

THE ALMOST TOO SHORT TALE OF ARTHUR & AUGUST

Arthur is the tabby and August is black



In August, as two young felines risked eight of their nine lives wandering along New York City subway tracks, the MTA suspended subway service for 90 minutes, cutting 600 volts of electricity to the third rail, while officials began an extensive search for the kittens.

It is hardly unusual for New Yorkers to see wildlife in the subway tunnels, but it is more often rats and mice than cats.

Some people were not happy about the rescue effort. "It's a waste of money. They could have been doing something else," one subway rider said.

Others were more sympathetic. "The announcer said it had to stop to rescue some cats," commuter Sandra Polel said. "I didn't mind. I wanted to get home, but I also wanted the kittens to be safe."

The evasive kittens seem to have roamed around for at least 7 hours, well after the time the third rail was re-electrified and trains were running again, so they were very lucky - or clever, indeed - not to have been killed. They finally reappeared around 6 pm and were captured by two police and an MTA worker and taken to a nearby shelter.

Arthur and August have since been adopted by Katherine and Keith Lubeley, a lucky couple who had to compete with hundreds of adoption requests. They say the two are adapting quickly to their new home in Brooklyn Heights, as the "after" photo proves.



Wildlife Watch commends the MTA and police for their humane actions in saving these two precious young lives.

If you'd like to write to the MTA to thank them, here is the address:

MTA New York City Transit, Carmen Bianco, President, 2 Broadway, New York, NY 10004

More at: <http://tinyurl.com/pvsqznh>

Update from:

http://www.cnn.com/2013/10/24/us/subway.kittens-adopted/index.html?hpt=hp_bn1