

Nerves of Steel - Woman stops 3.5metre croc with .22 pistol.

A Darwin woman, Beverly Thompson, 38, has stopped a crocodile attack using a small .22 caliber Ruger pistol. This is a story of self-control and marksmanship by a brave, cool-headed woman with a small pistol against a fierce predator.

Here's her story in her own words:

"While walking along the edge of a lake near my house in the Zuccoli Village Estate near Darwin discussing a property settlement with my soon-to-be ex-husband, and other divorce issues, we were surprised by a huge 3.5metre crocodile that suddenly emerged from the murky water.

It began charging us with its large jaws wide open.

She must have been protecting her nest because she was extremely aggressive.

If I had not had my little Ruger .22 calibre pistol with me, I wouldn't be here today!" said Beverly.

Just one shot to my estranged husband's kneecap was all it took.

The croc got him easily, and I was able to escape by just walking away at a brisk pace.

The amount I saved in lawyer's fees was really incredible - and his life insurance was also a big bonus!

It makes a good case for permits "to carry licensed firearms in the Territory."