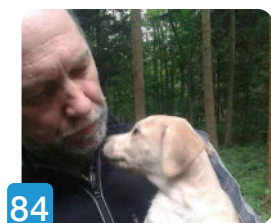


Florian Gisin

 Switzerland

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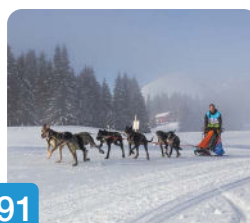


Ullrich Kuhn

 Germany

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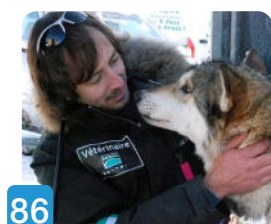


Boris Hannoteaux

 France

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Jose Luis Pedrero Bautista

 Spain





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THE FIGURES

THE GREATEST NUMBER ...












... OF VICTORIES

 • Rémy Coste (FRA).....7
 • Radek Havdra (CZE).....3
 • Jiri Vondak (CZE).....2
 • Hans Lindahl (NOR).....1

... OF VICE CHAMPION TITLE

 • Milos Gonda (SLO).....3

... OF FINAL PODIUMS

 • Rémy Coste (FRA).....8
 • Radek Havrda (CZE).....5
 • Jean-Philippe Pontier (FRA).....5
 • Milos Gonda (SLO).....4
 • Jiri Vondrak (CZE).....3
 • Jacques Philip (USA).....2
 • Emil Inauen (SWI).....2
 • Daniel Juillaguet (FR)2
 • Hans Lindahl (NOR)1
 • Iker Ozkoidi (SPA)1
 • Elsa Borgey (FR)2

... OF VICTORY(S) BY NATION

 • France.....7
 • Czech Republic.....5
 • United States.....2
 • Suede.....1
 • Slovakia.....1
 • Switzerland.....1
 • Norway.....1

... OF BEST DOG CARE AWARD

• Rémy Coste.....3
• Jimmy Pettersson.....2
• Gael Brossette.....1

... OF PARTICIPATIONS

• Daniel Juillaguet.....14
• Jean Combazard.....15
• Jean-Philippe Pontier.....9
• Rémy Coste.....11
• Radek Havdra.....7
• Jack-Gerard Gaspard.....6
• Isabelle Travadon.....5

... THE WINNERS

 2005 Jessie Royer (USA)
 2006 Jacques Philip (USA)
2007 <i>Canceled due to weather</i>
 2008 Petter Karlsson (SWE)
 2009 Radek Havrda (CZE)
 2010 Emil Inauen (SWI)
 2011 Milos Gonda (SLO)
 2012 Radek Havrda (CZE)
 2013 Jiri Vondrak (CZE)
 2014 Jean-Philippe Pontier (FR)
 2015 Radek Havrda (CZE)
 2016 Rémy Coste (FR)
 2017 Jiri Vondrak (CZE)
 2018 Rémy Coste (FR)
 2019 Rémy Coste (FR)
 2020 Rémy Coste (FR)
 2021 Rémy Coste (FR)
 2022 Rémy Coste (FR)
 2023 Rémy Coste (FR)
 2024 Hans Lindahl (NOR)

03 ANIMAL HEALTH



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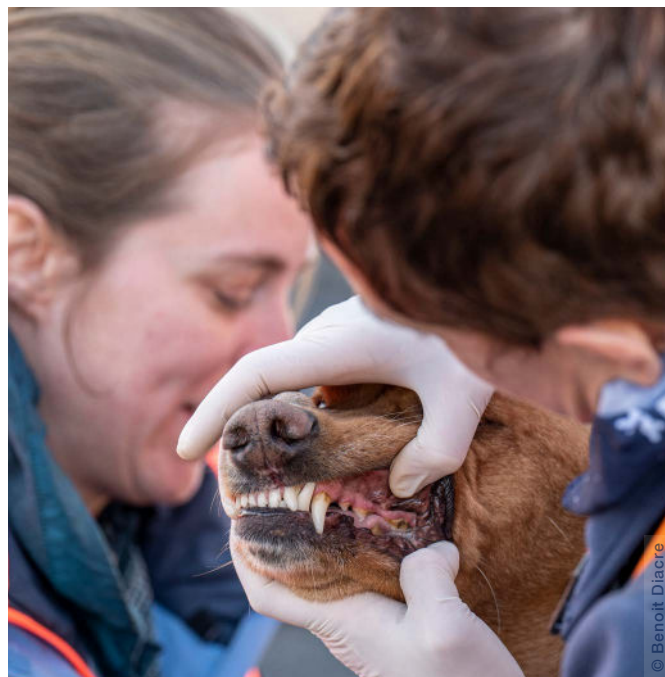
Veterinarians team

