

## **Hog Freeze** - Continued...

line in some tall grass when we came across the snared hog. Because of the tall grass and the small ditch the snare was set in, I didn't see the hog as we drove up. It waited until we were right in front of it before it went ballistic.

I have had some hogs break out of snares in the past as I got close in my truck. This big guy was the largest I had snared so far, so I knew it could break out any second. I wanted to get the hog dispatched before it got away. And, I wanted to get a little rise out of Jess, who had been a little too relaxed up to that point.

In the end, Jess did great. He downed the hog with one shot from my little .22 Hornet rifle. That is a pretty big feat. I was not about to tell Jess that he did better than I could ever have done. But I guess Jess will know it now that I have

written the story... so, "Good job Jess!"

After the dust cleared and everyone was breathing again, it was time for some photos. However, it took a few minutes to get the boys out of the truck. It turned out that the boys also got a little case of Hog Freeze when it was their turn to meet the big, ugly pig face to face.

It was now Jess's turn to rib the boys. He did so with just enough jibes to get the wide-eyed boys to slink out of the truck door. A little more coaxing got them positioned behind the hog. Finally, I got the photo I wanted. As soon as I indicated that I had a good photo, the boys hightailed it back into the truck. Then they rolled up the windows and locked the doors.

Hog Freeze comes around... but it goes around too.



**I was ready with my camera when I asked the boys to get out of the truck and take a photo with the wild hog. This is what 'Hog Freeze' looks like in action.**

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