

# TO UNDERSTAND THE MOON AND HUNTING JACKAL / CATS

## VERSTAAN JY DIE MAAN OM JAKKALSE / KATTE TE JAG

Here is a letter I wrote to an American friend who asked me to explain how to hunt with a moon as most Americans hunt in the day – he wanted to try at night;

If you want to learn how to work the moon read this mail;

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**From:** [Gary Laubscher](#)

**To:** [James Maybrick](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2011 6:51 AM

**Subject:** Re: Slow Here

Well you will be far more successful at night because a predators natural instinct is to move at night. The moon is easy to plan, like I am hunting this weekend, I plan like this;

Lets say FULL MOON is on the [10th December 2011 like it was this month](#), SO I wait 7-8 days, then the 17th its pitch dark till about 12 o clock at night and this will allow me to stand at 3 places before the moon comes up, then every night it comes out later and later..... THEN December new moon is on the 24th and you still have 5 days after NEW MOON to hunt as the moon is so small its not relevant, but after that it gets big again. So after the 24th you have at least 5 days in December. So December hunt from 17th to 29th.

*REMEMBER in summer it gets darker much later so you need to wait at least 8 days after full moon to hunt so the moon comes out much later but winter its dark fast so then you have more time at night to hunt as its dark at 6-30 already and then you only need wait 3-4 days in winter after full moon to begin hunting.*

You have 12 days a month you can hunt according to a moon generally speaking, avoid hunting after quarter moon you will just educate predators.....

When I plan courses away, I look at the calendar, **look at NEW MOON**, then 5 days BEFORE new moon, you can hunt ALL NIGHT with no moon at all, then after new moon 5 days still. **This is best period 5 days before and 4-5 days after new moon** – for cats the moon is best 5 days prior to new moon and on new moon and the next 3 days as its pitch dark in this time, jackal like a little moon. Jackal travel more on a small moon as they see better, so we like to call them just after new moon, and I plan my courses like that. Sometimes even to quarter moon is very good, but avoid bigger moons for dogs. Some guys will say CRAP MAN! I hunt to half and even full moon and kill, sure but you do damage as you shoot the deaf, cripple and blind ones, leaving behind the main gangsters!

Hope this helps.

Look here, your moon times are the same as ours by one day or so, my site has everything; it was just March I forget to add days after new moon on my calendar, I made a mistake when I did the page. But this is great to follow; Look here. **HUNTING TIMES 2012**  
<http://www.africanpredator.com/Jackal%20Jakkals%20Jag%20Calendar%20Hunting%20Times.pdf>

**GENERALLY - ALWAYS WORK 5 days before and 4 days after new moon. this basically gives you zero moon to hunt with and is an awesome period to call. If you are targeting Jackal only hunt to quarter moon that's about to 8 days after new moon but don't hunt on a toooo big moon! Jy gaan hom slim maak!**

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**From:** [James Maybrick](#)

**To:** [Sandra Ellis](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 14, 2011 5:01 AM

**Subject:** Slow Here

Hunting has been slow here since the bobcat. Nothing came to the bait for the last three days and three nights. Moon is bright, so perhaps part of the problem.

I wish to ask you again, after some time since I have long forgot, how do you plan your hunts in regards to the moon phase? Is there a specific website or calendar that you use that shows the moon so you will know how to plan? Please tell me again if you will, how many days you wait after a full moon etc., and just information in general. As you know, I don't night hunt very much, but am beginning to consider some.

Thanks.

James