

New system for training avalanche dogs



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Old

Module 1

Module 2

Module 3

Module 4

→ Certification

→ Recertification

→ Recertification after 2 years break

New

Basic Course 1

Basic Course 2

Basic Course 3

Advanced training

→ Certification for existing dog handlers

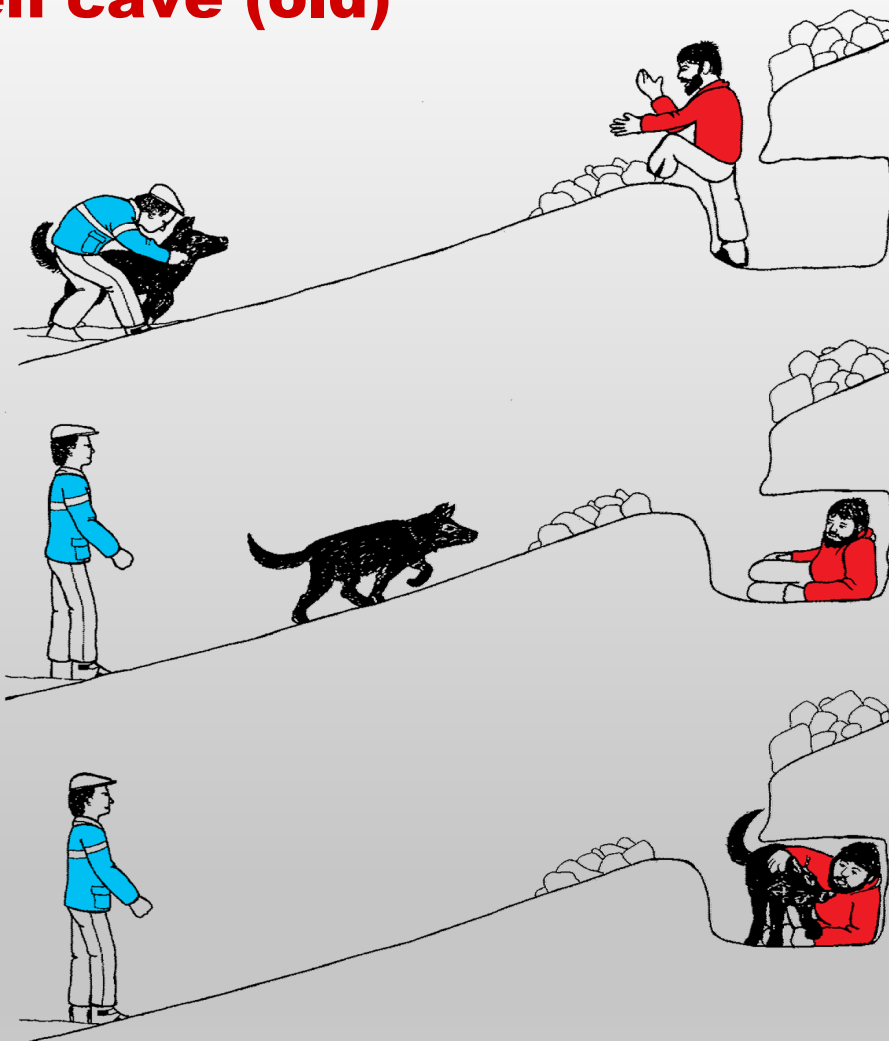
→ Certification for new dog handlers

→ Recertification

Module 1

Phase 1 open cave (old)

1 exercise



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The young dog learns to

- To detach from the handler
- To work independently at long distance (digging)
- To promote the nose work
- To recognize the individual scent and to consolidate it for itself
- To ignore empty holes, although the individual scent of the person is present.
- To stay in the hole with the person.

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The handler learns

- To have confidence in his dog
- To lead the dog with patience
- Not to make any impact on the dog
- To recognize the independence of the dog
- That the figurant in the hole is the most important person

