

## CAT STATUE

THE first cat in space is to be honoured with a special memorial. French cat, Félicette, travelled to space aboard the Véronique AG1 rocket in October 1963.

She has received little attention since then. Now, thanks to a campaign on the Kickstarter website, the cat will be given a memorial statue in Paris.



## POZZI PIPS IT!

BRITAIN'S Andrew Pozzi won gold in a dramatic photo finish at the 60m hurdles final of the World Indoor Athletics Championships in Birmingham.

Pozzi pipped American Jarret Eaton to gold by one-hundredth of a second. Britain ended the championships with seven medals, including two golds: one for Pozzi and another for Katarina Johnson-Thompson in the pentathlon.

The USA, who topped the medal table, won an impressive six golds, including a championship record time for Christian Coleman in the men's 60m sprint.

Brit Laura Muir, who is also studying to be a vet, won silver in the women's 1,500m and bronze in the 3,000m.

There was chaos in a heat of the men's 400m, as every single athlete was disqualified. One of the favourites for gold, Abdalelah Haroun of Qatar, was given a red card for a false start, then the remaining four athletes were disqualified for running out of their lanes!



## MEDAL FOR MALI

A VERY special dog has been awarded a medal. Mali, a Belgian Malinois, received the Dickin Medal for saving the lives of army troops during their service in Afghanistan.

Mali was thanked for helping British forces find enemy fighters during an eight-hour operation to get a heavily armed Taliban force away from a multi-storey building. The dog was sent through direct fire twice but lived to tell the tale. But his efforts weren't without injury. Mali was wounded by three grenade blasts, causing injuries to his chest and legs. One of the explosions happened near his face, causing the loss of his front tooth.

The Dickin Medal is awarded by animal charity the PDSA, and is the UK's highest honour for animal bravery. Mali is the 69th animal to be awarded the medal, and the 32nd dog to win it. Messenger pigeons in World War II, four horses and a cat have also won the Dickin Medal.



## SHOCKING! ENDANGERED ANIMALS FOR SALE

WWF, the wildlife charity, has revealed that millions of pounds worth of endangered animals are being illegally traded in the Golden Triangle area in Thailand.

Tigers, elephants, bears and pangolins (believed to be the most illegally traded animal, pictured below) are four of the most widely-traded species in the Golden Triangle, which is the name for the border areas in the north of Thailand, Laos and Myanmar.

The WWF says that there was £3 million worth of goods on display at Myanmar's Mong La market alone. Many of the animals' parts are used in traditional medicines or end up as luxury items and jewellery. The WWF is working with governments and other bodies to stop illegal wildlife markets in the Golden Triangle.

