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Help our HeroRATs in their life-saving mission.




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A HERORAT

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Adopt a HeroRAT starting from 5 € per month or 60 € yearly and receive regular updates about your rat.

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WE TRAIN RATS TO SAVE LIVES.

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TRAINING HERORATS

APOPO trains African giant pouched rats (*Cricetomys gambianus*) to utilize their exceptional sense of smell in humanitarian detection efforts. It takes nine months to fully train a 'HeroRAT' and they can live up to eight years.

These intelligent rats are socialized from a young age, and then taught to detect a particular scent through a combination of click training and food rewarding. APOPO currently trains rats for landmine detection or tuberculosis screening.

APOPO aims to build capacity through job creation and skill-sharing, thereby encouraging local communities to take action in an effort to help solve the humanitarian challenges they face.



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TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING BY HERORATS

THE GLOBAL PROBLEM
Tuberculosis (TB) is a widespread disease. 1.7 million people die from TB each year. Only 50% of the patients with TB are diagnosed. Left untreated, a person with active TB can infect 10-15 new people each year. A faster, more accurate diagnostic technology is needed to help curb the spread of this deadly disease.

THE APOPO SOLUTION
Trained HeroRATs can quickly and accurately sniff out TB in human sputum samples. In Tanzania, APOPO offers second-line screening to our partner hospitals, which has increased new case detection rates by over 40 percent.

Our rats can evaluate 40 sputum samples in just seven minutes, equal to what a skilled lab technician will do in a full day's work.

LANDMINE DETECTION BY HERORATS

THE GLOBAL PROBLEM
Landmines pose a structural barrier to development and economic growth, long after war ends. Innocent children and adults are injured or killed by landmines every day. Developing communities remain dependent on imported expertise to address the complex problems of landmine detection and clearance of suspected areas. Detection of these devices is difficult, dangerous, costly and time-consuming.

THE APOPO SOLUTION
Trained HeroRATs can quickly and accurately detect the location of landmines. Two handlers using APOPO's mine detection rats can cover 200 square meters of suspected minefield in less than 1.5 hours. This would take one full day using metal detectors. Our HeroRATs offer a cost-effective alternative demining technology for low-resource settings.



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