



Dear beloved friends at Braintree Scientific,

How is life in your part of the planet? Everything is going splendidly here at HeroRAT headquarters. The rainy season has brought some much-needed water and the temperature is slowly cooling. I'm torn between hating the rainy season because the water and mud get all over my fur, or loving it because of the cooler weather. Such a difficult decision!



Enjoying my delicious banana treat after training with Miraji

When I last wrote to you, I was on my holiday from training after triumphantly passing my first blind test. I had a great time enjoying lots of playtime, relaxation, food, and sleep! However, all good things must end, and it was time to get back to business! Miraji was so excited when my holiday was over, and it was time to get back to training. (He won't admit to me or my furry colleagues, but I think I'm definitely his star pupil and he secretly missed me while I was enjoying my well-earned relaxation.)

We arrived back at the landmine field and geared up for the training ahead. (After having a few months of sleeping late, those 6am wake-up calls come early!) Miraji gave me a few weeks to warm up, and get my

sniffing skills back up to speed, before saying that I was ready for my second blind test at the advanced stage. I was really nervous about the test, but Miraji was so encouraging. He reminded me that I've already passed this test once without any problems, so the second time should be even easier!

Luckily, Miraji was right! I found all of the landmines in my test without any false indications. How is that for sniffing expertise?



Look at how green the field is this time of year!

and can enter a real minefield to sniff out as many landmines as possible and make the world a safer place for everyone.

But my training is still not over! It's back to rest and relaxation for another holiday before my third and final blind test. Once I pass my third blind test, I will have achieved my goal of becoming an internally accredited landmine detection HeroRAT!

Over the next few months, I'm planning on spending a lot of time eating, sleeping, and playing, as well as going over all of my training in my head in preparation for my third and final test. I'll be dreaming about the day I graduate from HeroRAT training,

Of course, I could not have come this far without you. My success is your success! Thank you for your generous support from afar!

Love & Sniffs,



Sniffles the HeroRAT

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