



Rescue organization of the SRC +

# Lost? Missing? Dogs and people help.



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## **A dog's nose saves lives**

When an earthquake destroys cities or an explosion causes a house to collapse, the survival of the buried people depends on them being located quickly. This is where REDOG's search and rescue dogs come in. A dog's nose is still the fastest means of locating human scent in a large area or in rubble and debris.

## **Success story**

Thanks to our search and rescue teams, numerous people have been rescued and bodies recovered in deployments in Switzerland and abroad.

## **Ready to deploy – 24/7**

In an emergency, every minute counts. REDOG's teams can be called out at any time, day and night, via the emergency number +41 (0) 844 441 144.

## **Volunteers doing a professional job**

Our team leaders, dog handlers and technical search specialists are volunteers. They contribute over 120,000 volunteer hours annually to ensure professional work of high quality in the field.

When a person goes missing, their survival depends to a large extent on being found quickly. Whether under rubble or in difficult terrain. This is when the REDOG search and rescue dogs are deployed.

## **REDOG – who we are**

REDOG – the Swiss Association for Search and Rescue Dogs – was founded in 1971 and today counts around 750 members. REDOG is the only organisation in Switzerland that trains rescue dogs for rubble and area search as well as specialists for technical detection for missions in our own country and abroad.

## **Search dog teams for rubble search**

The dogs are trained to locate and indicate people buried under rubble or debris.

## **Technical search**

These human specialists support the search for buried and missing people using technical devices (acoustic sensors and imaging techniques).

## **Area search teams**

These teams are trained to search people who go missing in forests, riverside areas and pre-alpine regions.

## **Corps search teams**

These dogs are specialised in locating deceased victims under rubble after earthquakes, rockslides, floods etc.

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### Working with partners in Switzerland

REDOG is a member of the Swiss Red Cross.

In Switzerland, we work with the police, fire fighters, civil protection, REGA Swiss Air Ambulance Service and Swiss Alpine Rescue.

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### On mission world wide

REDOG is the recognised partner of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (DEZA) and the Search Unit of the Swiss INSARAG classified Heavy USAR Team. We have deployed all over the world for the last decades, eg. Greece, Taiwan, India, Algir, Indonesia, Japan, Turkey. Since 2014 we are partner of the Turkish INSARAG classified Light USAR Team GEA. Together we have been on call outs in Nepal, Albania and Turkey.

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### Sharing knowledge

REDOG was founded in 1971, so we look back on more than 50 years of experience. Working together with our partners in training, in preparing and carrying out IEC / IER and on deployment has given us insight into the work of USAR teams. We were able to share our knowledge with many other SAR teams. Working for Swiss Humanitarian Aid we also participated in building up USAR Teams in other countries.



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### Working together to save lives

Our goal is to save lives and reduce suffering. For this reason we train our teams to a very high standard. The success in deployment strengthens our conviction that our high demands during training and in mission readiness tests are justified.

Precise location of victims buried under the rubble is of course only effective if it goes hand in hand with excellent work by the rescuers and qualified first aid for the victims. To ensure that these procedures function smoothly, we regularly hold joint training sessions with our partners. This means a lot of hard work for everyone.

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### Mission in Turkey 2023

The big success in the 2023 deployment in Turkey after the terrible earthquake shows that we are on the right track with our partners. One of the most memorable moments was certainly when a small child was rescued and placed in the arms of its mother, who had also been saved from under the rubble.



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