

Featured Felines: Escapes and Rescues 20 (2024)

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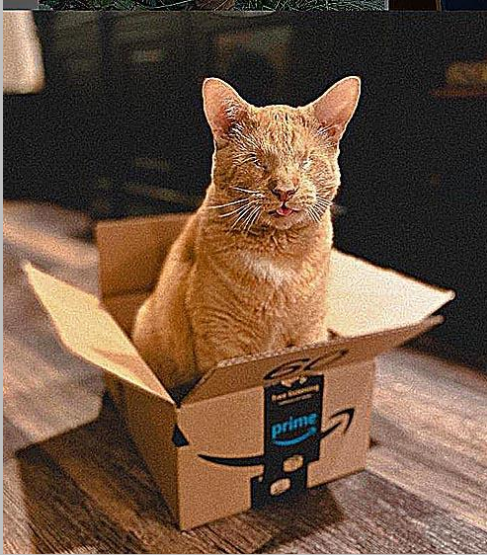
**Obi from Connecticut, who finally found his forever home;
Tiki, blind senior cat rescued from freezing lake;
Subway, rescued from New York subway station**

Obi Kitten blind from birth

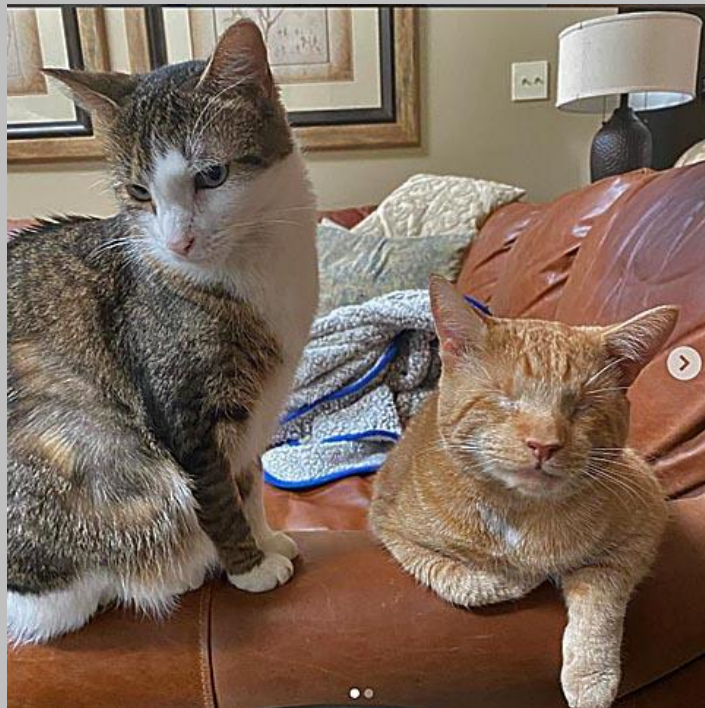


No location was given for this story, but the YouTube clip mentions that the story begins in Connecticut, USA, where a little blind kitten, born without eyes, was abandoned on the porch of a shelter, I think early in 2024. Named **Obi**, he needed a lot of care and attention to begin with, and it seemed no one was able, or was prepared, to give that, as he went through as many as 20 foster homes, but was always returned to the shelter.

His luck changed when a young woman named Hannah met him and quickly formed a bond with him. She adopted him, set about helping him to negotiate her home and cared for him until he was fully healthy. It was recommended that his eyes be sewn shut, as up till then he had open gaps where his eyeballs should have been; this surgery was completed successfully and Obi made a rapid recovery.



As time went on it seemed to Hannah that Obi, who was still a youngster, really needed a companion to play with. Apparently there was only one cat at the shelter who'd paid him any attention, the others having shunned him; and as luck would have it she was still available – so tabby-and-white **Tara** joined the household. The pair seemed to remember each other and were soon happily playing 'hide and seek' together. Obi is more of an extrovert, and has helped Tara to become more comfortable with people. It's been a happy ending for both cats.

