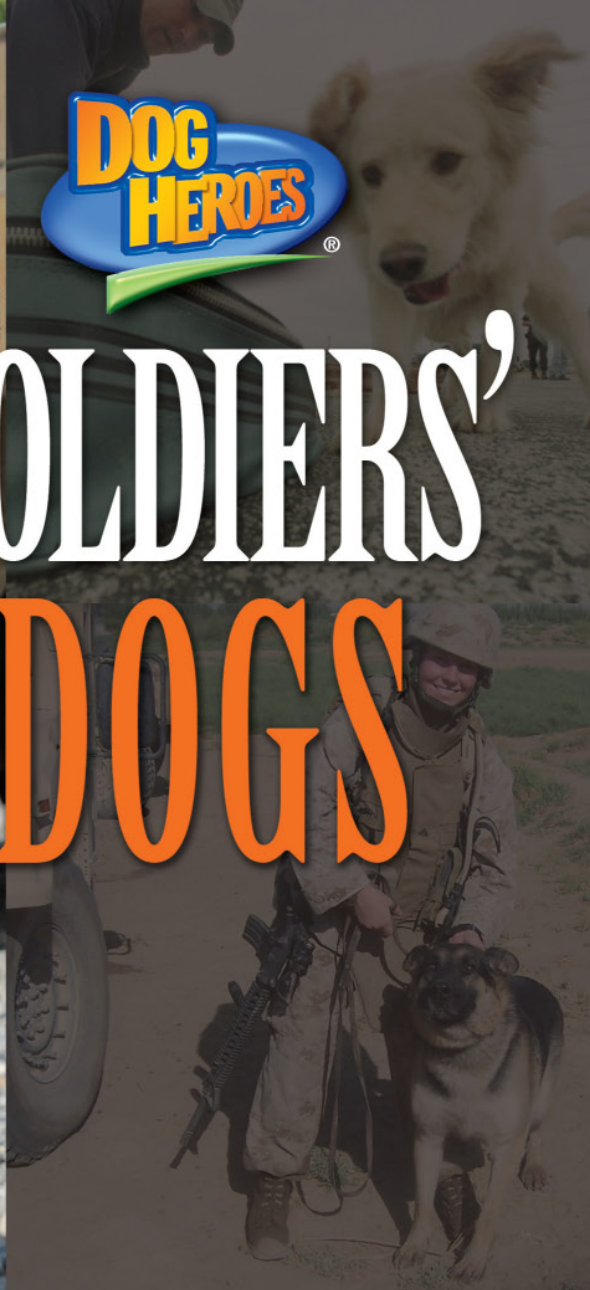




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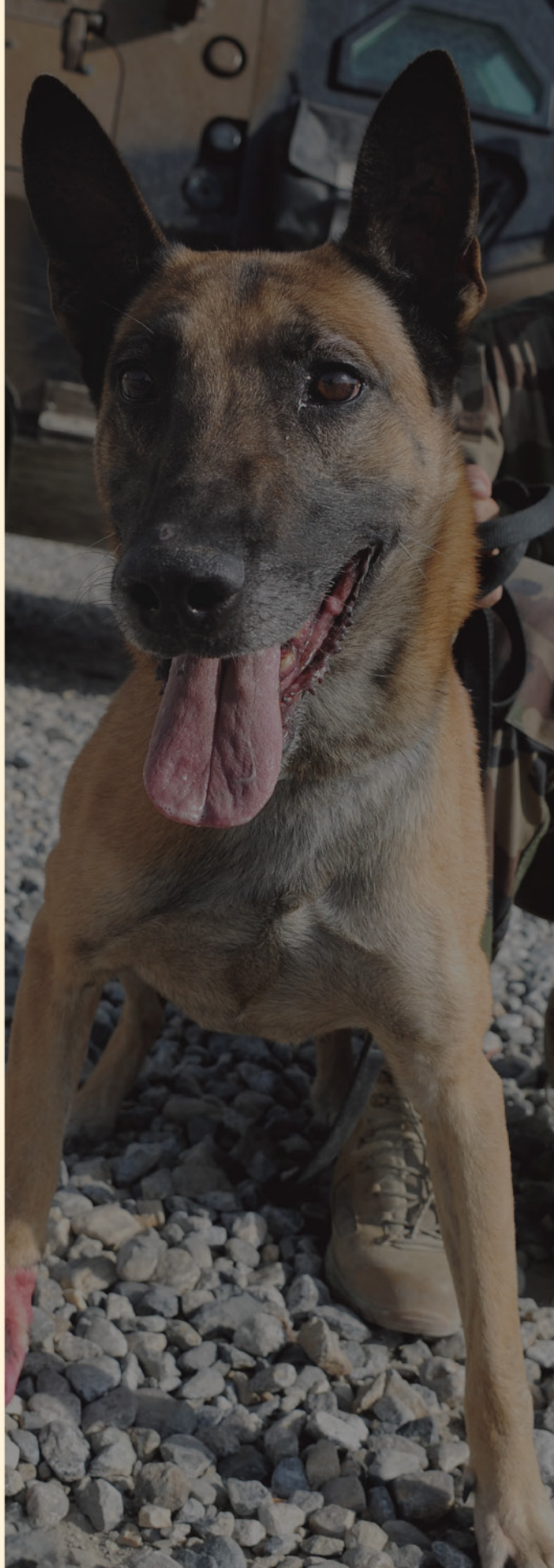
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Sniffing Out Danger

In 2011, British soldiers were searching a **compound** in Afghanistan for **explosives**. Private Andrew Duff, a dog **handler**, was on **patrol** with an English springer spaniel named Jack. The dog was trained to sniff out bombs that the enemy might have hidden in the area.



