



NOT WITHOUT MY DOGS

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SYNOPSIS

A family unlike others prepares for a dog race. The grueling trip turns into a nightmare when the dogs get injured in the wake of a fight. Dave and Kristen Olesen live in their own little universe with two teenage daughters and 37 Huskies. The ardent mushers favour an independent lifestyle in the middle of the wilderness in North Canada. Dog care, water hauling at 40 degrees minus and homeschooling are a deliberate routine. As 14 year old Annika starts training for her first race, the Junior Iditarod, the Olesens all join in and spend several month on preparation. But the 4000 Kilometer trip to Alaska is fraught with obstacles. Predominant competitors and confusing race conditions make the team from the wilderness feel out of the loop. When the dogs get into a terrible fight the whole endeavor risks to fail. But Annika, her family and the dogs meet the challenge with humor, courage and dignity. Beautifully shot in front of the vast backdrop of the great North, NOT WITHOUT MY DOGS...

CAST AND CREW

DIRECTOR Ralf Breier, Claudia Kuhland

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ORIGINAL TITLE

DIE FAMILIE MIT DEN
SCHLITTENHUNDEN

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Sustainability, Nature/Animals,
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