



## Holiday greetings to the Braintree Scientific team, from your favorite hero!

On behalf of all of us at HeroRAT headquarters, I wanted to send you this extra special holiday update to let you know about all the incredible outcomes your support has helped our team achieve this year...

The HeroRAT training program (which I am in the middle of!) is constantly being refined to get us Hero-ready even faster at our Center of Excellence in Tanzania. In total, we have 195 rats in various stages of landmine detection training or accreditation procedures.



*Doing what I do best...sniffing out landmines at our training field!*

Our Mozambique Mine Action team has made a huge impact in land clearance this year – they've cleared over 792,893 square meters! In doing so, the HeroRAT team has found 860 landmines, 374 unexploded ordinance and 6,216 small arms and ammunitions. That's a lot of TNT! Not only have countless landmine-related accidents been avoided, but barriers restricting development in affected communities have been lifted, and people are free to move about their land without fear.

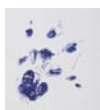
In Tanzania, our HeroRAT team at the Tuberculosis (TB) detection center has been busy sniffing away to save lives. In 2010, my furry colleagues have found 594 TB-positive patients who were initially missed by traditional diagnostic methods. As a result of our tireless efforts, more patients can begin their life-saving treatment sooner, thus significantly reducing the spread of TB.

On a lighter note, our breeding couples have thoroughly enjoyed the improvements that were made to our breeding program earlier this year. They have shown their appreciation by increasing the number of births this year to 148 baby rats – my future hero colleagues!

As for me, I am thoroughly enjoying my holiday, relaxing in the HeroRAT kennels, eating, sleeping, playing, then eating and sleeping some more (like all good holidays!)

Thank YOU, my supporters from afar, for taking action and providing ongoing support of our cause. Together, we can save more and more lives and limbs! Wishing you the happiest of holidays, with lots of banana treats, and a spectacular start to the year ahead!

Peace, gratitude & sniffs,



Sniffles the HeroRAT

