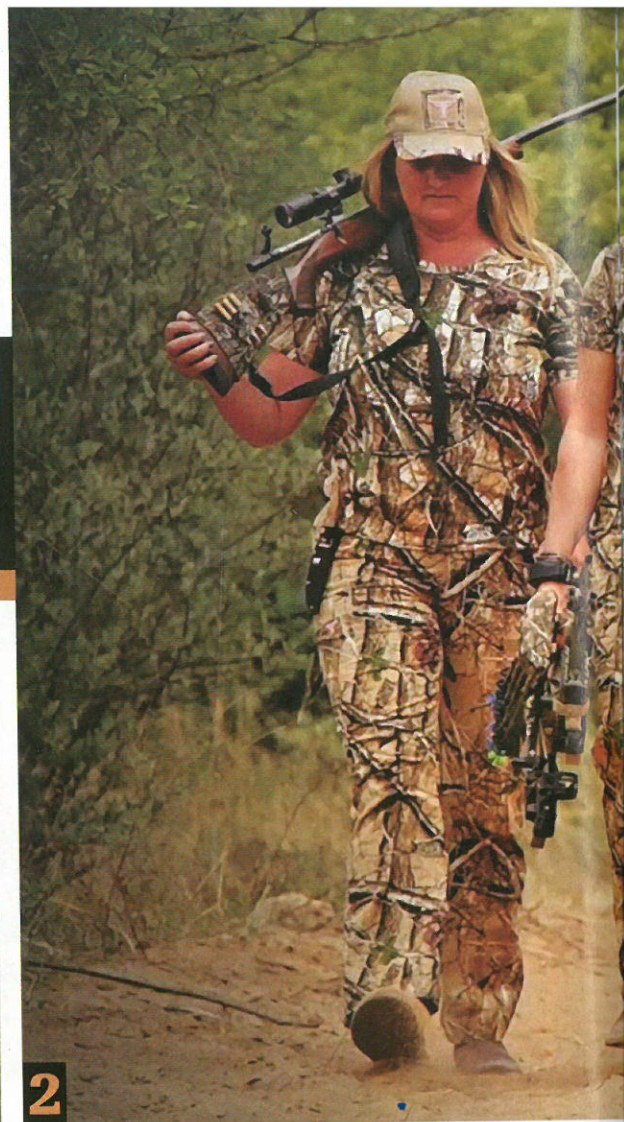


South African PH Margaret Botha expounds her 10 rules for successful hunting. There is wisdom here.



Walk And Stalk

FOR MANY non-hunters, the perception of the hunter is that we mindlessly and easily shoot at animals, from miles away, giving the animals no fighting chance, as we pull the trigger at everything we see move. As we know, this is not true. The true hunter actually hunts, as well as shoots. In fact, shooting is the easy part. It is during the actual stalk of the animal that we out ourselves at more of a level playing field with the animal and must rely on all of our senses to get as close to the animal as we can for a true hunting experience and to increase our chance of a safe and successful shot. Here, Margaret Botha, South African professional hunter and owner of Heart of SA Woman Hunt & Conservation, explains 10 important tips to help us get closer to our prey.

To stalk an animal to 5 to 25 metres is an exceptional experience and I would recommend it to all hunters. I am sharing my techniques with all the woman hunters who want to improve their walking and stalking technique.

Success lies in regular reading and in practice of the few basic techniques, as well as regular articles about this. Read and practice the techniques and apply them purposefully to the next hunting trip. It sometimes takes two to three hunting seasons before your schooling is done, do not lose courage.

1. Tracking your animal

Sit calmly (as high as possible) and explore your hunting environment with binoculars. Use binoculars with the most suitable magnification eg 8 or 10x of high quality. Once you find the wildlife that may be hunted, then move into action. The distance between you