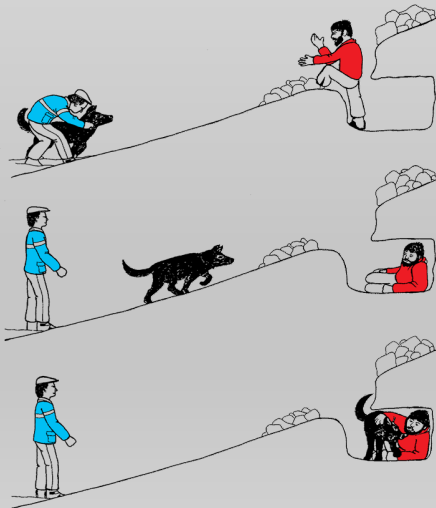
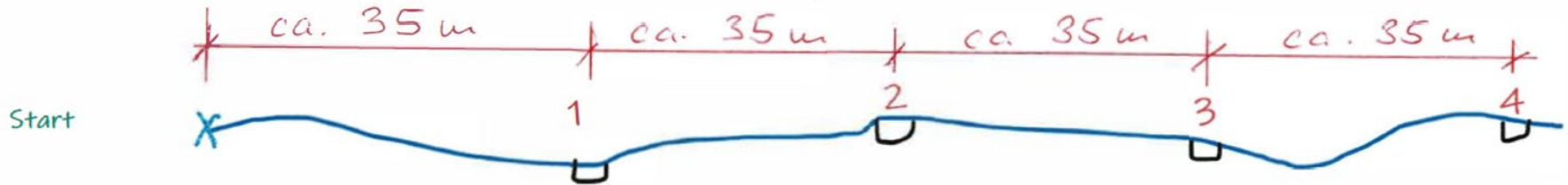
Basic Course 1

Phase 1 open cave (new)

4 exercises

Structure module 1 training

attention wind

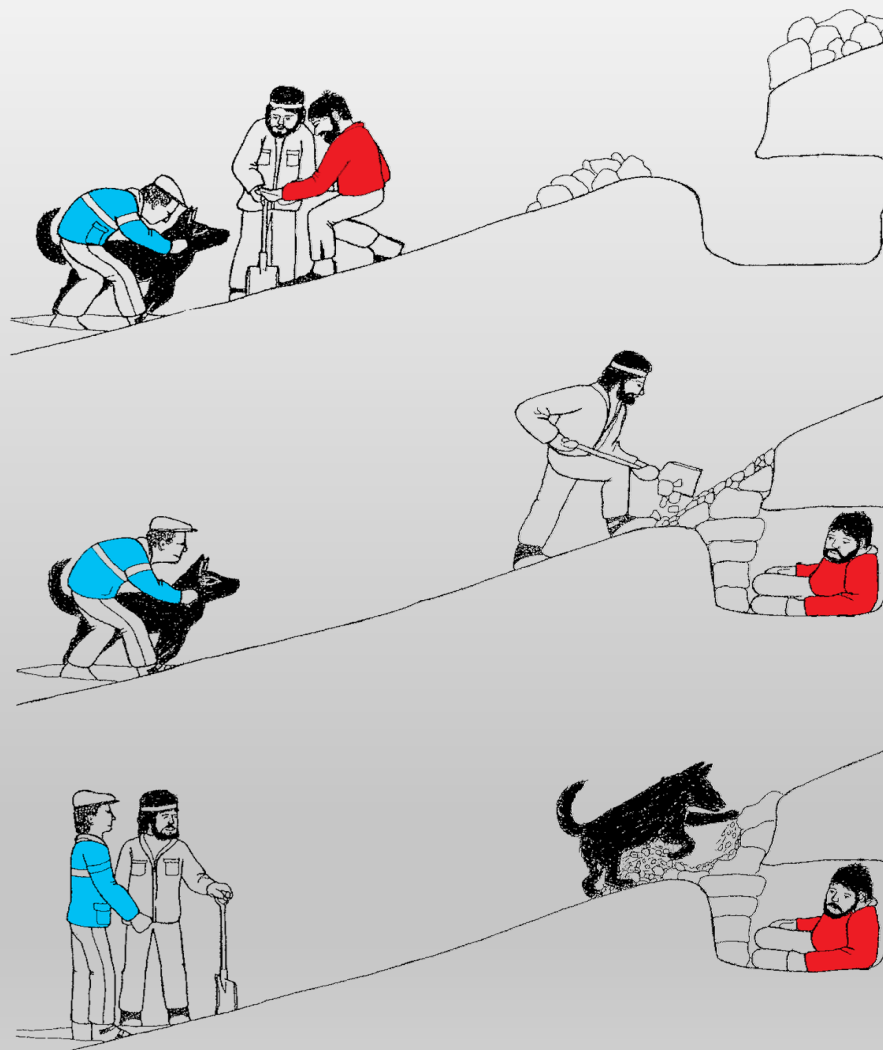


Repeat for every cave
Keep the same starting point

Module 1

Phase 2 closed cave (old)

