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OUR THOUGHTS



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MANDY BREAKS TRAINING RECORD

Mandy the record-breaking hero rat

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Mandy, the African Giant Pouched rat, is making history as one of the fastest hero rats to complete her training.

Hero rats have an important job to do sniffing out landmines so they can be removed and

not harm the people who live near them. Hero rats are light so they don't set the mines off when they stand on them and they can smell the explosives buried deep in the ground. They dig to show the people where the mines are and get rewarded with a treat.

A hero rat's training usually takes a year, but Mandy has passed in just 8 months!



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WHAT DOES THE RSPCA THINK ABOUT ANIMALS?



Humans have responsibilities towards all animals



The needs of animals, whether pets, wild animals or farm animals, should always be met



All animals have feelings, emotions and can feel pain



Animals are intelligent and can think for themselves

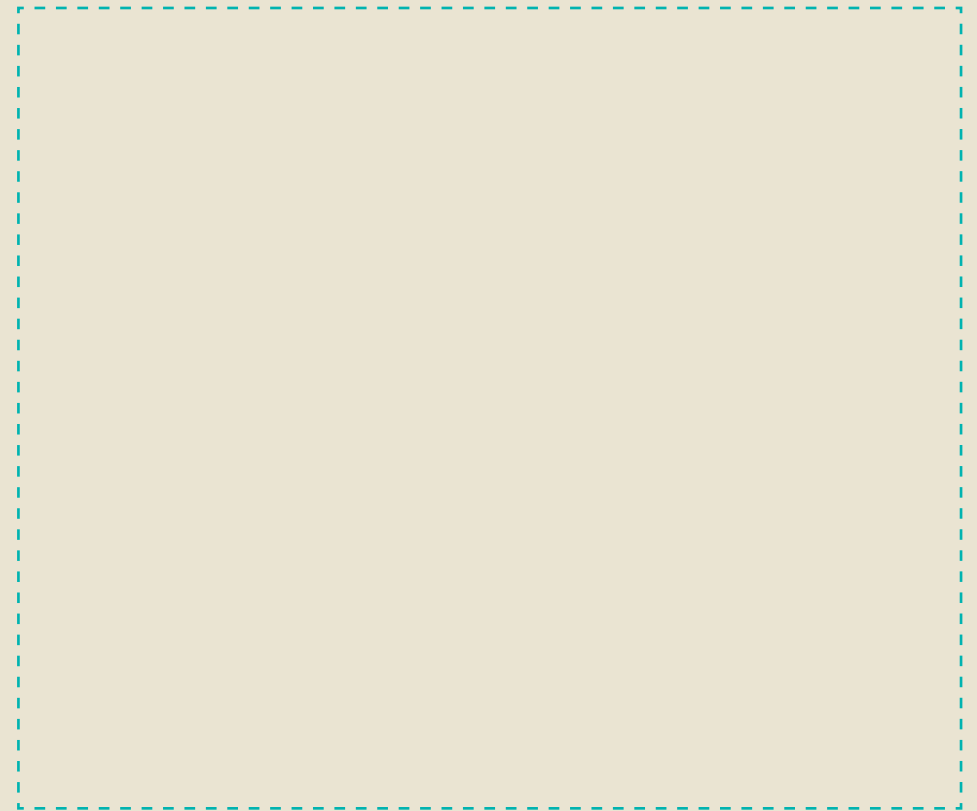


All animals in experiments (including space travel) that cause pain, suffering or distress, should be replaced by humane alternatives



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WHAT DO WE THINK ABOUT PUTTING ANIMALS IN DANGER TO HELP HUMANS?



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HOW WOULD ARCHIE AND MANDY'S WORK BE NEGATIVELY AFFECTED IF THEIR NEEDS WERE NOT MET?



Mandy

If I am stressed, I get red staining around my eyes

I need to work in the morning or evening when it is not too hot

I need to gnaw lots otherwise my teeth will get too long



Archie

I am a sociable animal and get lonely or bored if I don't have company

I pant to keep myself cool and overheat in hot cars as I can't cool myself down

