



## *Predator Season Is Right Around The Corner!*

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I realize it has been a blistering hot summer for many of us and in most areas of the country very dry and dusty too. However, fall and winter predator hunting is right around the corner! With that said, it is time to get prepared. What else can you do with the thermometer reaching over 90 degrees Fahrenheit and the high humidity even keeping the woodchucks underground in their bunkers during the blistering hot afternoons? So let's head to the loading room and start focusing on your fall predator hunting game plan.

What rifle and cartridge are you going to use? If you're not sure, please let me suggest either the 17 or 20 Tactical. I designed both of these outstanding varmint cartridges over a decade ago for precision long-range predator performance. They have now proven themselves as the top choice of some of the very best predator hunters around the world. One of the really cool privileges I have here at The Woodchuck Den is talking and working with some of these outstanding predator hunters. Nothing excites me more than to hear from these guys, like Roy Chaney in Alaska after he just dropped three large wolves at 350 yards with his 17 Tactical using our 30-grain Gold bullets! The predator reports and even a few top-notch videos pour in every season showing solid proof of the 17 and 20 Tacticals effectiveness on tough predators such as bobcats, coyotes, fox, mountain lions, and wolves!

So what in the world are you waiting on? Pick up a lightweight 223 or 204 Ruger bolt-action repeater and send it off to an experienced gunsmith like Greg Tannel at Gre-Tan Rifles or Douglas Barrels and have it rebarrelled in 17 or 20 Tactical. If you decide on the 17 Tactical, go with a 1/9 twist barrel to shoot the Woodchuck Den 30-grain high ballistic coefficient Gold bullets. In the 20 Tactical, a 1/12 twist will shoot the 39 and 40 grain bullets very well. You can't go wrong with either the 17 or 20 Tactical. In fact, why not eventually build one of each! That's what I have done over the years.



Here is the 17 Tactical, the Lapua 20 Tactical case, and the loaded 20 Tactical. These two cartridges, the 17 & 20 Tactical, are the top choices of some of the very best predator hunters in the world!



The 17 Tactical and The Woodchuck Den 30-Grain Gold bullets are very potent medicine for those wily wintertime predators!

My 20 Tactical started life as a Remington 700 LV model in 204 Ruger. After buying the rifle, I bedded the action, adjusted the trigger, and lapped the barrel very well with USP Bore Paste. I loaded up some precision 204 Ruger test ammo and headed to the range. My goal was to see if the barrel would meet my accuracy standards. After a few groups, I knew it would meet my required standards. Then I called Greg Tannel at Gre-Tan Rifles and asked him to completely accurize the action, bush the firing pin hole in the bolt, and install one of his firing pin assemblies. I also asked him to true the barrel up and set it back chambered in the outstanding 20 Tactical!



The Woodchuck Den Inc. stocks everything to get your 17 Tactical going and has the accuracy reloading experience to help you in all your predator hunting needs!



My custom 17 Tactical in the Remington Model Seven and 20 Tactical in the Remington Model 700 LV (White camo stock) are ready for this predator season!

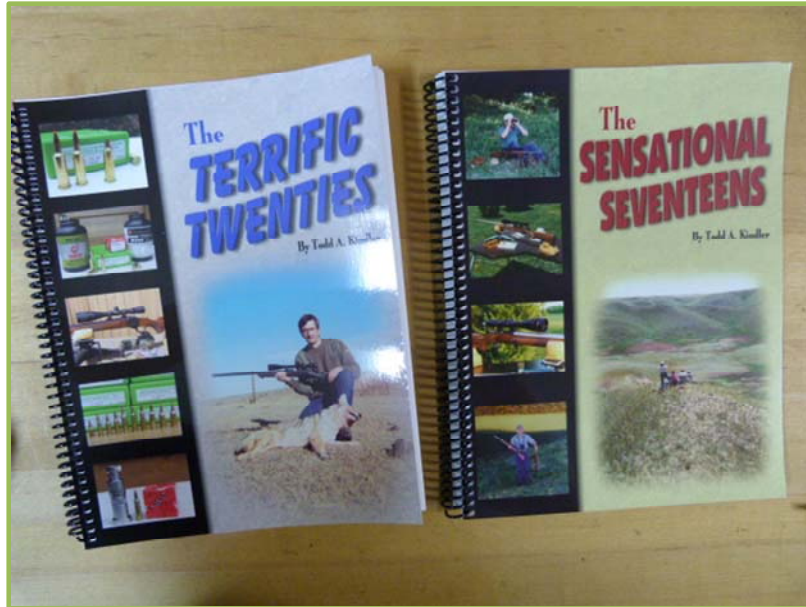
This gun in 20 Tactical has proven deadly on coyotes and does it shoot! The money spent having Greg perform his *"accuracy magic"* is worth every penny!

My 17 Tactical started life as an all stainless Remington Model Seven in 223. I sent it off to Douglas Barrels and had them install a 1/9 twist stainless steel barrel in 17 Tactical with the exact same contour of the original barrel so it would go right back into the original stock. The barrel was matte finished to match the original action. This super lightweight and fast handling rifle is my favorite predator rifle. It moves our 30-grain Gold bullets at over 4000 f.p.s. with only a 20-inch barrel. Now that is screaming performance and any predator out to 500 yards is in extreme danger!



The Woodchuck Den stocks everything you need and has the precision reloading and field experience for your 20 Tactical projects!

The 17 and 20 Tactical cartridges really shine because of the superb quality Lapua 20 Tactical brass and the outstanding 223 cases available, which can be easily formed down with the proper forming dies. The Woodchuck Den can supply all the match loading and forming dies (if using 223 brass), and we provide the support and service needed to make your predator rifle perform to its best potential.



The Woodchuck Den offers the only truly dedicated 17 and 20 caliber reloading manuals on the planet!

Once you have your predator rifle built, it pays to get to the range and work up the very best loads. The Woodchuck Den offers two outstanding reloading manuals dedicated exclusively to the 17 and 20 calibers. Our "*Sensational Seventeens*" and "*Terrific Twenties*" manuals are the only two manuals on the planet dedicated exclusively to these calibers. These two outstanding reloading manuals represent over two decades of dedication, investment, and passion for the small calibers. For only \$33.00 each post paid in the US, you can get the very best loads, reamer prints, and stories for the finest 17 and 20 caliber cartridges available.

Get your predator rifles and loads ready for an exciting season that is right around the corner. If we can help you, please call us here at The Woodchuck Den at 330.897.0614!

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