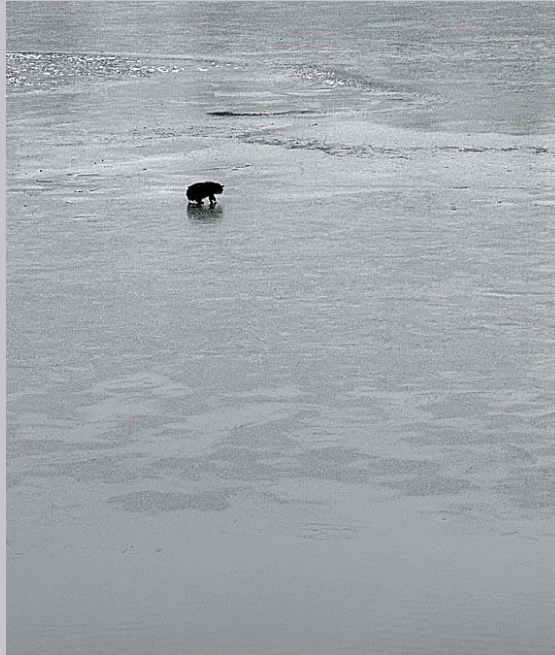


[Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#) (2024)

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Tiki

Rescued from freezing lake, Massachusetts



In mid-December 2024 a cat had a very lucky escape when he was rescued from a small piece of ice floating in Nabnasset Pond, a lake in Westford, Massachusetts, USA. A woman happened to notice him on the ice, some 30 or 40 feet from the shore, and immediately phoned an emergency call to police, who alerted Animal Control. The woman said she thought she could hear the ice cracking under the cat; he was circling the ice and then fell into the freezing water with only his head showing.

Luckily for him, two men working at a nearby house also noticed what was happening, and took immediate action. They commandeered a neighbour's rowing boat and a shovel, and one jumped in the boat while the other pushed it out as far as possible. The boatman was able to rescue the cat from the water; he was brought ashore, dried off and wrapped in blankets. When Animal Control arrived he was shivering and lethargic; he was rushed to a vet's, where his temperature was so low it wasn't registering on the thermometer.

By the afternoon a nearby resident said they thought it could be their cat, **Tiki**, who had got out of the house that morning or the previous night. Indeed it was Tiki, who turned out to be 20 years old and blind! Animal Control thought it possible that he'd been chased onto the ice by a predator, and praised the prompt action of his rescuers, saying that they would not have arrived in time to save 'the old man'.

As for Tiki, he made a full recovery and later, according to his human, was at home 'waking around like nothing had ever happened'.



[NBC Boston](#) | [Washington Post](#) | [USA Today](#) (*arcgived copy*) (all Dec. 2024)

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Subway

Rescued from New York City subway (2025)

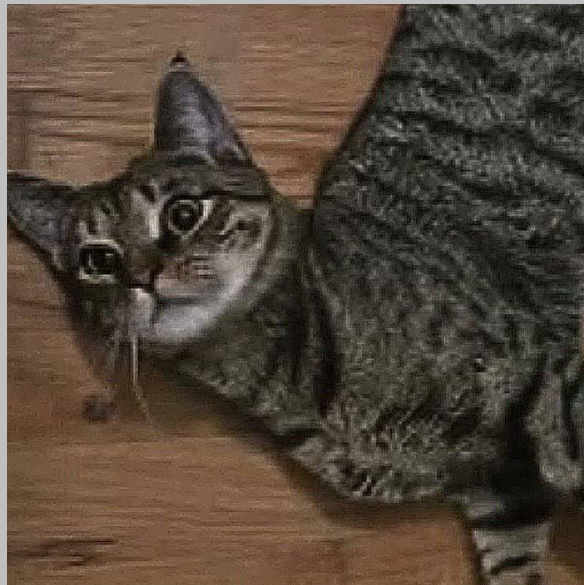


In December 2024 a lady called Maghan, president of the New York rescue organisation PuppyKittyNYCity, received a call about a frightened cat who was huddling on the stairs at one of the city's subway stations, having apparently been dumped there. The rescue centre was full, but she knew she had to help and couldn't leave him there. Meanwhile a volunteer had comforted the cat and was holding him (*below right*); although terrified amid all the noise and chaos of the station, he wasn't aggressive.

As Meagan had gone straight there without collecting her usual rescue equipment, she had to improvise. She emptied her bag, and the cat was able to snuggle into it as she made her way back to her car. Shaken at first from his ordeal, the cat gradually relaxed in the car's warmth, and Meghan thought **Subway** would be an appropriate name. He had a health check at the vet's and was found to be in good shape and probably about a year old.



Over the coming days Subway's personality started to emerge; he became much more confident, loved attention, and also seemed to enjoy the company of other cats. He liked nothing better than cuddling with his caretakers. So maybe it wasn't surprising that within a month he'd been adopted and had found his 'forever home', enjoying all the comforts of a safe indoor life. [Happy Whisker](#) (Dec. 2024)



For another cat rescued from the New York subway, see **Big Al** at [Escapes & Rescues 21](#).

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