

# JAKKALS JAG MET DIE 222 REMINGTON

Ok, I am a lover of this rifle, it may do more damage than a 223 as I have found out but then again we don't eat jackals, just shoot them stukkend.

So, I use this rifle a lot, and I want to offer a little info here that may help other guys also using a 222 Remington or wanting to use one.



I use a Brno Fox 222 with double trigger; I bought my rifle privately from an oil rig employee 15 years ago and love it. My rifle was made in 1979, they have the dates stamped on the barrel, solid guns, and hundreds of farmers have the 22 Hornet and 222, as well as the 223, but I like my 222 Stukkend.

Here are two links to things about the rifle that are not mentioned in this article.

<http://www.africanpredator.com/LEE%20COLLET%20DIE%20FOR%20THE%20222.pdf>

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## LOADS

I tried various loads and settled on a load the gun loves, I plan on mailing two cases away to the USA to have a special DIE made up for my rifle that allows me to load custom loads that fit my rifles chamber like a glove, using a LEE COLLET DIE. It costs \$60 and they will make you a DIE. I use a standard Collet one now, and get awesome results anyways.....



Two shot group, 120m – I zero my rifle at 1” high at 100m. Had a slight wind when I did this grouping. I use a local powder, S321 with 23,5 grains of powder with small rifle magnum primers and a 50 grain soft point Sierra Varminter bullet head, stock No #1330. Long ago a shop closed down and I bought 1000’s of 50 &55gr heads cheap so I never have to buy bullet heads again in my life!

# BULLET DROP and ZERO RANGE

I don't shoot 3-5 shot groups as at night you shoot with a cold barrel, normally ice cold, so a two shot group is good enough with a cold barrel as shown above, dead on with cold barrel.

Ok, here is why I zero 1" high at 100m. Generally at night especially with jackal you don't have the time like if you shoot cats who give you lots of time to pop them, jackals are buggers and you must be quick, so I go for a flat shooter the 222, and load it to shoot 1" high at 120m.

So, taking into consideration a jackal's widest body part is about an A4 page length size, he is mighty small beyond 150m. So, the 222 if zeroed at 1" high - at 200m will offer me dead on shooting to 100m, 150m and out to 200 and even 230m, At this range it will start to drop and at 250m, if I am dead on, I will klap the dog just slightly lower by about 1-2 inches from his *blad*, basically the thickness of your crosshair, but he is dead anyway, that small difference wont matter when the bullet explodes, it makes a huge mess.....

So, with a zero of 1" high at 100m allows me to shoot dead on to 250m and then if he is out at 300m if you aim on his backline saddle on the top of it you will hit him dead centre of his body at 300, generally my 222 will drop 24cm at 300m with a 23, 5 grain loading.

It has a lot to do with your loading; my load is not so fast, about 2800 fps.

So with my load, at 300m if I aim on top of his back, I will hit him dead centre of his body at 300m.

I can load it 2" high at 100m BUT then I will have to remember to shoot lower at 50-80m or I will shoot OVER the animal, and that is too much to all remember when a dog runs in, and you must gooi quick..... So, 1" high at 100m and its dead on all out to 250m, and too many of us we shoot 50-150m most times anyways.

I hope all this makes sense, not easy to explain in words, but it's all about when we are under pressure we like to aim and gooi when that doggie runs in, like a mik and druk camera, much easier and faster.

This is especially true with light shy dogs, sometime you call him in, you put the light on even on dim, and he buckles and runs like hell, **HE WILL STOP AND LOOK**, and this split second while you follow him in the scope, its nice to know you can aim dead on till he is far out, and 250m at night is faaaaaaar, and if you are in doubt raise the crosshair one inch at 250m if you think he is father and you will still hit him in the water works.

When it's far, that bang, ssssss DUP is a good sound! Then you know its nag!

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This rifle below is loaded like this in the Free State, it is a pleasure to shoot, I have hunted with Deon my partner for 4 years now, and in that time he has missed NO JACKAL with the rifle, a good system to use for sure.

