Prairie Dog Hunt PRO '97

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The most destructive Prairie Dog hunting game ever!

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Important Stuff

Due to the nature of the animation in the game, a Pentium PC is recommended for full enjoyment of the game.

If your video card does not support image stretching, you will be notified, and the .22-250 Scope Zoom feature will be disabled.

A Small Font video driver must be used in order for the game to start.   Consult your video card documentation for information on Small Font drivers.   A 256 color or higher video driver is also a requirement (if everything looks grey, then a 16 color driver is probably loaded).

*No Prairie Dogs were hurt during the development of this product.

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Game Play

Interface

Prairie Dog Hunt PRO '97 utilizes a very simple gaming interface.   Everything you need is just a click away.

- To shoot a Prairie Dog, just aim and click the Left Mouse Button.
- To scroll your point of view (Sweep Mode), just move the mouse back and forth in the game window.
- To stop the screen from Scrolling, press "S" on the keyboard.   Press it again to restart <u>Sweep Mode</u>.
- To Zoom the Scope (.22-250 only), simply click and hold the Right Mouse button.   Push the mouse forward to Zoom In, pull it back to Zoom Out
- To select an object on the "Table of Death" click the Left Mouse Button on it.

You will become adept at scrolling, zooming and firing.
Remember to 'lead' the prairie dogs when they are moving fast.

- Every option is available from the "Table of Death"
  Click a weapon to Select it.
  Click the Monitor to access Game Settings.

Game Styles

- Arcade Mode

A blood-fest...
In Arcade Mode, just shoot everything, really.   You can use any weapon.
Select Unlimited Ammo, and see just how messy you can get the ground.

- Simulation Mode

The test of a true marksman.
The .22-250 is the only weapon offered in this mode, and with the Wind turned on, it can be difficult.

Skill Levels

- Novice
  Slow Prairie Dogs
- Sportsman
  Fast Prairie Dogs
- Pro
  Real fast Prairie Dogs

Weapons

There are 4 weapons in PDH PRO '97, each has a different scoring factor.
In order, left-to-right on the table:

- PDH 5000

A 5000 watt LASER Pistol with Smart Targeting.   Anything within the Target Reticle will probably be set a-flame.
Score: X 2

- Big 12 gauge Shotgun
  Just point in the general direction of P-Dogs, and pull the trigger.
  Score: X 1

- .22-250
  A standard rifle for shooting rodents.   Has a Zoomable scope capable of 10X power.   This is the only weapon available in Simulation Mode.
  Score: X 3

- Short Fuse Grenades
  These babies go off on impact.   Just toss one at the Red "X", and watch the carnage. Good for taking out clusters of P-Dogs.
  Score: X 1

Ammunition

Limited Ammo Mode games consist of shooting as many Prairie Dogs as possible, with 100 rounds of Ammo.   The game will end and High Scores will be added to the high score list when ammunition is expended.

Unlimited Ammo Mode is for Monday afternoons in the office.   Unlimited game play, for those times when your aggressions need relieving.   Get some coffee, pick your favorite weapon, and pretend the Prairie Dogs are your co-workers !

High scores are not tallied for Unlimited Ammo Mode.

Scoring

Prairie Dogs are scored on their distance. 50 yards, 100 yards and 200 yards.

- 50 yds.   50 points X gun modifier
- 100 yds. 100 points X gun modifier
- 200 yds. 200 points X gun modifier

Any Prairie Dog hit while moving scores double.

The maximum score with 100 rounds of Ammo is 120,000 points.
That's all 200 yard Prairie Dogs, shot while moving, with the .22-250.

Any score above 30,000 points should be deemed worthy of inclusion into the Dog Master Hall of Fame (see our web site for more info).

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Registration Information

What is Shareware ?

Shareware is software distributed by authors like myself, to fun, game hungry consumers like yourself.   I do so because I enjoy sharing my creations with others.
Sales of fun, destructive, yet, enjoyable software like PDH PRO '97 are my source of income.   If you enjoy playing it, go ahead and pay for it.   That way, I can continue to drink caffeine loaded soda, and crank out more titles for the coming years (don't worry, there's some neat stuff headed your way...).
If you don't pay for it, I'm not liable for any Prairie Dogs that invade your neighborhood....
The law also states that if you want to use it for more than 30 days, you have to pay for it...   That's the government for you, but it does allow me to pay my bills...

Benefits of Registering PDH PRO '97

- 3 more powerful weapons of destruction !
- Free Technical Support
- Warm, happy, fuzzy feelings...

PDH PRO '97 can be registered ONLINE with CompuServe. Just GO SWREG and search for keywords 'Diversions', and 'PDH PRO 97'.   The registration fee will be added to your monthly CompuServe bill.   It's that easy.