Veterinarians Team

The Veterinarians Team Sled dog races, whether they are amateur or professional, speed or long distance, non-stop with check-points or by stages, now all include a team of veterinarians.

On a race like La Grande Odysée VVF, the « Team Vets » is composed of 11 experienced vets, as well as a student vet, permanent and 8 in support for the pre-race controls. All volunteers, passionate about canine medicine and its practice in sports, these specialists ensure the respect of the physical integrity of these athletes, and guarantee their well-being. The Team Vétérinaires is equipped with state-of-the-art technology for its mission. La Grande Odysée VVF's Veterinarians Team is directed by Dr Sandrine Pezard-Van Parijs.

Dr. Pezard-Van Parijs is an associate practitioner of the Association of Veterinarians of the Ark in the Orne and Sarthe regions. Graduated in 2005 from the University of Liege, she first started a general practice before specializing in osteopathy (DIE of Veterinary Osteopathy in 2012).



The missions of the Team of Veterinarians

The Team of Veterinarians ensures the well-being and good health of the dogs competing during the entire race.

In addition to the regulatory health checks before the race, the veterinarians validate, after a complete and specific clinical examination, the participation of each dog presented at the start of the race. Thus, before each stage, the veterinarians give the approval or not to take the start (the pre-race «vetcheck»).

They also monitor the health of the dogs during the races, intervene in case of emergency and provide recommendations and possible care after each stage. The main problems encountered are infections related to high-level sport, including osteoarticular trauma (e.g. sprains, tendonitis, digestive disorders, pad injuries, etc.).

They are then «on the job» 24 hours a day for the duration of the race, each team being monitored daily on several occasions (before and after each stage, but also via veterinary checks on the track and during the night bivouac at altitude). It is also possible, according to the rules of La Grande Odysée VVF, to temporarily exclude a dog from a team in order to get it back into shape, in the respect of its well-being, its health and the regulations.

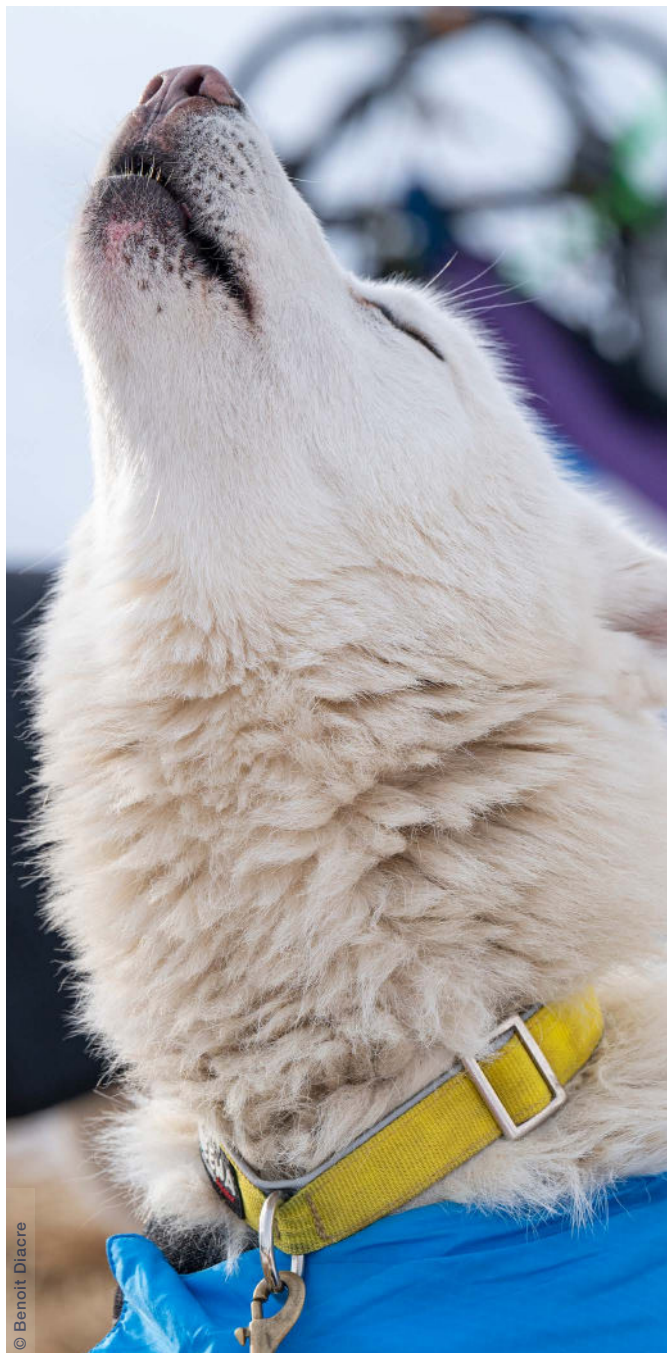
Each year the French Agency for the Fight against Doping comes to take unannounced samples from the canine athletes and thus attest to the ethics of the competitors and the race. of the competitors and the race.

