

"A COZY EVENING"



DETAILS OF PICTURE

Caption: "A Cozy Evening"

Location/Time/Context: I was sitting in the living room of my parent's house one evening over Winter break when one of their cats hopped onto my chair and laid down next to me. She was sitting in a funny manner, so I quickly snapped a photo of her.

WHAT WAS THE GOAL?

What were you trying to capture?: I was attempting to capture a photo of a cat who was full from eating lots of turkey at dinner and cuddled up next to one of her owners for a nap and some belly rubs.

Did you succeed?: After several attempts and some coaxing, I finally got the cat to look into the camera. The shot is pretty adorable and brings back memories of the holidays with my family. So, yes, I do think that I succeeded.

Did you do anything special?: Besides calling the cat's name a few times, nothing special was done to achieve this shot.

DISCUSS THE SHOT

Did you plan this shot? Tell us about it?: The shot was not planned. I was sitting in a chair in the living room looking at some emails when the cat jumped into my chair and laid down next to me. I quickly took out my iPhone and snapped a few shots.

How many picture of the same scene did you take? Why did you choose to share this one? I look three photos of the same scene. I chose this picture because in the other two, the cat was either blurry or looking away from the camera.

Did you do any post processing? Yes I did. Using Adobe Photoshop, I applied the "sharpen edges" filter and cropped the photo to include less of the surrounding background.

WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE?

What could you have done to make this picture better?: I feel like the lighting in this picture is yellow since the photo was captured at night. I wish I knew of a way to remove the yellow hue or will have to try to coax the cat to sit in a similar pose with better lighting.

Do you wish there was some computational photography process that you can use to make it better (or worse?): I am just beginning to learn about computational photography, so no particular process comes to mind. I would be curious to see how the use of dual photography (camera and projector) would alter the image and how the cat would look from the perspective of the projector.

OTHER DETAILS

Feel free to share other thoughts associated with this picture: It was fairly difficult to pick a photo to share as a homework. I take so many photos that are either of poor quality or that are fairly meaningless just because I can and the technology is at my fingertips. I am really excited to learn more about the science of photography and what goes in to creating the pictures that I constantly capture with my phone.