

Real Cool Dog Race

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It's a dog's life, but the dogs love it. Among purebreds classified as working dogs—those which have to do more than look pretty at dog shows—none work harder than the Malamutes and Huskies. At Lake Placid, N. Y., where sled-dog clubs test their pets at annual time trials, these handsome, thick-coated animals may run as much as 25 miles a day over snow-packed trails, dragging huge Eskimo sleds behind them. Bleeding paws and exhaustion often overcome some dogs, but their work has a distinct advantage over that of other breeds.

It's cool, man!



Sled-dog racing, a sport borrowed from the Eskimos, gets off to a starting call of "Mush! Mush!" A lead team must stop when being passed by rival. At the end, the weary dogs get a snowy face-wash.

