



Saying thanks to my first deer



Andrea and her deer



The deer

## Newbie Hunting Story from Andrea

It was a dark and stormy night.. 🤪...OOPS.....wrong story.... 😊

I was lucky enough to get a Limited Entry Doe tag this year.....which also happens to be my first time ever hunting!! 🤪

After three days out looking for a Mule Doe in a legal shooting area I finally had a chance! My hubby and I were out on a awesome crown land road on Wednesday late afternoon, in search of a doe for me to hunt. We did see a coyote, and one mule deer that decided it was better to run away fast then stick around when I am out with a rifle. 🤪

We had been looking for over 2 hours and sunset was about 20 minutes away, when 🤪 I saw a really nice looking doe not far off the side of the road.

I jumped out of the van and loaded my clip in the Remington 770 - 243, and to Hubby's surprise and I guess wonder, started to walk closer to the deer, instead of just shooting it right away.... 😊, but I guess I was on autopilot, and when I felt I was in the right spot and raised the gun, looked in the scope and aimed for the right spot for a fast kill, the deer had only turned around but was still standing broadside to me 🤪 but was pretty much where I first saw her....

So I finally took and shot and BAM, the deer jumped straight up several feet, (this I was told by Hubby) and then she ran!!!

I walked over to the spot I shot her and looked down the embankment, and could not see anything. Hubby took my rifle and climbed down and in a minute he yelled back up to me....GET YOUR CAMERA!

So I grabbed the camera, and my two canes and climbed down too.

There she was, laying by a tree in the grass. I could not believe that I not only had the chance, but shot my rifle for the first time from a standing position, and got a perfect shot. Turned out the bullet went between the ribs, hit the lungs and heart and out through a rib on the other side.

She was about a year old and approx 80-100 pounds. That turned out to be good as she was a nice size for Hubby to haul up to the van.

So needless to say it was a awesome week, and a great FIRST hunt for me! And I have to say a huge thanks to Hubby for doing the hard work getting her gutted and back to the van in the now total darkness. And also a thanks to the two hunters that came along to help load her into our van.