

Jamaican Dog Team Ready to Race

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Aviemore, Scotland (AHN) - A Jamaican sled-dog racer who has never seen snow is ready to take part in Europe's biggest huskry racing event. The 42-year-old and his four-dog team will compete against 220 other teams and more than 1,000 dogs this weekend. He eventually hopes to compete in the world championships and the Winter Olympics in 2010.

Devon Anderson and his four-dog team, dubbed "welfare dogs," will compete against 220 other teams and more than 1,000 dogs beginning Saturday at Aviemore, Scotland. His efforts are reminiscent of the success of the Jamaican bobsled team, which took part in the 1988 Games in Calgary and provided the inspiration for the 1993 film "Cool Runnings."

The Caribbean is too hot for huskies so Mr Anderson has trained a team of mongrels rescued from Kingston's dog pound. Back home, without snow, the dogs pull three-wheeled rigs and Anderson is introducing them to the West Indies as a novel means of transport for tourists.

The Jamaican team is sponsored by Bob Marley's record producer, Chris Blackwell, and singer Jimmy Buffet.

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