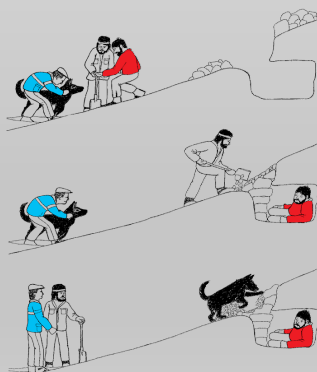
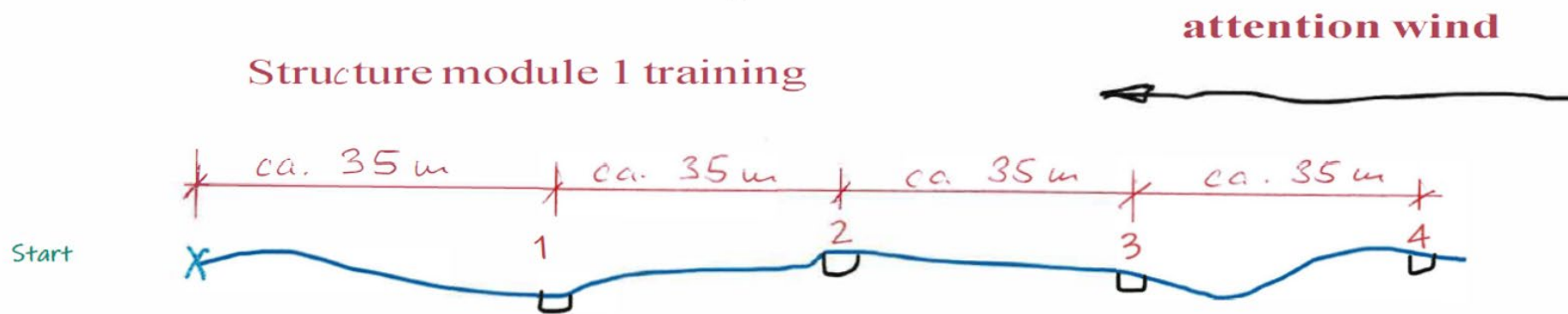
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Phase 2 closed cave (new)

