

SWITCH-HITTING AMMO

One area of the industry that has taken notice of the increasing interest in handgun hunting has been the ammo makers. Of course, most new products for handguns chambered for the .44 Remington Magnum will work even better in the carbines.

Winchester leads the pack with its recent partnership with Nosler bullets. Since its introduction in 1948, the Nosler Partition bullet has earned a strong reputation in rifle calibers and now, for the first time, it will be available in a .44 Remington Magnum bullet. Winchester will market a 300-grain load in .44 Magnum. In addition, Nosler will offer the component bullets for reloading.

Experienced revolver hunters have long held that the best big-game bullet for a straight-walled cartridge is a flat-nose hard-cast bullet with a large meplat. Tests have proven that this design will penetrate better than most any other straight-walled handgun cartridge hunting bullets and will track straighter through the animal. Surprisingly, wound-channel diameters are often as large as with jacketed, expanding bullets. Federal recognized this and in 1997 introduced several .44 Remington Magnum loads featuring hard-cast bullets. Featured is a 300-grain .44 Magnum at 1,250 fps.

Barnes has expanded its line of solid copper X-Bullets into the .44 Remington Magnum field. In 1997 that company will be offering the all-copper X-Bullet for .44 Remington in 200- and 225-grain rounds.