ANIMAL HEALTH

The animal health doctrine

In order to meet the objective of animal health and the respect of sporting rules inherent to all major competitions, La Grande Odyssée VVF has enriched, since 2014, the rules of the race with the animal health doctrine.

This document describes the general doctrine followed by the Vet Team. It includes the missions and determines with precision the role of the team's veterinarians, and the general ethics regarding animal health. It is signed and accepted by all mushers participating in one of the events organized within the framework of La Grande Odyssée VVF.



Scientific & therapeutic advances at the service of animal welfare

Technology in the service of health

For several years now, the Team Vétérinaires has been using very high level technical equipment: a real field hospital.

La Grande Odyssée VVF is the only race in the world to benefit from this type of equipment in the field. The teams participating in the race are at such a high level of performance that it becomes essential to have the most precise and quickest medicine and diagnosis possible.

Thanks to the Antech laboratory (official supplier), it is possible to carry out digital X-rays, ultrasounds and blood tests in the middle of the mountains and in extreme conditions. This high-tech equipment has demonstrated the reliability and precision of the machines in extreme conditions up to 2,500 m altitude and at 15° C below zero.

This year again, the Veterinarians Team is equipped with a real state-of-the-art equipment in the field: digital radiography by autonomous plane sensor, hematology, biochemistry, ultrasound.

Prevention and treatment actions

The dogs of La Grande Odyssée VVF, just like top athletes, make intense efforts which induce important pressures on their joints. This high stress on the joints can precipitate the onset of a chronic disease that affects about 20% of dogs: arthrosis.

Osteoarthritis in dogs is very similar to that in humans. It can occur in one or more joints and will affect all the components (bone, cartilage, synovial fluid).

This is why it is important to protect them to delay the onset of osteoarthritis or to treat them when it is already present.

In order to support the joint metabolism of sporting dogs and dogs with osteoarthritis, veterinarians recommend a multimodal approach, depending on the progress of the pathology :

- Good hygiene for the animal: limit weight gain, maintain proper muscle training and respect recovery phases
- Physiotherapy with massages and hot or cold therapies. In the recovery phase and in cases of marked inflammation, veterinarians can use a recent technology that helps limit inflammation: laser.
- Chondroprotectors (complementary foods) such as Flexadin Advanced
- Anti-inflammatories and painkillers, during obvious pain crises, which will be prescribed by a veterinarian.

Dogs, like humans, are not helpless in the face of this complex disease. There are therefore complementary solutions that can greatly limit the consequences of osteoarthritis.



Scientific approach

Presentation of the project

Since its creation, La Grande Odysée VVF has always attached great importance to animal health.

In parallel to the race, a working group composed of veterinarians and students has been created to carry out a scientific reflection on the sled dog and its health and well-being.

The objectives of this group are to carry out on La Grande Odysée VVF, a scientific analysis of the data collected on the dogs in order to ensure a more effective veterinary follow-up of these high level canine athletes, to improve the knowledge around the sled dog to make evolve the practice in this field and finally to restore these results to the mushers.