4 exercises

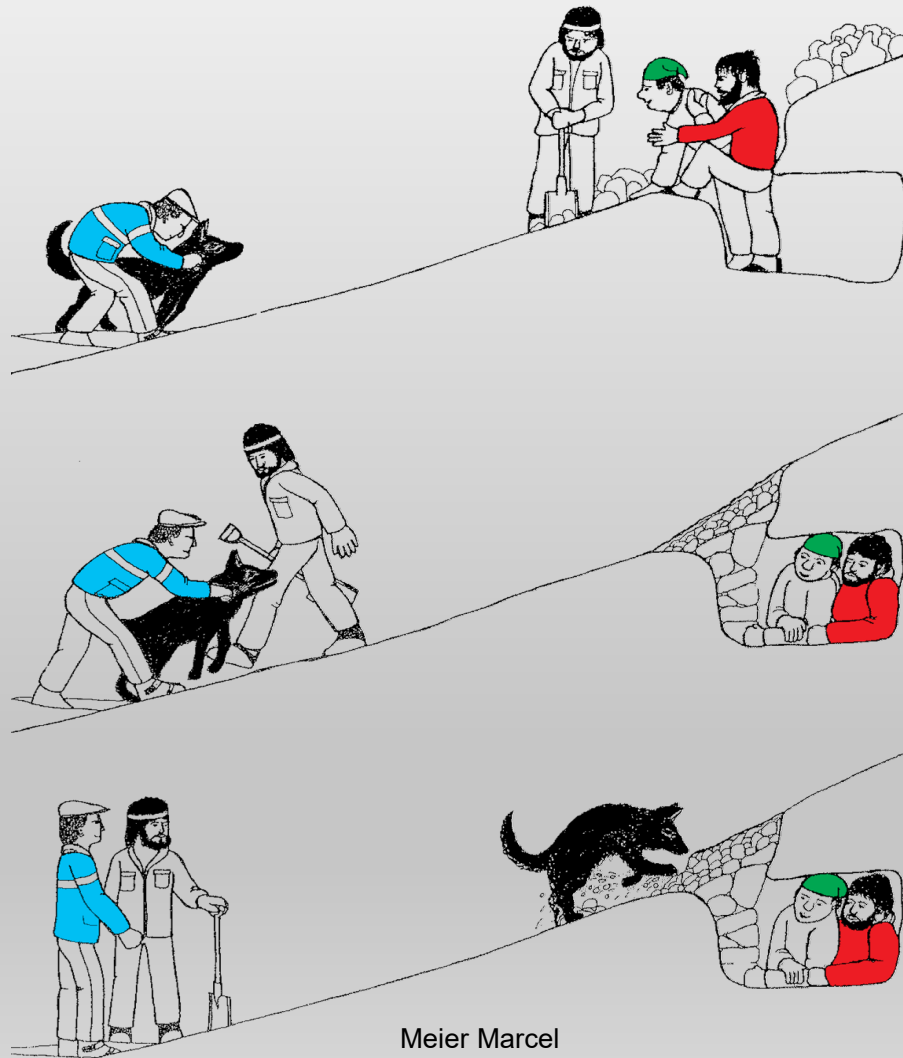


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Module 1

Phase 3 figurant, closed cave (old)

1 exercise



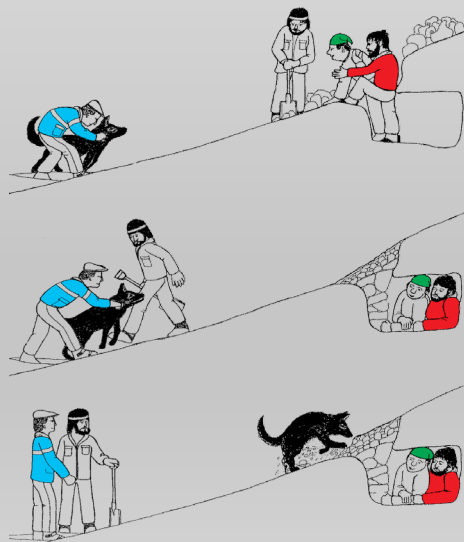
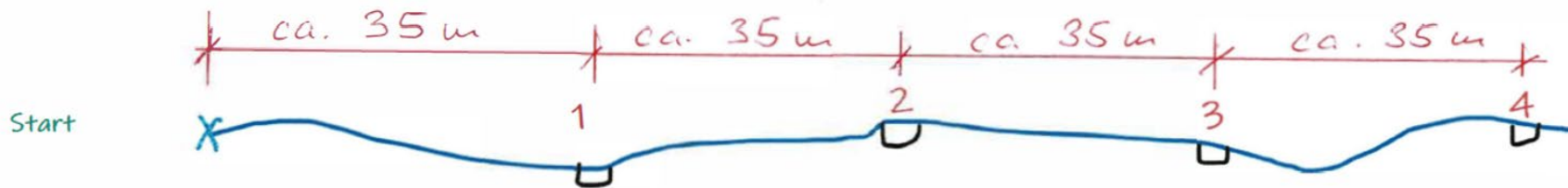
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Phase 3 figurant, closed cave (new)

