

SCIENCE

Welcome to the Science Super Curriculum. Below you'll find a whole host of things to do to stretch yourself beyond the classroom curriculum.

You have probably heard of dogs helping humans in different ways, but have you heard of the Giant African Pouched Rat? These rats are the size of a cat and are being trained to complete different jobs. In this Super Curriculum, find out about how these *super rats* are finding landmines to make areas safe after war, sniffing out illegal poaching products and wearing special backpacks with cameras to find people trapped in buildings after natural disasters!

READ

[Science News Explores: Giant rat border agents could help put a stop to wildlife poaching](https://www.snextplores.org) - snexplores.org

WATCH

[BBC Newsround: 'Hero rats' used to sniff out landmines](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-15081508) - CBBC

[BBC Earth: Extraordinary Animals](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15081508) - YouTube

LISTEN

Listen to researchers talk about using giant rats to help find earthquake victims:

[Rats: The future of search and rescue?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15081508) - YouTube

DO

Use the two websites below to find out as much as you can about this species. You could create a fact file:

[animalia.bio](https://www.animalia.bio)

[iucnredlist.org](https://www.iucnredlist.org)