The students are recruited and directed by Dr Sandrine Van Parijs Pezard, chief veterinarian of La Grande Odysée VVF. They will carry out their thesis and will contribute to this scientific project thanks to the data collected on the race and to the supervision of several personalities of the veterinary world



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The course



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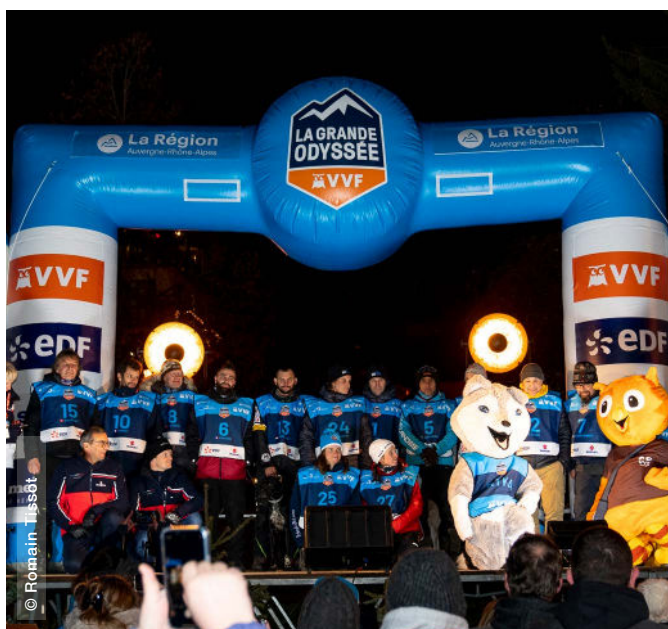
TROPHY HAUTE - SAVOIE	SATURDAY 11 JANUARY	PROLOGUE - MEGÈVE : 7 KM <i>PRESENTED BY RACLETTE DE SAVOIE</i>	18 H 00
	SUNDAY 12 JANUARY	STAGE 1 - MEGÈVE : 32 KM <i>PRESENTED BY ROYAL CANIN</i>	11 H 00
	MONDAY 13 JANUARY	STAGE 2 - LA CHAPELLE D'ABONDANCE : 34 KM	16 H 15
	TUESDAY 14 JANUARY	STAGE 3 - BERNEX : 4 KM <i>DRY CLIMB SPECIAL</i>	16 H 00
	WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY	STAGE 4 - LA TOUSSUIRE - LE CORBIER : 22 KM	17 H 15
	THURSDAY 16 JANUARY	STAGE 5 - LES KARELLIS : 37 KM	16 H 00
TROPHY ALLIANZ	FRIDAY 17 JANUARY	STAGE 6 - AUSSOIS : 27 KM <i>PRESENTED BY ZOLUX</i>	15 H 00
	SATURDAY 18 JANUARY	STAGE 7A - BESSANS / BONNEVAL SUR ARC / VAL CENIS : 47 KM <i>PRESENTED BY FRANCODEX</i>	15 H 00
	SUNDAY 19 JANUARY	STAGE 7B - VAL CENIS : 35 KM <i>PRESENTED BY ANIMALIS</i>	10 H 00
	MONDAY 20 JANUARY	STAGE 8 - VALMOREL - DOUCY : 27 KM	16 H 30
TROPHY CRÉDIT MUTUEL	TUESDAY 21 JANUARY	STAGE 9 - LES 7 LAUX : 38 KM <i>PRESENTED BY AÉSIO MUTUELLE</i>	16 H 00
	WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY	STAGE 10 - COL DE PORTE : 18 KM	14 H 00
	THURSDAY 23 JANUARY	STAGE 11 - VILLARD DE LANS : 38 KM <i>PRESENTED BY FLEXADIN</i> <i>FINAL PODIUMS & CLOSING CEREMONY : 16 H 30</i>	11 H 00

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

A spectacular opening ceremony, start and finish

The start of the opening ceremony (Megève) will be given on Saturday, January 11, 2025 during an afternoon full of entertainment that will be closed by fireworks and an opening ceremony.

The start of the 21st edition will be given in Megève Côte 2000 on Sunday January 12th 2025 in front of a very large audience. The finish is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024 in Villard-de-Lans, in the Vercors. This 21st edition will end with a great ceremony closing ceremony.



