

## **K9 AVALANCHE RESCUE**    BASIC 4 hr. class

Instructor: John Meriwether

***Class will be held Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 1000-1400 at Stevens Pass***

Class will be held at Stevens Pass on Sunday May 18th. Sign up list will be available Friday and Saturday at Registration or you can e-mail [Eileen.Ervin@co.chelan.wa.us](mailto:Eileen.Ervin@co.chelan.wa.us) to register. The class is to introduce how to teach a dog and handler to search for victims buried under the snow. If time and interest allows, avalanche search techniques, such as site management and search strategies will be discussed.

Instructor: John Meriwether a fully certified BARK dog handler. He has had top level training with Swiss avalanche rescue team in Switzerland and the US. He has 15 years on the Stevens Pass Professional Ski Patrol and is a K9 avalanche rescue supervisor, BARK Coordinator, and Stevens Pass Mountain Weather Forecaster.

John will be available at the conference on Saturday for contact and questions.

DOGS involved must be 1 year old or older. The entire class will be spent outside in the snow, so appropriate clothing and footgear is essential. Handlers should bring a leash or rope to stake dogs out while waiting.