4 exercises

Structure module 1 training

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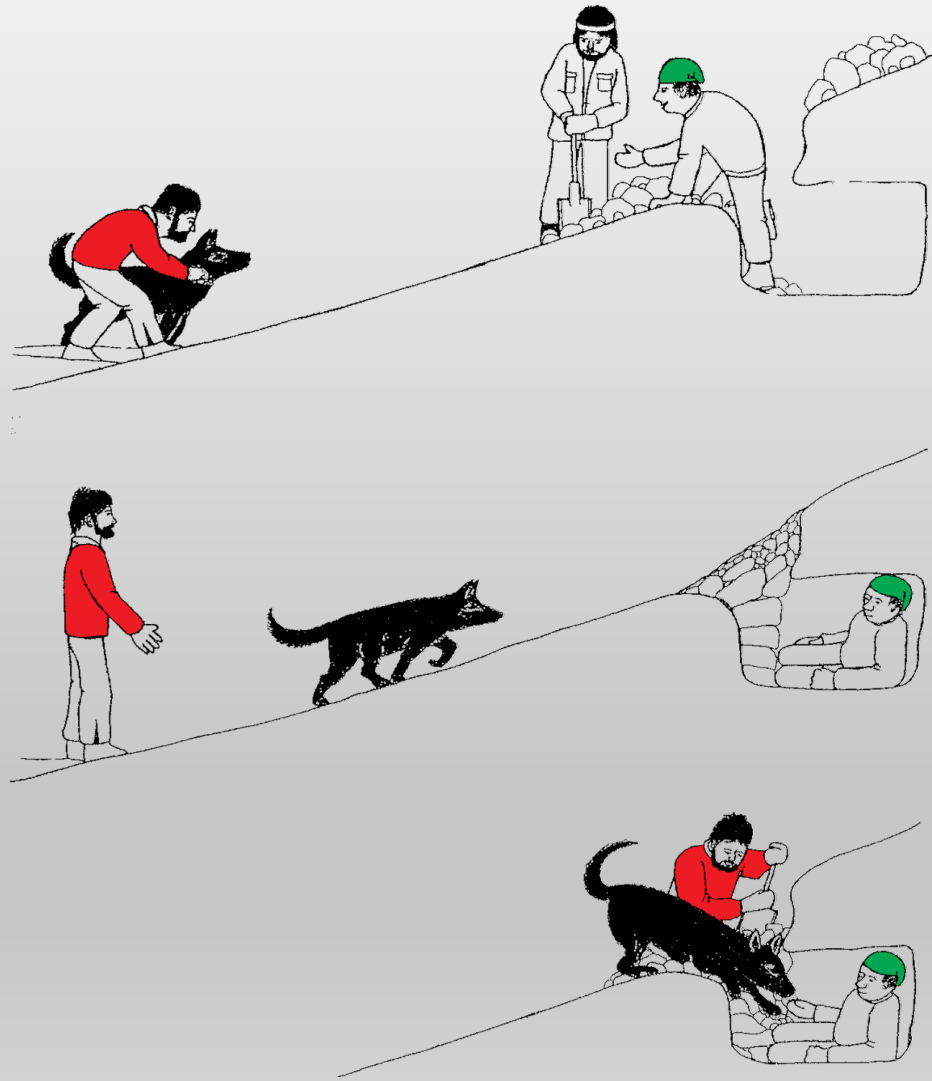


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Module 1

Phase 4 handler stays with dog (old)

1 exercise

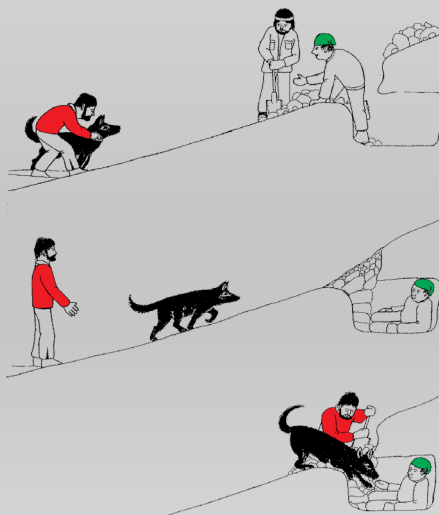
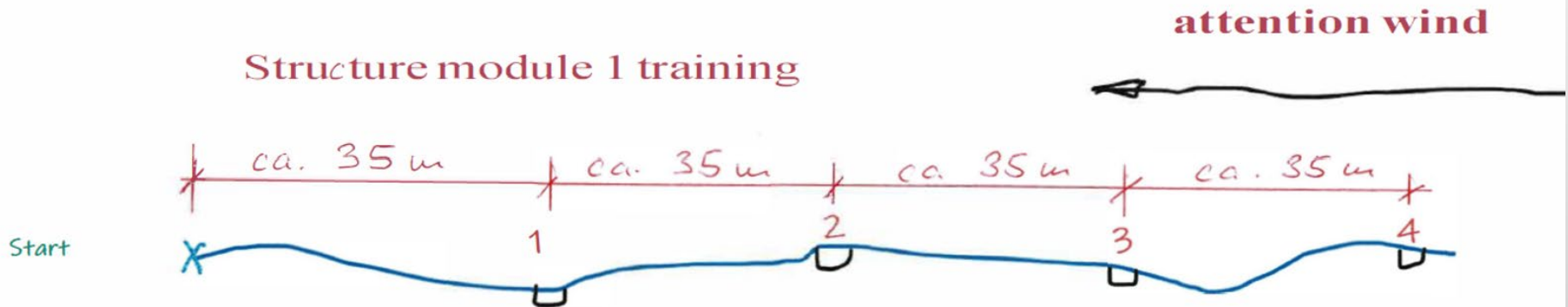


