3 Legged Dog Joke

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Informant:  
Tyler McCowan is currently my boyfriend, we met 3 years ago working at Domino’s Pizza, and we have been dating for a year. Tyler was raised in Layton and Kaysville Utah, and now resides in Fruit Heights, Utah. He was raised LDS but is now an Agnostic Atheist. His family is very complicated, and he rebelled a lot in his teenage years. He graduated from David High School. He is 21 years old and works as a press break operator, he spends most of his free time on the internet looking at sites like Reddit and Imgur to find things to laugh at. Tyler enjoys games like Dungeons and Dragons and Magic the Gathering with his friends. In the three years I have known him Tyler is always quick to share random crude jokes with friends and often goes for an hour just telling random jokes to the people he is with off the top of his head. He is always trying to make me and others laugh.

Context:  
Tyler told me this joke in his room in Fruit Heights, casually laying on his bed. When asked if there was anyone he wouldn’t tell this joke to he said no, which I believe is true but I am sure he wouldn’t tell it to someone who had the power to fire him. In have however heard him tell such jokes to his sisters and mother, and if he would tell these jokes to them I am pretty sure he would tell them to almost anybody. Tyler would normally tell this joke hanging around with friends. When I asked Tyler where he first heard this joke he said “I am about 80% sure I made it up, but I am about 99% sure that someone else has told it before.” Some things you would need to know to understand this joke are that dogs with disabilities are sometimes killed because they can no longer perform their purpose which is not considered pretty barbaric in some cultures. Target Practice is referring to shooting the dog for practice at aiming.

Text:  
What do you call a 3 legged dog?

Target Practice

Texture:  
Tyler told this joke as he normally would, with his normal talking voice and a childish grin. He gave me a lot of time to try to come up with my own answer. The entire time grinning with a childish grin because he knows he is about to see me do a face palm because of how awful the joke is. He always waits to hear an answer before giving the correct one and then watches the people who he is telling the joke to, to see their reactions. I think he likes seeing the horror on peoples face when he gives the punch line on a joke like this. Tyler is an animal lover and would never condone the shooting of dogs but he as I said before he likes to see peoples shocked faces and to laugh with them.