



*The Inuit Dog: Its Provenance, Environment and History* by Ian Kenneth MacRury was written in 1991 as part of the requirement for the completion of his Master of Philosophy in Polar Studies degree from Darwin College, the Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. It is the most comprehensive scientific publication written about the oldest of all purebred polar dogs, *Canis familiaris borealis*.

*The Inuit Dog: Its Provenance, Environment and History* covers the prehistoric origins of the Inuit Sled Dog and the environment in which the breed evolved. It explains how the Inuit Dog proved to be essential to the survival of arctic people for four thousand years, well into the mid-twentieth century. This publication examines physical characteristics including the wolf versus dog controversy, historical trends in height and weight, coat color patterns, and the breed's unique behaviour and nutritional requirements. It includes sections on the history of the different systems of Inuit Dog use in early exploration and scientific endeavor at both poles as well as the current operation by the Danish Government's Sirius Patrol in North-East Greenland. It presents a wealth of information in the form of many tables and figures, as well as thirty-four bibliography entries and a list of one hundred thirty-eight references.

The thesis, privately and professionally published by the Inuit Sled Dog International (ISDI), U.S. division, is fifty-nine 8.5 x 11 inch pages long. The front and back covers are heavy card stock and the spine is nicely bound with black fabric tape. Single copy price of *The Inuit Dog: Its Provenance, Environment and History* is \$16.00 each plus \$4.00 priority shipping for up to four units to one address. To order, please send a check or money order payable to "ISDI-Sue Hamilton" to: ISDI, c/o Sue Hamilton, 55 Town Line Road, Harwinton, Connecticut 06791. For more information, contact Sue Hamilton at the address listed or call 1-860-485-9088 or email <qimmiq@snet.net>.

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