

DEDICATED ROOIKAT / LYNX KILLING TACTIC

Too many people some have called for years and never managed to call a cat, truth is it is dead easy when you learn his weaknesses and how to set up, BUT this will give you an insight into my world, and I kill many cats. If you want to learn more, read on.....

So, to start, the farmer calls you, Ai Ai Ai se hy, Rooikat my skAAP gevang, la la la.... as we have heard it all before, so, what do you do? This is what **you** do!

This is what we do!

Ok, I have a few systems, it all depends on the weather and moon, if the weather is blowing slightly or is an Easterly wind, this ups my chances by 80% I will kill the cat, cats love travelling in wind, if the wind is blowing your chances are very good, now, the big secret is AMBUSH.

If we have zero moon, pitch dark with a mountain on one side, I use a normal bakkie park it with its REAR end facing the direction I suspect a Rooikat to approach from – normally the cover side, not open fields. I face the rear that way because if he looks my way at night he won't see the small end, but if I was broadside, it is a bigger target for him to see. **Cover my truck in a cloth the same colours as the area around me, and never BLACK or never shade cloth.**

IMPORTANT

You must make sure that you see the cat before he gets to the sheep, because you need to prepare the rifle, switch on lights etc before he gets close, so he won't hear anything suspicious, the cat will be on HIGH ALERT when he comes back, the slightest thing and he is gone!

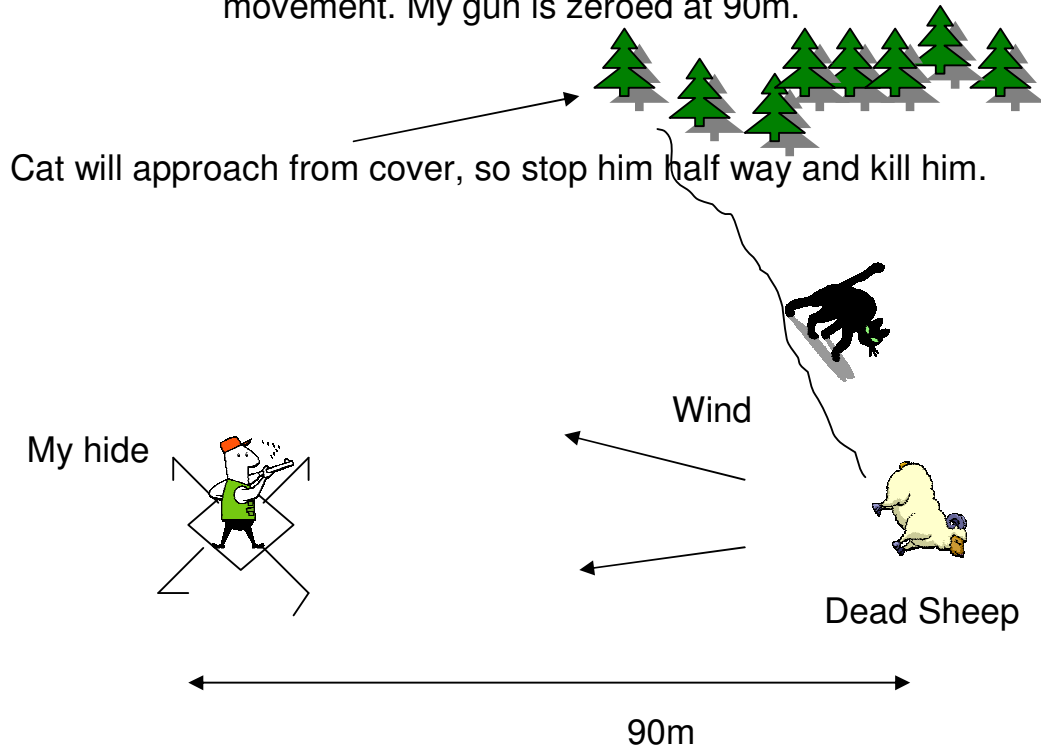
So, if I have ZERO moon I will use the bakkie, if its in an area with a little cover so I blend in, BUT if I am sitting in an open field I use a square 32mm PVC pipe tube, it is 1,1m is diametre and a 1,100 high, I put my small portable shooting chair in the square and cover the tube totally with the same colour fabric as what the area is, in my base it will be mostly golden grassy colours.

I fix it like a tent to the ground and make sure I put it all together at least an hour before dusk, then I ask my wife to take the bakkie away, and I am alone – I am in radio contact with her and when I need picking up I radio her. She parks about 800m – 1 kilo away from me.

I prepare my stand like the following;

Position myself so I am between the cats approach and the sheep, so if he comes in he won't sit on the opposite side of the sheep and I then maybe cannot shoot him.

I also make a diamond shape into the wind, so the wind passes by more easily if blowing, this way it don't hit my square on the sides causing noise or movement. My gun is zeroed at 90m.



Sit dead still, scan with night vision and be ready, don't make much complicated, just when he comes in from far still, slowly very slowly pick up rifle, put on V on chair, locate the cat and watch him, when he is between you are the sheep, kiss with your lips softly, he will stop, steady the crosshair and bang! I sit 90m away from the sheep.

