

“JAKKALSE SE KANTOOR” – DOWNWIND..... OR.....



Another jackal that got the wind all wrong and came in from the wrong side of the wind.

Don't always believe what the wind tells you, it is not always correct.

After a while it will come naturally in determining the area you must stand at and what direction the animal will approach from.

After you hunt for a few years, you will start to develop feelings for the selecting of a calling spot and also the place the dog will approach from, you will see it will come naturally.

Assumption is the mother of all F ups! And relying on the wind everytime to determine the arrival spot of a jackal will create in many instances a major F UP! Don't **ALWAYS** trust the wind!!!!

Don't believe what many people will tell you, that jackal all work the wind, if you do you are just fooling yourself. I have a friend who only faces one direction when he calls as he says the jackal will approach only from downwind so he don't need to turn in circles, if you are also like him, and believe that then you are making a huge mistake, massive! Remember not all of us are born equally with the same mentality and some go to lower standards than others, the same with Mnr Jakkals, he also has a couple boeties who are short one or two beers in a six pack!

As example, on my last course in the Free State I keep records of every evening, and the last night I tally all info up, read this and see for yourself, how many worked the wind properly.....

SEPTEMBER CORNELIA FACTORS:

MOON – NEW MOON

How many Jackal got wind correct – 1

Cats wind wrong

Average response time 4 minutes - 22 minutes

Most effective period - 1st spot after dark (shot something every night at 1st spot)

Average distance - Bakkie to 130m maximum range

Average action period - The first 3 stands at night are most effective period

Best calling sounds; Javalina, Dying Jack, Jackrabbit distress with combos.

SOUNDS:

Javalina / Combo with Jackal run in

Dying Jack 10 social barks / Territorial COMBO Two calls – Personal Sound

Dying Jack and territorial on its own COMBO Two calls – Personal Sound

Jackrabbit distress and Territorial COMBO Two calls – Personal Sound

General; All nights at first spot we shot something. All jackals got the wind wrong, except one, the cat got the wind correct, but that was just luck.

As above shown from our records, this shows that not all jackals are university educated and many are in some or other special school, for slow learners, it proves that the wind is NOT a proven method to predict a jackal's arrival area – if you go by using the wind all the time you will make a mistake. Don't go by the rule book, in predator hunting sometimes the book is mistaken and you are left in shock as to what happens next!

DON'T ALWAYS BELIEVE WHAT THE WIND TELLS YOU

After you hunt a few years, you will be able to predict from what direction a jackal will approach and also you will be able to drive along an area and you will be able to pick out spots that will bring results once the sun goes down, it will come naturally, if you don't believe me, wait and see, you will quickly notice these two factors.

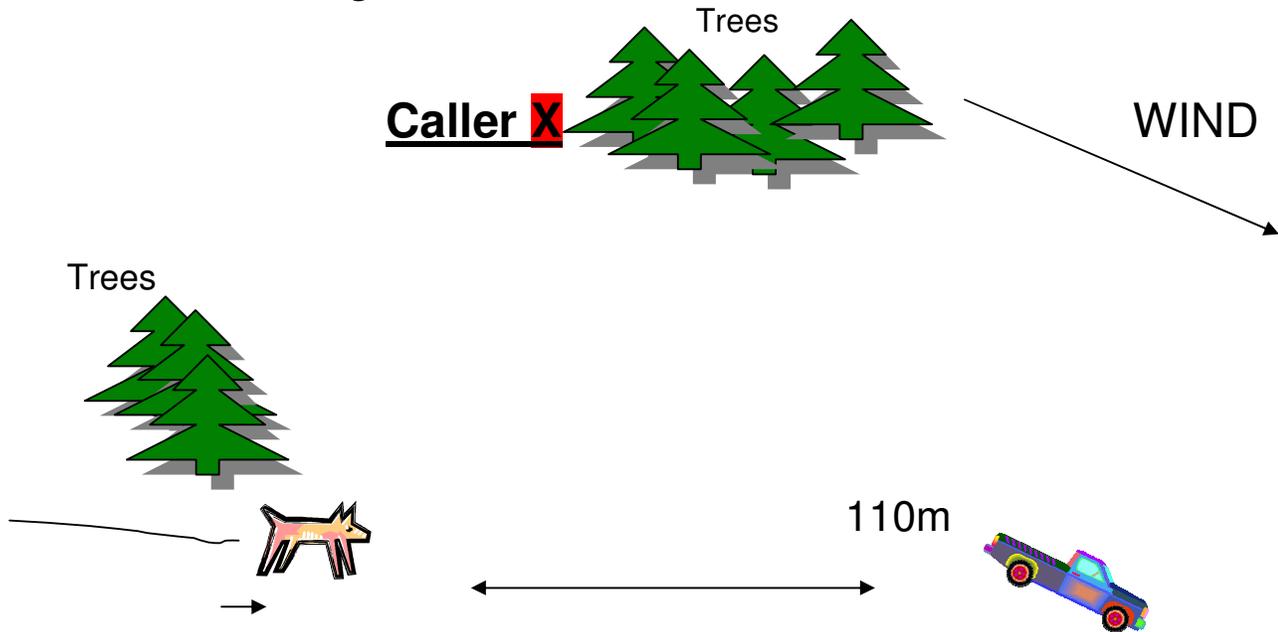


When Johan and I drove around the one morning to feed his sheep etc, we came to this area above, it had trees to the left and at the back, it was in a very nice clearing and had new calves in the area, I said to him tonight our first stand must be here, you just get a feeling, and BOOM after 25minutes we shot a jackal.... I also told him, when you shoot you will shoot just left of the trees, he will come in at that spot, and again BOOM that's exactly the place he came in from, and the downwind side, well the wind was blowing down to the entirely opposite direction to the area I told him the jackal would approach.

I am not just saying this so I sound like I am a big shot or just blowing off steam to make myself sound good, it is a fact, after a while you will predict an area of arrival and a good spot, and many times the wind is NOT in the jackals favour!. By looking at the lay of the land will give you possible clues as to the place he will come in from and what place is good.

The moral of the story is don't go by the rule of the book, by concentrating on the wind, if you do you will make a mistake, the wind wont always tell you the truth! And if you are hunting cats, ROOIKATTE!..... forget the wind totally - they never work the wind to get to you, they are mostly stupid animals, but just remember to call cats in the wind, your results will be much better if you call Rooikatte when the wind is blowing, an Easterly wind and that's fact! My records show I call many cats when windy!

Here as example is the layout of our hunt at the first spot that night. Note the wind and how he arrived!



The jackal ran in and stopped 110m from us, ran in straight and not at an angle. Got wind wrong and I predicted he would arrive in the exact place he died at! After a while you will start to get the feeling of places and the layout and pin pointing good spots and animal arrival places will be very easy.



The men on the calling course who saw these factors first hand.