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**MATT GUNN** and avalanche search dog Blizzard train at the annual assessment camp for avalanche dogs at Snowfarm skifield near Wanaka yesterday. LandSAR South Island field support officer Iain Watson said the organisation

supported the police in search and rescue operations when someone went missing or got lost in the outdoors.

The group of 14 dogs and handlers came from throughout New Zealand to be assessed and to

make sure they were up to standard if they were called up for an avalanche rescue.

Search dogs were stationed on main skifields throughout the country on call in the event of an avalanche.

“If you were caught in an avalanche and did not have a beacon, your best chance of being found alive is an avalanche dog as they can cover a huge area in a short space of time,” Mr Watson said.