



run and cut-loose another shot into his hindquarters in hopes of breaking a hip, or, getting to his vitals a-la-Texas heart shot! He went another 20 yards or so – stopped, turned and initiated a counter attack to which I answered with a frontal brain shot at about five paces! With that, he was down and finished. This .600 Westley Richards is truly a stopper! Once we determined he was on his way to buffalo heaven, we moved in for a closer inspection. We were taken aback by his horn size and quality. This scarred old boy had nearly 40" of worn-smooth, tattered old horns. Add to that the multiple scars about his face and body from a lifetime of fighting to procreate and survive in the bush – we had a true Dugga Boy... an old crusty bush warrior! What a great trophy!

We backtracked the path he had taken and saw huge amounts of heart-lung blood spattered all over the place – he was done for sure. So, one might ask the question as to why, when a near perfect broadside shot was made would one rush the animal so quickly.

Ivan's philosophy is simple: "A shot may look good and might actually be so, but it is far more humane and offsets any potential risk of a severe mauling if in fact you go in after the animal, keep him in sight and finish him as quickly as possible."

I agree...having shot numerous buffalo and having been charged by a supposedly anchored bull. The more



Thank you

**John and Madubula Safaris for another outstanding safari.
Our little walk paid off!**

— Wade C. Gear