

AVALANCHE ZERMATT
APRIL 2024

A series of several parallel white lines of varying lengths, slanted diagonally from the bottom-left towards the top-right, located on the right side of the image.

Switzerland / KWRO

Prof. Dog trainer
Instructor for:
Avalanche, Area
search, Mantrailing.

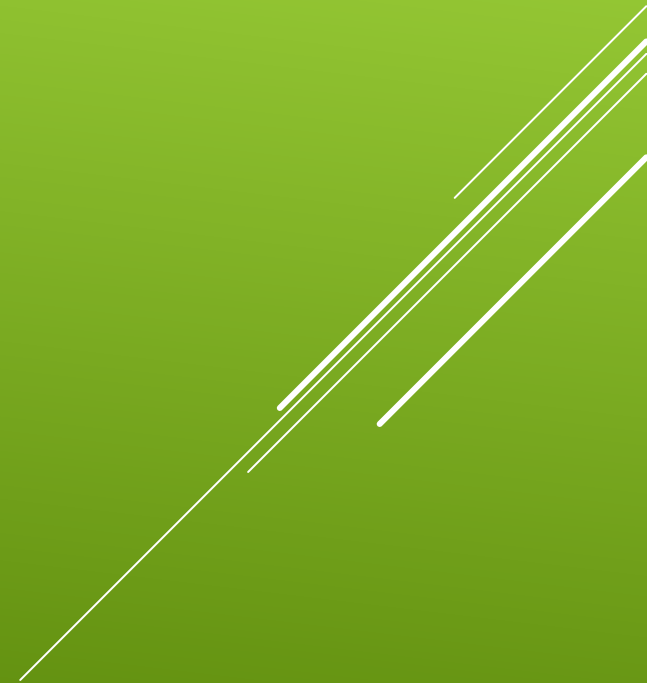
My dog:
«Chilly» 4 years.
Mission ready in
Avalanche,
Mantrailing, Bedbugs
detection.



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IMBODEN



5224 Km2
341400 Peoples



- ▶ Date: April 1, 2024
- ▶ Time: 15.20h
Alarm
doghandlers.
- ▶ Konditions: Very warm, spring snow.





- ▶ Situation: Closed wildlife area.
- ▶ Unknown number of victims.
- ▶ 4 Helicopters.
- ▶ 1 Dog team. Total 6 Teams during the mission.
- ▶ Ca. 40 Helpers. Recco, Guides, Ski Instructors.

FIRST 30MIN.



- ▶ Avalanche: Close to the Ski run.
- ▶ 2 Avalanches together.
- ▶ Lots of Skiers on the field, try to help.



- ▶ 1 Victim found by Recco. Father.
- ▶ 1 Victim found by Cell Phone tracking. Son.
- ▶ 1 Victim found by dog. Young Women.
- ▶ All death.

AFTER 1H



- ▶ No missing peoples registered.
- ▶ No Recco or LVS signals.
- ▶ No Dog indications.
- ▶ Chief operator decide to stop.

AFTER 2.5H

- ▶ One more person missing. The boyfriend of the young women.
- ▶ Decision Chief operator, search with technical equipment again.
- ▶ No success.

NEXT DAY.....

- ▶ Missing person was found by Police drohne.

END OF MAI 2024

- ▶ Question from my side:
- ▶ Why could we not find the person with the dogs? Trees? Too many persons on the field? Spring snow? Stop too early?

OPEN DISCUSSION!