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## **Sukhumi apery will prepare Russian Cosmonauts**

Russian scientists of a joint Russian-European project Mars-500 will send monkeys to the Red Planet that will be prepared in famous Sukhumi apery. It was reported by a British newspaper the Telegraph.

A round-trip mission to Mars will probably take about a year and a half. And if it is decided to use monkeys for this purpose, future cosmonauts will be prepared in Sukhumi apery. A robot will feed the monkey and will clean up after it. "Our task will be to teach the monkey to co-operate with the robot" - said the director of the Sukhumi Apery Zurab Mikvabia.