

Successful Trip! Rodney Nelson shows off the 25 pound catfish and his wife, Kim, holds up the 17 pound catfish they took from Oak Creek Lake on February 8, 2013.

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Ammunition Shortages

By Johnny Kirby

If you have been having trouble finding ammo lately this may help explain why. Maybe you have seen the reports on the internet about the government buying up all the ammo so the average American can't find any. This is not totally fiction. For instance, the Social Security Administration, which employs 295 special agents that carry guns, recently ordered 174,000 rounds of pistol ammo. That works out to be 590 rounds per agent per year. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which has 63 personnel that carry weapons, ordered 46,000 rounds of .40 caliber bullets. That amounts to 730 rounds per officer per year. To top it all, the Department of Homeland Security has solicited 450 million rounds of .40 caliber bullets to be delivered over the next 5 years. That department has roughly 65,000 law enforcement officers. That's 1,384 rounds per officer per year. Is it any wonder that we can't find ammunition?

On the other hand, the ammunition manufacturers in the US produce over 1 billion rounds of .22's per year and the government doesn't buy any of them. I personally have a few boxes set aside for future use. I'm sure you do too.

We seem to have a "get it while you can" mentality about ammunition. We experienced the same type of panic when Obama was first elected. However, guns and ammunition slowly reappeared on the shelves of your local sporting goods store. That same scenario is likely to happen again.

Strange, but true

By Johnny Kirby

The Japanese government is buying wolf urine from the United States. Apparently, the deer population in Japan has exploded to the point the animals are a hazard for public transportation. The buses and trains are being damaged by collisions with the deer. Spraying the tracks and roads with wolf urine seems to be the solution. My question is, who collects wolf urine in the US and what qualifications are necessary be a wolf urine collector? I would think that a simpler solution may be to open a deer season in Japan.



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