They normally will come back within 1 ½ hours after dark the next night – but be warned they are highly strung then and on their nerves, so be very slow in all your movements. If you are waiting and an easterly wind is blowing you can be almost 100% assured he will return, just have patience and sit still.

I have a dedicated rifle for this specific purpose, it is a Rooikat killer, it is fitted with a night scope together with a good illuminator, the rifle is specially made for killing Rooikatte at sheep kill sites.

When the cat is coming back, from a distance watch him with your scope, look at his widest part, if he is a fat old cat and a wide stomach area aim dead centre of that mass, aim at the widest part, my 222 will shoot dead on at 130m, put all its shots in a matchbox size target, BUT I aim at his widest part,

when that bullet at 3000 fps hits that belly he is going NO PLACE except he will be dead!

Get your rifle ready and infra red lights on long before he gets to the sheep, avoid last minute noises, and then finally don't miss!

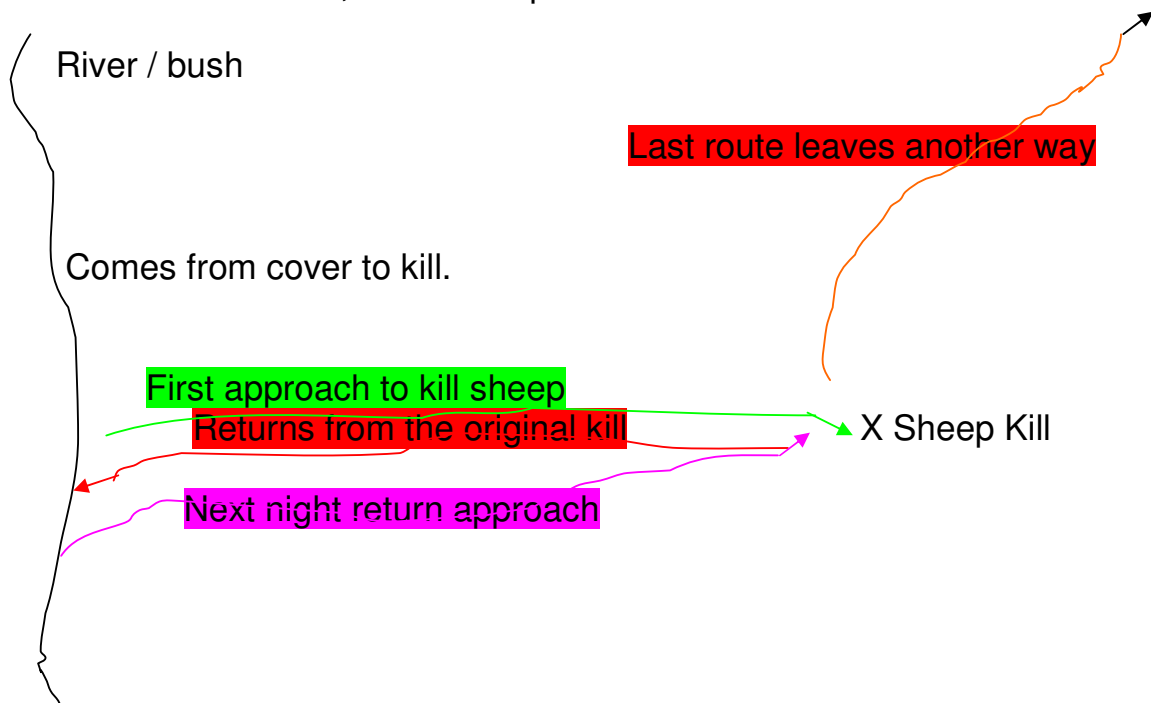
I lately sit 100m from a sheep, and the gun is zeroed at 130m, I watch the cat come in, and when he is 10m away from the sheep I kill him, I then know I am dead on and the zero is perfect.

REMEMBER A CAT WALKWAY

He will be about 500m away the next day from the dead sheep, and walks about 100m in 10 minutes as he takes his time, so a general rule is after it is dark that you cannot see anymore, from that light till 45 minutes is his walk time then from 45minutes to an hour be awake as he will show in that time.

I have spent a long time in the Karoo hunting cats, I know they pretty well, and one thing I can tell you is this, a cat will come to a kill from a specific direction, when he kills he will go back the same way, and the next night he returns to his kill he will come back the same way again, then when he leaves the next time, he will leave in another direction.

So, use this to plan a cat's ambush.



The cat will go back the same way he came, the final time he comes to his kill the next night, after that he will leave another way.

Brno 222 with a Luna 2nd generation NV unit and a day scope. Lynx 2, 5 – 10 x 56.



At night set up exactly 100m from the dead sheep, then you know exactly his range when he is close and your rifle is zeroed at 100m, he is as good as dead.

Switch on infra red light when you are pointing the rifle above his head, bring down the rifle slowly and in front of the cats walk pathway, then slowly bring the rifle back till you see the cat walking in, watch his body language, if he suddenly gets jumpy you can take action, wait till he is close and stop him and kill him.

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