
CATS ILLUSTRATED

Cats all over are trying out the Rubik's cube!



Even though there are other, more stressful and high stakes things that are going on, I thought that maybe you readers could use a break. So, I decided to write about the Rubik's cube and what it is doing for cats.

The Rubik's cube was first found out about a month ago when one was knocked off a windowsill of a human home by a regular house sparrow. A cat happened to notice it, and brought it back for their kittens. However, other cats saw this cat on their way back from collecting the cube, and the other cats crowded around to look at the cat's find. The cube was messed up, of course, and cats took turns shifting around the patterns on the cube. Soon enough, a whole crowd was watching. Everyone wanted a turn. Naya

Image above - a Rubik's cube, solved by North.

thought that she could take advantage of this situation. She made a bunch of popcorn, and sold small bags for a dollar each. Cats bought them all up, they were really intrigued by the scene with this strange and foreign cube. However, Naya wasn't satisfied with the 25 dollars that she had made. Naya caught a glimpse of the label on the Rubik's cube, and searched all around until she found a factory that made this certain kind of cube. Naya snuck in, and smuggled out 10 cubes, all she could carry. Then, she came back to the crowd and sold each cube for 15 dollars. The cubes were sold out fast, and Naya now was 150 dollars richer.

Eventually, other cats figured out where the Rubik's cube factory was. However, that was not before Naya made 9 more trips to the factory, and made 1,350 more dollars. Soon, cats made daily trips to the factory for raiding, as several shops had opened up. Naya did not sell cubes anymore, as their value had gone down to somewhere in between 5 and 10 dollars. However, now that so many cats had cubes, they had messed nearly all of them up. So, cats started trying to devise ways to solve the Rubik's cube. A couple of cats had gotten lucky and were able to solve their cubes with just a few moves, but other cats weren't as lucky and had hopelessly



Image above - Lunch, who has a scrambled Rubik's cube but doesn't quite know how to solve it.

“1 minute 57 seconds is fast, but could I solve a cube in less than a minute?”

- SCRATCH, WHO IS PUZZLING OVER THIS

scrambled the cubes. However, the first algorithm was designed by a cat by the name of Scratch. You already know him. He solved a scrambled cube in less than 5 minutes, and made sure to film it. That video went viral, with 22 million views, and rising. But the main thing the video did is teach cats how to solve the Rubik's cube. And soon, there was a championship for Rubik's cube solving. Scratch was the first winner, with a time of 1 minute and 57 seconds. However, Rubik's cube solving is

constantly evolving and changing, and who knows, maybe someone will solve the cube faster next time.

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