

Money from old rope

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Albert Town man Matt Gunn believes he has developed the most versatile dog lead in the world. The lead, modelled by Matt's trainee avalanche dog Rocket (right), is made from 'retired' climbing rope and Matt intends to sell leads as a fundraiser for Aspiring Avalanche Dogs (AAD). He is asking for donations of old rope with a diameter between 8mm and 12mm.

Matt developed the lead while training and working avalanche dogs and hopes it

will be popular with dog owners.

"As well as having

them, and some ropes will have been used by our own NZLandSAR

“ As well as having multiple features, it is made from recycled climbing rope ...

multiple features, it is made from recycled climbing rope making it not only eco-friendly, but also having a rich history. Climbing ropes have facilitated some amazing and harrowing experiences in the people who use

teams to save lives in our region...pretty cool really.”

If the leads sell well as a fundraiser Matt hopes to develop a business venture selling them internationally and giving a percentage of sales to AAD.

