



## **Journal of the avalanche dog handler workshop in Kühtai (Austria) from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Wednesday, 09<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Greeting**

Check-in at the hotel Alpenhof in Praxmar with a dinner at 7.00 pm. Afterwards at 8.00 pm Meier Marcel, president of the sub commission open the workshop. He says a special greeting to Stefan and Seppolo, those who have organized the congress.

35 dog handlers from 12 countries are joining the congress.

Seppolo and Stefan explain the program for the next two days. After that, Seppolo shows the movie „Die Nase der Bergrettung“.

**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Workshop**

Weather: Snowfall, windy, temp. -3°

Breakfast, 7.00 am

Starting with dog work, 09.30 am

Dinner, 7.00 pm

Speeches, 8.00 pm

### Subject/Target:

Different exercises for the dogs together with dog handlers from Tirol (Austria).

Every dog handler has the possibility to train with his dog. It was very interesting to see these exercises.

A team from the Austria television make some interviews and a shortly report about the workshop. This report was shown on ORF 2 in the evening. Please find the link below:

<http://tvthek.orf.at/program/Tirol-heute/70023/Tirol-heute/7749096>

After the dinner we have the following speeches:

- Avalanche accidents in Austria from Seppolo and Stefan
- Organization of the Bavaria police
- Organization and education about the dog training in Switzerland
- Organization and education about the dog training in Austria

**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Workshop**

Weather, Sunshine , temp. -0°

Breakfast, 7.00 am

Starting with dog work, 09.30 am

Feedback about the workshop 6.45 pm

Dinner and fun, 7.00 pm

### Subject/Target:

After a short flight with the helicopter every dog handler was able to do an exercise. Marcel speaks with every dog handler about the positive and negative points during the exercise to improve the dog work.

Caused by the discussion with all the participants at the end, it has

been the wish that the topics of the speeches as well as from the workshop has been written already on the invitation. Marcel confirms this and it will be done for the next workshop. A topic will be: The education program for young dogs.

Mr. Barbisch Gebhard, president from the terrestrial commission, has visit us and he is very satisfied with the workshop.

At the end Marcel says thank you to Seppolo and Stefan for the organization as well as for the hosting.

With the avalanche dog song he close the official part. After the dinner, we had an enjoyable evening with music.

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Check out**

After the breakfast everybody goes home.