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A good gun, a good dog and a good fall day combine to make a hunter's paradise. So what does this hunter do? He sits. Hunters, though a most active breed, do more sitting and thinking, including about things like conservation, than their critics realize. A large part of hunting is simply enjoyment of the outdoors.

This hunter, in Vermont, obviously has his own ideas. For birds, he favors a 12gauge double, the W. & C. Scott shown, and a basset named Zeke. Although bassets are not tops for grouse and woodcock, Zeke, he says, "had a great nose for birds and was all business during the season. Off-season he was a lovable household clown."

Photograph by Robert Holland, Cavendish, Vt., with a 5x7 special view-type camera, 12" Goerz Apochromat lens, using Ektachrome exposed 1/25 sec. at F.19. His comment: "This photo was intended for a billboard background, but I suspect antigun propaganda knocked it out."

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