This bomb-sniffing dog, Toby, is an English springer spaniel. He is searching for explosives with British troops in Afghanistan.

As Private Duff was about to take his next step, Jack suddenly stopped and sat down in front of him. It was the dog's way of letting his handler know that bombs were buried just ahead. Thanks to Jack's sharp sense of smell, the bombs were found before they could do any harm. Private Duff later said of Jack, "To this day I am certain that he saved my life and those around me."

A U.S. soldier and his dog search for weapons in the mountains of Afghanistan.

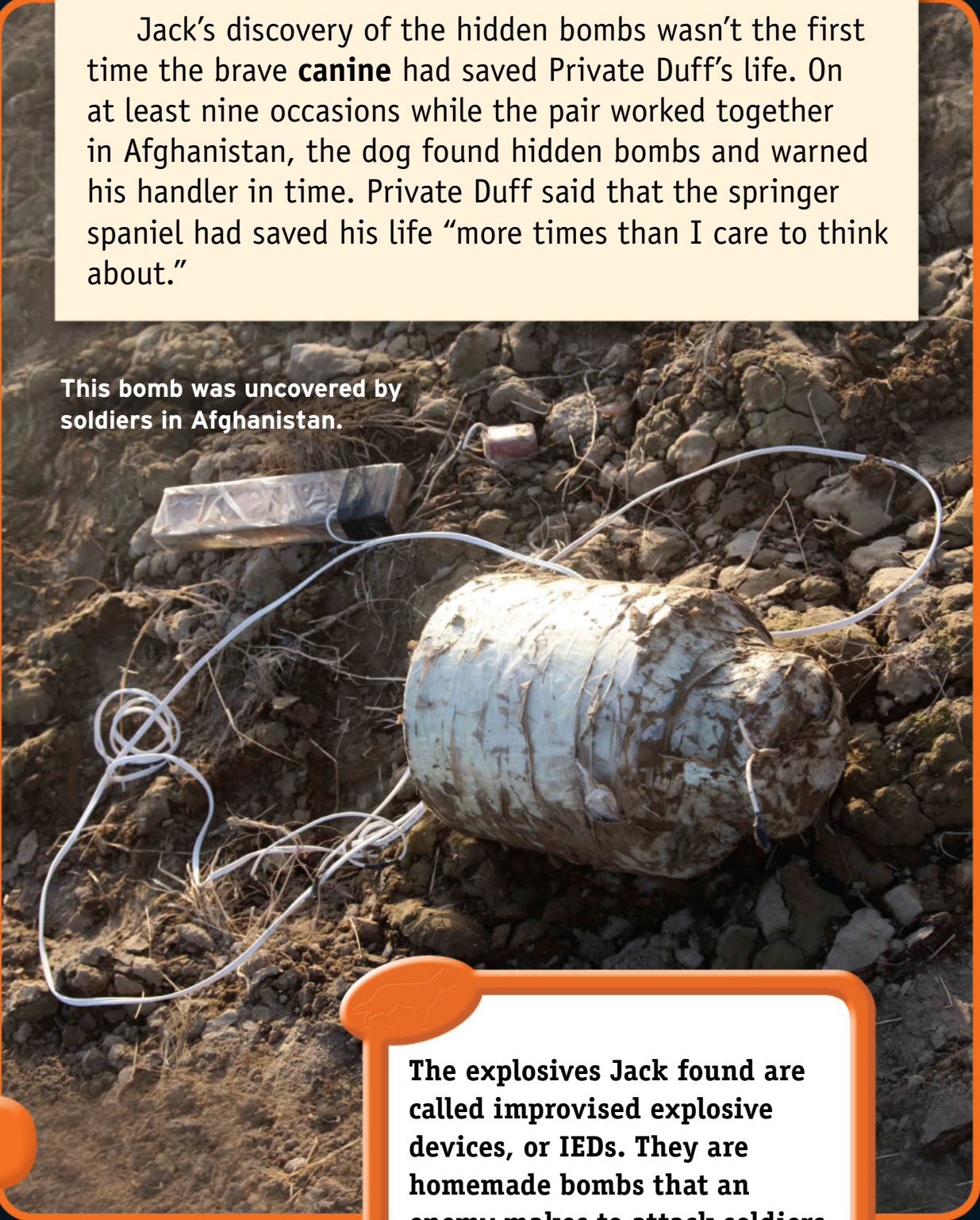


A country's **military** often uses dogs as bomb sniffers because of their amazing ability to pick up **scents**. A dog's nose has up to 220 million **cells** for smelling, compared to only 5 million in a human's nose.

A Famous Hero

Jack's discovery of the hidden bombs wasn't the first time the brave **canine** had saved Private Duff's life. On at least nine occasions while the pair worked together in Afghanistan, the dog found hidden bombs and warned his handler in time. Private Duff said that the springer spaniel had saved his life "more times than I care to think about."

This bomb was uncovered by soldiers in Afghanistan.



The explosives Jack found are called improvised explosive devices, or IEDs. They are homemade bombs that an enemy makes to attack soldiers.

Jack's bomb-sniffing skills became so well known that he appeared with Private Duff on the cover of the British magazine *Country Life* in December 2011. Private Duff said, "Jack's appetite for searching is **immeasurable**. Whenever he's out of his kennel, he's working, whether I've asked him to or not. He loves it."

Private Duff and
his dog, Jack



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Look inside to find out more about Jack and other courageous military dogs that have risked their lives to protect soldiers. Some, like Jack, sniff out explosives. Others guard soldiers, weapons, vehicles, and buildings. All of them show the love and loyalty that make them a soldier's best friend.

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