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Phase 4 handler stays with dog (new)

4 exercises

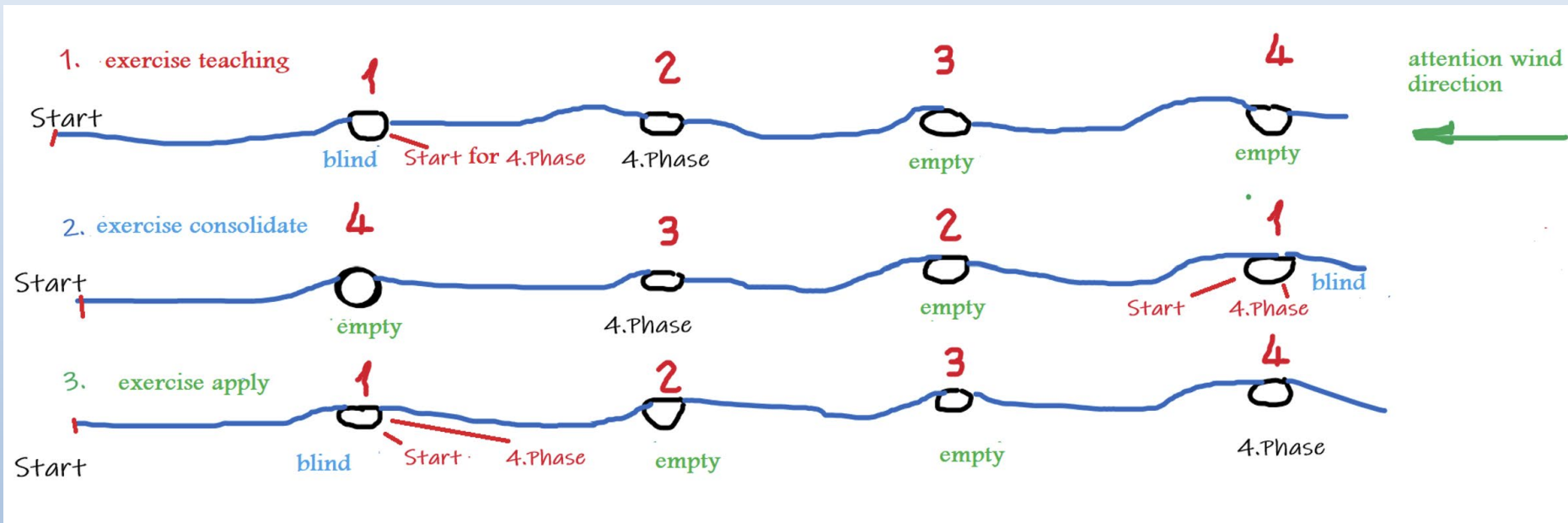
Structure module 1 training



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Basic Course 2

3 steps: Teach – Consolidate - Apply



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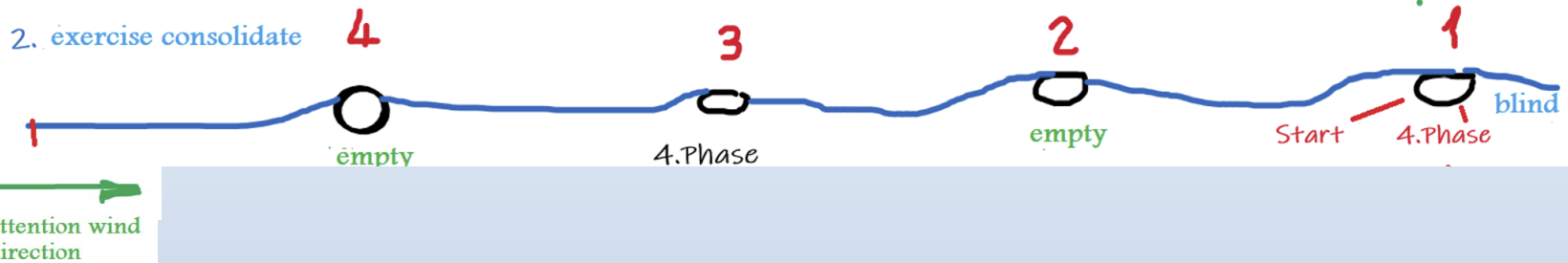
Step 1: Teach



