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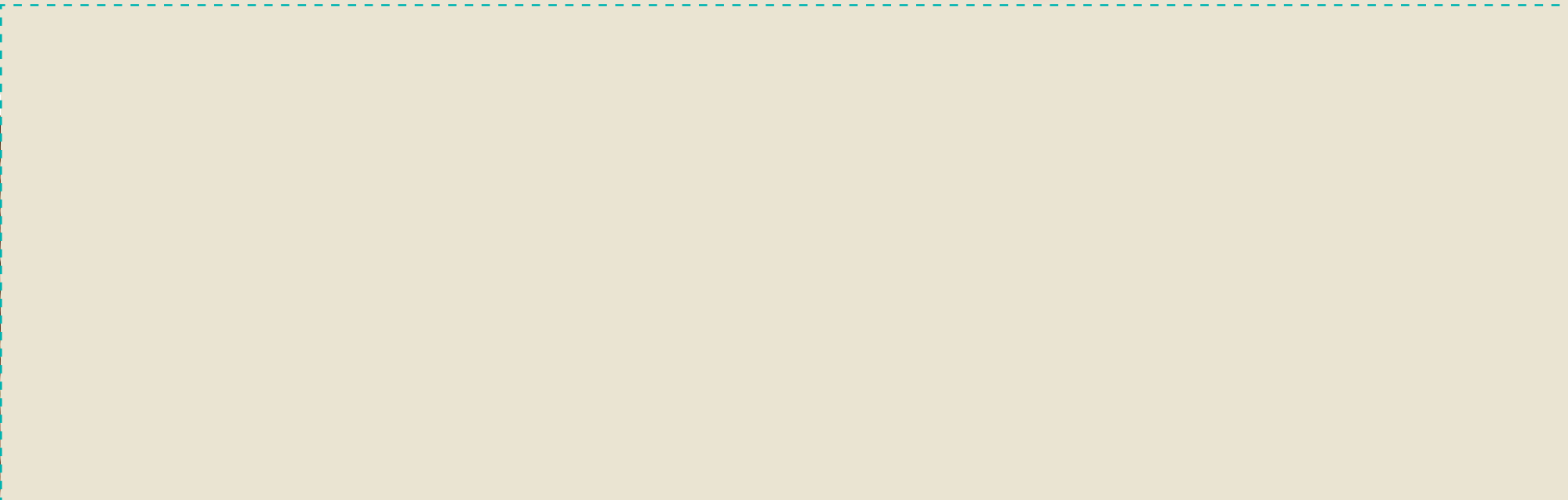




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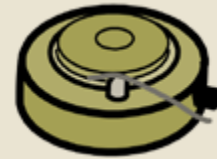
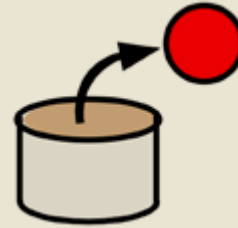
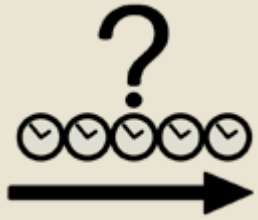
Our thoughts:





Can animals be heroes?



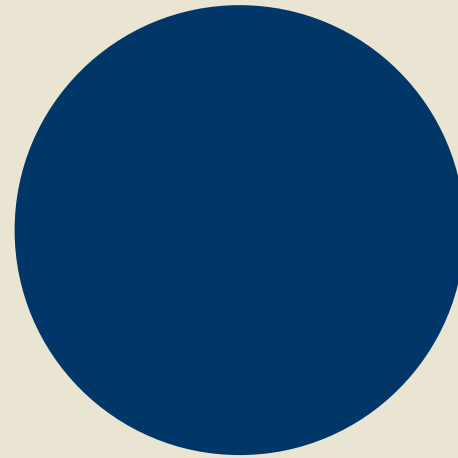
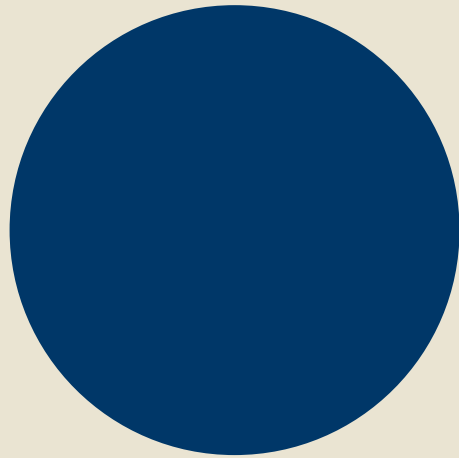


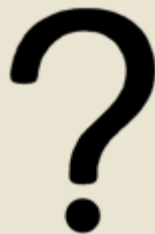
How long for a soldier to remove landmines from this land?





4 whole days!





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Mandy the record-breaking hero rat

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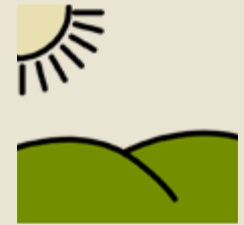
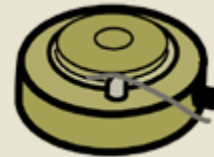
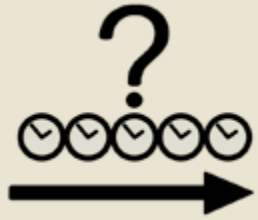
Mandy, the African Giant Pouched rat, is making history as one of the fastest hero rats to complete her training.

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!





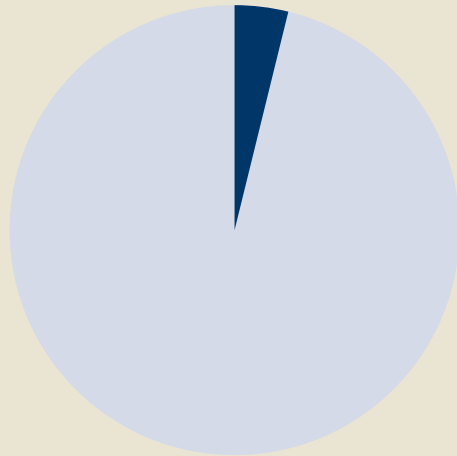
How long for a rat to find landmines in this much land?



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30 minutes!





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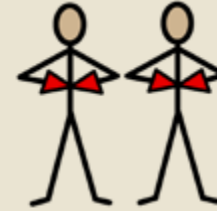
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What does the RSPCA think about how we should care for animals?

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



What would happen if we didn't look after them?



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



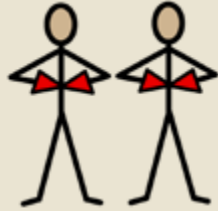
Archie

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

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



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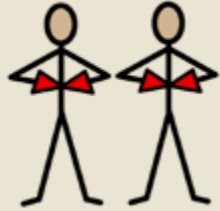


Should we put animals in danger?



Do they know they are heroes?





Should we put animals in danger?



Mandy would never be a pet

