



The Avalanche dog handler

a time ago and
today



The main goal is the work with the dog



The courses are spitted in 4 phases to get the dogs to the searching facility we want them to have





Till the searching of avalanche victims is not getting totaly revolutioned we want to keep the level of doghandler and the dogs on a verry high level.



The courses also do include:

- Searching with technical helps
- Probing
- Digging
- Medical attention



Searching with avalanche receivers



At the entry test the avalanche handler has to be able to search two avalanche receivers on a field of 50 X 50 meters with in 6 minutes.

LVS: Lawinen-Verschütteten-Suchgerät





With a continues training the avalanchdoghandler is able to keep the handling of the avalanchrecievers, recco etc. on a high level.



The own safety of the rescuer is the most important!



Before the teams get on the field they always test their own avalanche receivers.



Probing



Every sign of the dog is getting checked by probing. After that we call the chief of the field to tell him that we found something.

After that we mark the spot with a blue flag.



Probing

- ☀ The avalanchedoghandler is practicing the probing with a group...





☀ and is learning to lead a proabing team.



Digging

Digging is the most done work while working with the dog:

- Digging holes out
- Close the holes again
- Digging in and out of victims and of material.



ca. 45°



Snowcover

Amount of snow

Time (4 persons)

1 m

app. 4 m³

app. 10 - 15 Min.

2 m

app. 18 m³

3 m

app. 38 m³



First aid

By taking care of the victims the reanimation has the first priority.

We practice inside and...





The Swiss Alpine club rescue specialist: „Avalanchedoghandler“

- Manages his dog on the avalanche
- Knows how to use avalanche receivers and recco
- Is able to take the place of chief of the avalanche field at the beginning
- Is able to take several different jobs on the field. (probing, digging, managing the incoming rescuers, managing the material, helping at reanimation.



From a dogmanager



a recuespecialist with
dog

