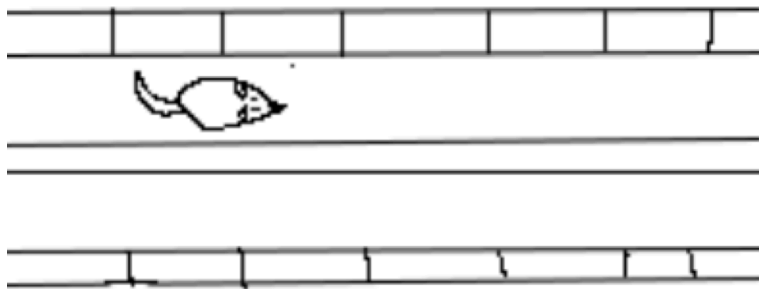


# Rats of NYC

Animals of New York City Zine:  
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## *First Thing's First*

Welcome to the first of many NYC wildlife based zines. The first zine will be based on the infamous rats of NYC. My aim is to prepare you all for the vast wildlife NYC has to offer, from rats to pigeons and everything in between. That way you, fellow reader, will be no stranger to NYC or its animals. You'll be so informed that if you find it necessary, you can hug these animals or give them a NYC nod to salute these wonderful critters.

From here on in, you'll be prepared for all NYC wildlife offers and to avoid them as much as possible.

# NYC: Home of the PIZZA RAT



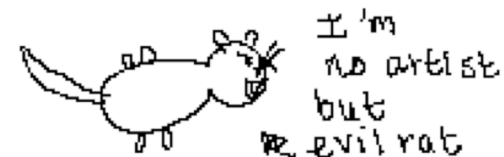
What other place would take pride in a rat taking pizza down subway stairs? “Only in New York” is a phrase for a reason, after all. While people love NYC for site seeing, the rats love it because of the “all-you-can-eat” buffet that they get. And they really do have a buffet because rats **CAN & WILL** eat everything. And I mean **EVERYTHING.**

## Info About Rats

There are two types of rats: brown rats & black rats. Brown rats are commonly known as Norway rats & black rats are called ship/roof rats. NYC is dominated by the Norway rat aka the brown rat. \*Fun Fact:

The black rats of NYC were displaced as brown rats attacked & killed them.

They also killed homeless people by attacking them but mostly because of the diseases they carry.



Rats don't attack unless provoked!

*However...*

Not all rats are evil. Pet rats (also known as fancy rats) are tame & more intelligent than wild rats. On average they live longer than wild rats. Since they've been domesticated from long ago, their appearance is also different. They have slightly bigger ears, longer tails but a smaller body. They're also different both physiologically & psychologically. They also come in different colors too!

## *Rats ♥ NYC Subways*

### Reasons Why

Rats are nocturnal-subways are dark!  
People love littering – so free food!  
They don't get bothered in the tracks.  
People usually don't disturb.

### Tips

Don't litter.  
Rats carry diseases so if you get bit, go to a doctor ASAP but also, don't get that close!  
They're not afraid to attack if provoked so try not to provoke them.

# *Not So Fun Rat*

## *Facts*

While brown rats rein NYC with a 3 million-rat population, black rats dominate LA & California.

When rats kill mice & eat them; it's called "muricide".

Rats grit their teeth when they're happy!

Rats & mice both eat frogs.

Ancient Romans considered rats good luck.

Rats also eat corpses of people they really will eat anything!

# ABOUT

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