Polar Base of La Grande Odysée VVF - Bivouac

Stage 7 of La Grande Odysée VVF is legendary for its traditional overnight bivouac, where mushers and dogs sleep under the stars at over 2,000 m altitude.

On Saturday night, a camp is set up at the Base Polaire in Val Cenis. Overlooked by the famous Mont Cenis lake, the Base Polaire is a cult race venue.

Located in the Haute Maurienne Vanoise region between France and Italy, it offers a unique experience at very high altitude.

A challenge of more than 50 km for the teams over 2 days.



A show as accessible as possible for the public

A large number of access points are planned along the itinerary so that spectators can get as close as possible to the passage of the teams on foot, snowshoes, cross-country skis, downhill skis and even cross-country skis, possibly accompanied by professionals from the resorts.

The public can follow the evolution of the mushers in real time via the official website of La Grande Odyssee VVF : www.grandeodyssee.com

The village La Grande Odyssee VVF

For the first time this year, a large entertainment village accessible to the general public, located near the start area, has been developed to offer a greater experience to spectators:

- The official "Sitka" mascot present in the starting areas and its daily contest "Super-Fan"
- The Official Store and its official La Grande Odyssee VVF products
- The "Grand Nord" activity, a trapper/musher with his dogs
- The VVF entertainment stands:

The Biathlon and snowshoes stand, with a biathlon course and the possibility of testing snowshoes designed for hiking in the snow.

The soft mobility awareness stand, with introduction to mountain biking.

The virtual reality stand, and its headsets that allow spectators to dive into the heart of the mountain and discover its fauna and flora.

More than fifty activities throughout the two weeks of the race

Under the aegis of the Tourist Offices, mulled wine, campfires, trapper's village, themed weeks, film screenings, thematic exhibitions will put on a festive atmosphere in about twenty resorts, towns and villages of La Grande Odyssee VVF.

Initiation to dog sledding, igloo building, trapper workshops are offered to vacationers and school children in the region. schools in the region.



05 AT THE SERVICE OF THE MEDIA



SERVING THE MEDIA

The communication team is at your disposal to study your project and try to assist you in its realization as much as it can.

Are at your disposal :

Pictures

The photos of La Grande Odyssee VVF are available all year long on its website : www.grandeodyssee.com

During the race, the pictures will be classified by day.

To access the media space, click on the top right of the screen.

- In the bottom line, select your choice.

To access the HD photos:

- Click on «HD PHOTOS» with the following password: **LGOVVF**
- Download the photos by clicking on the step of your choice.

The photo credits are indicated in the title of each title of each photo.



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Receive images

All year long, are available on an FTP server:

- Archival images in the form of bears, not dated (cutaways, landscapes, etc.)
- The trailer of the Grande Odyssee VVF
- The compilation of the beautiful images

During the race are available in addition to the images above :

- A 50 sec PAD of beautiful images, produced every days of the race

Do not hesitate to ask for the login of this server FTP

Ideas for topics

La Grande Odyssee VVF's communication team is at your disposal to help you in the choice and the realization of your subjects. A document « Ideas of subject » is available. This document lists the different angles from which La Grande Odyssee VVF can be approached.

Do not hesitate to to ask for it.



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Video footage

La Grande Odyssee VVF has its own video production team. These images are shot by a team of professionals. These images are made available to television stations, in the form of bears and PADs, in digital format on servers and will be accessible via FTP.

These images are delivered free of rights exclusively for television stations, as part of reports or or documentaries about the race.

Accreditation and press reception

The work of the media on such a race is not simple. More than 80% of the linear kilometers covered by the mushers are in the mountains outside of any accessible area. The motorized means to follow the competitors and their dogs are very limited either by the regulation or for the respect of the environment.

Our material, human and financial means are limited. We wish to optimize their use by providing the best service to the media. This is why we have established, in all transparency, the rules that will prevail for accreditations. The rules are available in the press area of the website.

The accreditation application procedure

All requests must be made through the website by filling in a request form : www.grandeodysee.com/accreditation-medias. A contact is then established by the press relations department of La Grande Odyssee VVF in order to know the project behind the request for accreditation.

A list of questions can be sent to the accreditation applicant. A dialogue is then established and an answer is given to the applicant.

