

YOKA THE RESCUE DOG

13:14 My name is Yoka, and this is my handler Clement. We are mountain rescuers. We had a little lye-in in the morning. Our friends are already on the snow, while we are still in the car.

13:30 We'll have our regular training.

13:34 Finally! My friends and I will practice how to find and rescue a person, caught in an avalanche in the mountains.

13:54 I'm looking forward to seeing my friends, especially Ron who is so handsome.

14:00 Clement takes all the gear, which he needs in order to hike safely in the mountains. Let's go!

14:17 The rescuers are already digging comfortable caverns, which will protect their dogs from the wind.

14:34 We have arrived.

14:36 Ron noticed me. He's happy to see me again. Ron is the best dog in our group. He is always first to find and dig out a person. I'll try to defeat him today.

14:52 My other friends are also here: Don, Tay, Layka ... and the annoying and jealous Ika. Look at her! She'll chew at all the branches, just because she is envious.

15:12 Winter days are short, so we must start training. Clement is making me a snow shelter, where I'll be comfortable.

15:26 In the meantime, the other rescuers are digging a hole. They will bury a man in it. We'll have to find him.

15:37 This is the coldest and dreariest part of the day. All this waiting... I'll take a short nap.

15:47 How nice it would be at home right now...

16:07 No, no time for day-dreaming. The training has started.

16:16 The first to go is Layka. Peter is waving to her with her favourite piece of old cloth. You know, dogs like simple toys. Each one becomes attached to some item. Since we have a poor sense of sight, we trace the victims by their SCENT. When training, it is the scent of our toys, while in real situations, we rely on the scent of a personal item or the scent of the victim.

16:44 Layka has begun.

16:58 Wow, she has already sniffed him out.

17:12 Peter is rescued.

17:18 For her reward, Layka can play her favourite game: she and Peter tug at her old cloth and roll on the snow.

17:27 Jealous Ika is green with envy! How badly she wants to prove herself!

17:37 Ron will silence her. As now it is my turn.

17:42 I'm very excited.

17:48 Peter goes and hides himself with my favourite toy in hand, a colourful sock with a small ball inside.

17:55 Ron encourages me with his loud barking.

18:12 I found him!

18:24 Success. And now, my reward.

18:34 My Clement gives me a square of chocolate. I really proved successful.

18:44 It is Ron's turn.

18:47 Just look at him! He is the fastest again.

18:56 Maybe I'll defeat him next time.

19:08 What a master!

19:19 This is what our training looks like. Everyone gets his or her turn, always. But be very careful when venturing to the mountains during the winter, even though we are very well trained in rescuing people.