



Fat Rat saved by Firefighters!

A large rat found itself in trouble after it tried to squeeze through a small gap in a sewer cover in Germany.

Animal rescuer, Michael Sehr, told local media the rat "had a lot of winter flab and was stuck fast at her hip - there was no going forward or back".

It took about eight firefighters and an animal expert to save her!

Andreas Steinbach, of the Berufstierrettung Rhein Neckar animal rescue group, told Sky News that after it was freed the rat "looked back as if to say 'thanks!' "

There are more than 60 species of rat, which means they come in all sizes. The largest species is the Bosavi woolly rat which is about the size of a cat!



Pictured: A typical Rat.

Pupil flies in a plane built at school!



Pictured: The plane when it arrived at Kinross High School taken from the school's Twitter page.

A teenager took to the skies in a plane that was built as part of a school science project.

The Eurofox two-seater was delivered in kit form over a year ago, and assembled by pupils at Kinross High School, with help from amateur pilots.

Aaron McKay, 16 - one of more than 50 pupils involved in the project - was first of the students to fly as a passenger in the aircraft.

The plane took off from Fife Airport, near Glenrothes.

The Build-a-Plane project began nearly two years ago and was designed to encourage interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects.

It is hoped the aircraft, owned by a community benefit educational trust, will now give many pupils in the area their first experience of flying in a small aircraft.



UK Antarctic meteorite hunt, bags large haul



Pictured: 'A meteorite's view of the world' taken from UK Antarctic Meteorites Twitter page.

The first British-led expedition to gather meteorites in the Antarctic has returned with a haul of 36 space rocks. Manchester University's Dr Katherine Joy was dropped in the deep field with British Antarctic Survey guide, Julie Baum, for four weeks.

The pair spent their days near the Shackleton mountains running across the ice sheet in skidoos looking for out-of-place objects.

The meteorites ranged from tiny flecks to some that were as big as a melon. Some two-thirds of the meteorites in the world's collections have been picked up in the Antarctic. It's the contrast of black on white that makes the continent such a productive hunting ground.

"As soon as you spot a black rock you know. You dart towards it and your heart picks up a beat," Dr Joy told BBC News.

'A year ago, I couldn't swim'

The refugee hoping to be an Olympic star!

A Syrian refugee has stunned swimming experts by learning how to swim in just 12 months and is now training for the 2020 Olympics.

Eid Aljazairli, who is 24 years old, nearly drowned trying to cross the Mediterranean to reach Europe in 2016.

Until January 2018, Eid had never been in a swimming pool before. Now, he swims four hours a day hoping for the chance to one day compete in the Olympics like his inspiration, Michael Phelps.

He is currently living with a British family and training at the London Aquatics Centre, as he tries to win a place on the Refugee Olympic Team.



Pictured: Eid Aljazairli training taken from his Twitter page.

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