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PDH PRO '97 Registration

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Country (if not USA) _____ Phone _____

WINDOWS VERSION   [   ] 3.1   [   ] 3.11   [   ] Windows 95   [   ] Windows NT

MB RAM   [   ] 8   [   ] 12   [   ] 16   [   ] 24   [   ] 32 OR MORE

RESOLUTION USED   [   ] 640x480   [   ] 800x600   [   ] 1024x768 or higher

COMPUTER: [   ] 486 [   ] Pentium   [   ] Pentium PRO   [   ] Cyrix   [   ] AMD
SPEED/Mhz   [   ] 25   [   ] 33   [   ] 40   [   ] 50   [   ] 66   [   ] 75   [   ] 80   [   ] 90   [   ] 100   [   ] 120
                         [   ] 133   [   ] 150   [   ] 166   [   ] 180 [   ] 200   [   ]other
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Keyboard Commands

Z - Zoom Scope toggle
This will turn the Zoom ability of the scope On and Off with the .22-250.

Certain video cards are incapable of   stretching images in Windows, and this option will allow users with those cards a chance to play the game.   Turning off Zoom will also improve game play speed.

G - Gory Death Sounds Toggle
This will enable or disable the cries of the prairie dogs when they are hit.

S- Toggle Sweep Mode

< > - Decrease/Increase Scrolling speed

ESC - Will return your mouse cursor to you, and return you to the Table.

Hold down the SHIFT Key - Full Auto Fire (.22-250 only)
This mode is unsupported by us (it crashes once in awhile).   Use it at your own risk.

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System Requirements

Prairie Dog hunt PRO '97 recommendations.

Prairie Dog Hunt PRO '97 minimum requirement:

486/100 Processor or better
MS Windows 3.1.
8MB RAM
256 color 640x480 VGA

We recommend the following for best performance:

Pentium 90 or better
MS Windows 3.11, Windows for Workgroups 3.11 in Enhanced Mode
or Windows 95
16 MB RAM
256 color 640x480 PCI Bus Accelerated Graphics Card
MS Windows compatible sound card (turned way up!)

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Problems ?

If your problem is not listed below, contact us online at:

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Or call Diversions Software at:

- (303) 617--9564 Noon to 8PM MST

Below are some common problems encountered.

ERROR: Can't Create Auto-Redraw Image

This is caused by expanded memory settings.   Windows likes Extended Memory.

Solution:
If your config.sys file has a line similar to this:
DEVICE=C:\DOS\EMM386.EXE RAM

You'll need to change the RAM setting to NOEMS
DEVICE=C:\DOS\EMM386.EXE   NOEMS

Make sure you are running Windows in 386 Enhanced Mode.

Problem: Zoom Scope doesn't work

Many video cards claim to be 100% Windows compatible, but aren't.

If the Zoom Scope does not work, then your video card doesn't support all of the functions Windows has, namely, stretching of Bitmaps.

Contact the vendor of your system, or manufacturer of your video card, and tell them the problem, and request newer, or updated video drivers.

Varminter will still play, but you won't be able to Zoom the Scope.

Dear Prairie Dog Hunt Fans...

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but...

This is possibly the final version of the Prairie Dog Hunt series of games from Diversions Software (no whining...)

This is the fourth version in as many years, and I think you'll agree, I've truly outdone myself this time.

I can't think of any ways to improve upon the game in its' current state, and I'm happy with the way it has turned out.   But who knows... next year, I may try to create a full 3D version... we'll have to see.

Many ideas from avid gamers have been incorporated into this version.
Many of you asked for realism, while others asked for mass destruction, and more powerful weapons.

I found it hard to balance gameplay between fun, and simulation, and finally settled on allowing two modes of play.

Now you can play the game, the way you want.
Snipe the P-Dogs with the .22, while watching the wind blow your shot off the mark, or toss a short fuse grenade into a pile of dogs, and ask questions later.

Either way, it's up to you.   This is your game finally, the way you asked for it.

Enjoy it !

Regards,
Ian Firth
Diversions Software

Coming Soon...

from Diversions Software

Void Pirates

A Multimedia Strategy Adventure of Piracy on the Highest of Seas.
Available in 1997 on CDROM for Windows and Windows95.
Look for VPDEMO.EXE on any online service.
Visit our web site for a sneak peek at Void Pirates (http://www.divsoft.com).

Blade

- A Strategic Wargame, set in a Fantasy world.   Please visit the Blade web site at http://www.divsoft.com/blade.htm for screenshots, and further information

Check all the normal online services and BBS's for these upcoming titles from Diversions Software.

(Registered version only)

Diversions Software

A small US software company dedicated to producing only the highest quality games, at decent prices...

few extra keys

<Keyboard>

Game Options
<(None)>

Limited Ammo

The game ends after 100 rounds of Ammo are fired.   Your score is then tallied.   A perfect score is 120000 points.

Open Season

Open Season allows you to play continuously, without the game ending after 100 rounds of Ammo.

Small Font

A video driver that has a logical screen DPI of 96 or less.

Sweep Mode

Sweep Mode scrolls the viewing area as you move the mouse right or left.   This allows you to constantly turn toward targets.