- Start and then search for the blind person (cave 1)
- From blind person start for the 4th phase on cave 2 (the figurant starts at the dog)
- Handler moves away with dog (as soon as the figurant disappears in the cave) before start
- Handler starts his search on cave 2

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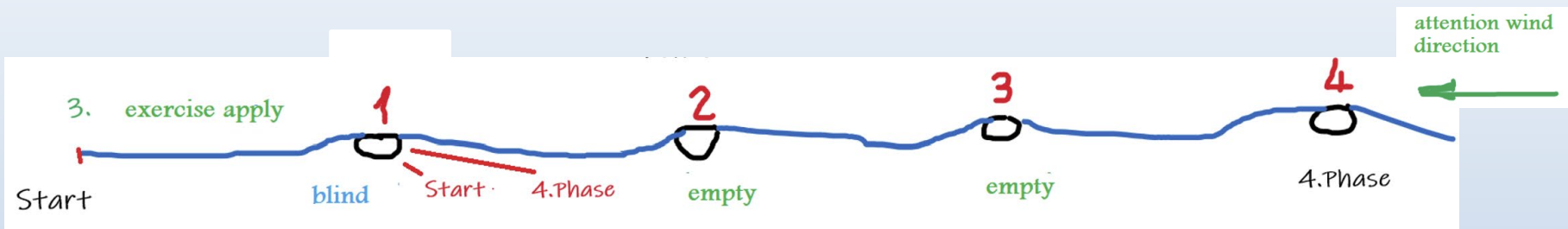
Step 2: Consolidate



- Pay attention to the order of the caves, the starting point changes
- Start and then search for the blind person cave 1
- From blind person start the 4th phase on cave 3 (the figurant starts at the dog). Dog handler moves away with the dog (as soon as the figurant disappears in the cave) before the start of search
- Handler starts his dog to search cave 3

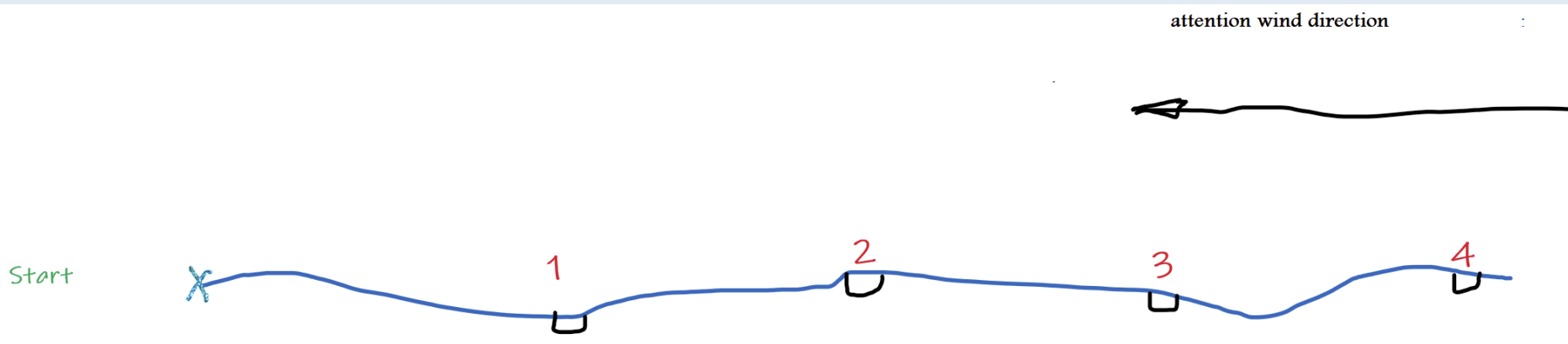
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Step 3: Apply



- Start and then search for the blind person (cave 1)
- From blind person start for 4th phase on cave 4 (the figurant starts at the dog)
- Handler moves away with the dog (as soon as the figurant disappears in the cave)
- Handler starts his dog to search on cave 4

Basic Course 3 + 4 Apply



1. Phase 2 (handler in closed cave) on cave 2
2. Phase 2 (handler in closed cave) on cave 4
3. Phase 4 (handler stays with dog, figurant in cave) on cave 1
4. Phase 4 (handler stays with dog, figurant in cave) on cave 3

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