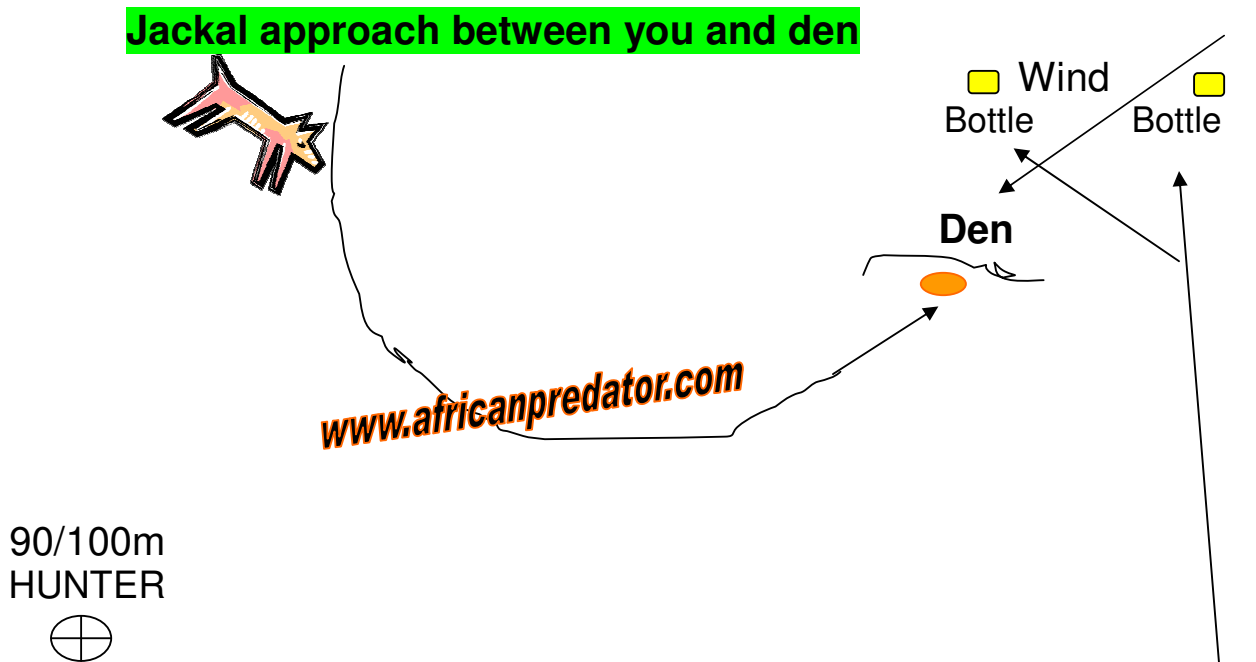


Jackal Dens and how to approach / hunt them

This topic has been discussed many times by hunters and those who need to know, here is typical ways that I use and they do work.

YOU NEED PATIENCE FOR THIS!



Always try to get the animal to come between you and den; he will approach this way to smell the area. It don't always work this well, **but try - it will help**. USE bottles of jackal gland lure to hide your scent and others, it will also act as an attractant to the two adults as smelling another canine at the hole or close to it will bring them in faster as they will think an intruder is in the area and this will take the attention away from human presence. **Place bottles above the den about 70m.**

Firstly try to NEVER contaminate the immediate area with human sign of any kind, smells etc... this will result in those pups being moved so fast your head will spin.

If you are successful to be able to notice the pups or adults at a den in the daylight from far leave the area close to the den totally untouched.

Here is a scenario that I have done and it does work.

I use night vision mostly and this helps a lot. I go to the den and sit below the wind direction at least 80m away from the den with clear vision, I during the day will drive near the area and drop off a small chair with light and battery' etc.

Always sit below the wind and den, as that's how the jackals will approach his den, so try get him to come in between you and the den.

All the cumbersome stuff I drop off, and then pack it all out nicely so when I arrive later I don't make any noise.

I then come back at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and park about a kilo away from the location, I then walk 500m and sit still for 15 minutes and observe all around me.

I then walk to my spot and be on high alert, watch all around you, quietly get on small chair, plug in lights etc, cover yourself totally and chamber a round, bolt open, sit back and watch.

Don't make any noise or calling, do nothing. When you walk to the spot walk on the soft sand in the road NOT in the bush, the sand is quieter and look for fresh spoor coming towards you, an indication that jackal has passed by and will return.

You don't need to do a thing, if the pups are in the den they will come back.

When its dusk and I can't see with the naked eye I use the night vision and look all around me. I watch as much as I can. I use a huge 12V battery with an infra red lens that works with my night vision binoculars.

If at 9 o clock at night you have not been able to shoot either of the adults, play a jackal pup distress sound softly for 5 seconds and OFF, don't play again for at least half an hour, DON'T over use this.

DON'T put that caller to close to the den, 40m from you is fine.

Watch carefully all the time.

Have patience – GEDULD!!

If you scan and see eyes, dim the light totally and look at his eyes through scope, shoot him when you can and DON'T fetch the animal, LOS HOM!.
AGAIN WAIT;

Don't get up, talk, walk, nothing, don't play sounds, nothing.. just wait!

If it must be and you get tired have a person with you that can take over, wait all night, keep rifle scope and barrel warm and closed from dampness and sit back and wait.

If you are lucky to kill both of them, now close the hole up with rocks, and return the next morning. Open hole and do what you need to, digging or smoking, exhaust etc, clean out the hole and kill pups.

Some send in dogs.

You can park your bakkie and close it up also, but make sure you are early and that its totally closed, watch that hole all the time for activity. Rather walk to hole, **los** bakkie!

This is what I do as explained in this article and it has worked for me, so give that this try.

If you are close to the den, always keep a 22 rifle with a silencer and subsonic loads loaded at the ready, in case while you are sitting waiting and you see the puppies walking around if you are so lucky, you can shoot them with headshots with a silencer 22 rifle, it is dead quiet and wont disturb the area, if you do, DON'T fetch them - leave them laying at that spot you shot them, DON'T walk near the hole until the evenings complete.

A good 22 rifle with a dead rest is good for killing a jackal puppy at 60m easily with a one shot head shot, if you are given that opportunity then take it. BUT zero the rifle with those subsonic rounds; if it is accurate use them.

Hope this helps, it does for me.

I don't play this sound and that sound, or whatever, all I do is play a distress puppy if needed, but jackal denned hunting is a waiting game – so GEDULD! Be prepared to sit a long time! You can also use a hand call to simulate a distressed puppy; it is very easy to do.