

# MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM

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District:

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Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City) Contact Phone # / E-mail

This resolution should be considered under the following category: *[check one]*

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** *(Please print or attach your resolution here. Any WHEREAS clauses or supporting statements should be included on the back of this form.)*

## Use of Lethal Body Grip Traps and Snares

Be it resolved that the DFL party supports legislation that protects dogs and other non-targeted species from death or serious injury, by prohibiting the use of lethal snares, and limiting the use of lethal body grip traps to proven dog-safe methods (elevated 5', fully submerged, or in a dog proof enclosure).

*To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:*

This resolution was:  Adopted  Defeated

## Resolution: Lethal Body Grip Traps and Snares

Whereas, every year dogs in MN are killed in lethal body grip traps and snares.

Whereas, lethal snares tighten as the animal struggles, quickly causing suffocation and death for any accidental catch including companion pets, hunting dogs, protected species, and non-targeted species.

Whereas, lethal body grip traps are designed to kill quickly by breaking the neck or by suffocation, both the MN Trappers Association and the DNR state extreme caution must be used to avoid setting these traps where there is a risk of catching and killing dogs.

Whereas, most trappers exercise appropriate caution to protect dogs, the *current laws do not require them to do so*. When extreme caution is not used, lethal body grip traps and snares have proven to pose a significant risk to pets, companion dogs, protected species, and non-target species.

Whereas, lethal body grip traps can be used, with or without bait, anywhere it is legal to trap. *Dogs in MN have been killed by baited and unbaited traps while walking, hiking, or hunting with their owners, by traps placed on public and private land, near public boat accesses and trails, and in culverts, and ditches.*

Whereas 22 other states have prohibited or restricted the use of lethal body grip traps to proven dog safe methods without negatively impacting the trapping harvest, and 28 states have prohibited the use of lethal snares. *MN trapping laws impede the rights of others to live, work and play outdoors without risk of serious injury or death to their companion dogs, working dogs, and hunting dogs. The outdoors belongs to everyone, and with our pets we have a right to be safe where we live, work and play.*