The step info

The stage info is a document given to journalists who wish to travel to the race. This document lists: the program and the maps of the routes.

The press releases

Press releases are sent throughout the year.

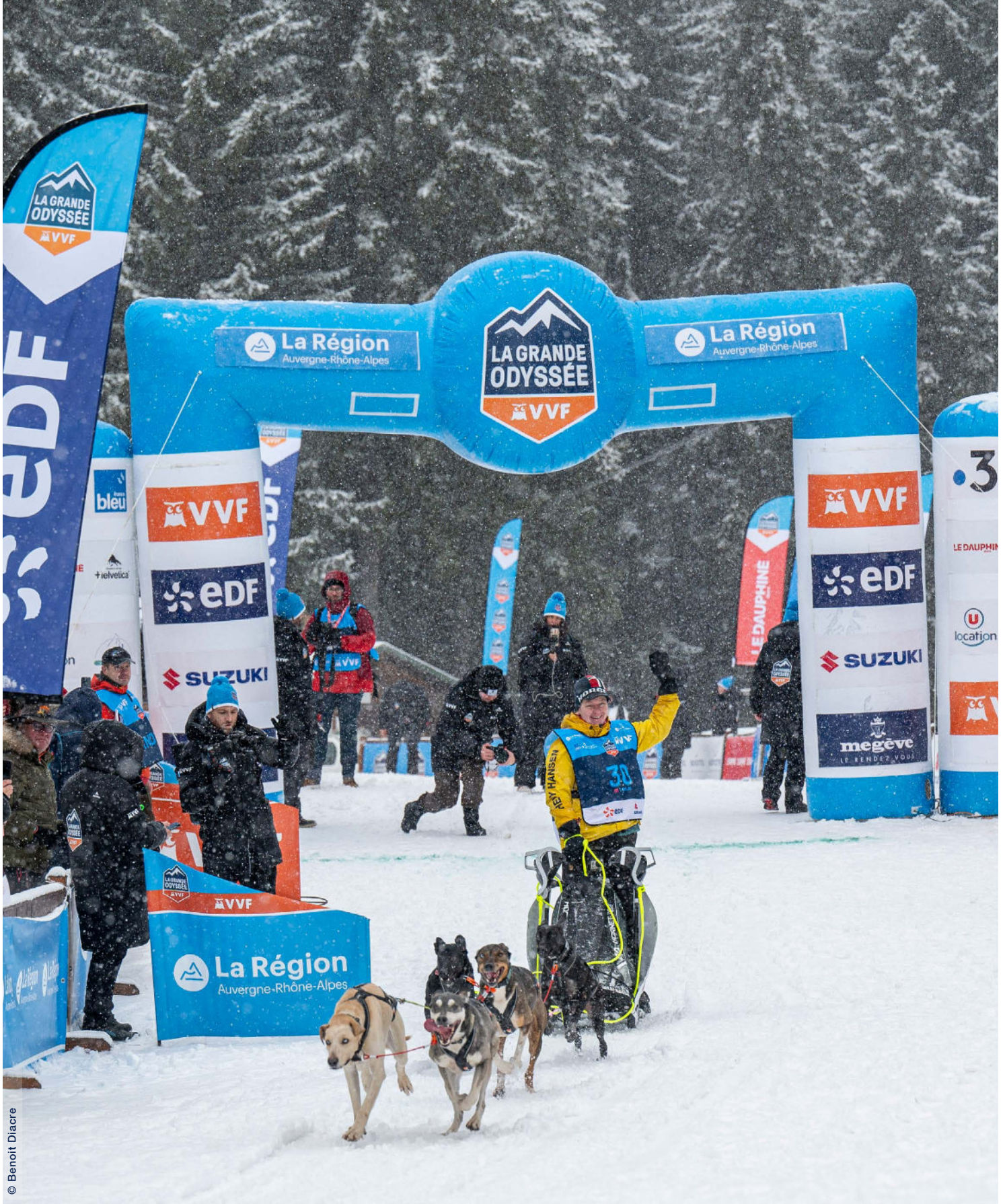
Daily «race» press releases are sent out during the event. These releases contain the results of the day, the photos of the day, as well as a report of the race of the stage.

If you wish to receive these press releases, please contact the communication department.



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