

Dog Deaths and Victim Stories

Through 2014, DL4STMN confirmed 32 killed, plus 7 more in 2015. The DNR has 23 confirmed from the last 4 trapping seasons. These traps kill quickly, so in the field, a dog may seem to just "disappear", leaving the owner to think the dog got lost. Trappers are asked to report dogs caught to the DNR, but they are not *required* to report it. Hence, we have no idea how many dogs are actually killed each year, other than those found and reported.

Schatzie, a Dachshund-Chihuahua mix, was killed while **walking a few feet in front of 6 year old Ella**, when he was caught in a BG trap set near a culvert, on public land near Kanabec County.

Faith, a yellow lab, while grouse hunting on public land near Pine River, was caught in a 220 BG trap and **died from suffocation within minutes**.

Birdie, an upland and waterfowl dog, **was unintentionally lured** onto the neighbor's property and was caught in a 220 BG trap baited with fresh meat.

Penni, a springer spaniel, was killed in a 220 BG trap **set on public land** near the town of Emily, while her owner set muskrat traps.

Phillip, a Jack Russel, was killed while walking in a marsh with his owner, in a residential area of White Bear Lake. **The trapper that set this trap had just completed the MTA trapper training class.**

Polka Dot, a lab-setter mix, killed while walking a forest road with her owner and his two sons. Unable to remove the trap, and **desperate to end her suffering, he shot his dog.**

Bella, a golden retriever, killed in a BG trap while they were hunting, in a trap set just off the trail in a public hunting area near Brainerd. She was unconscious in about 30 seconds. **They were able to remove the trap, but unable to revive her.**

Zoey, a border collie, killed by a BG **trap set in the road ROW, while walking with his owners.**

Sue, an English Setter, killed by a 220 BG trap set with bait in a 5 gallon pail, while grouse hunting near Staples. **The trap broke her neck.**

Bronco, a 95lb yellow lab, killed while hunting on the Schoolcraft Game Refuge in a #330 trap in a **shallow water-set**, about 50 ft off an ATV trail. Three other traps set in the same area were determined to be legally set. It took three men to remove the trap.

Bear, a 4 1/2 month old black lab puppy, killed in a **#160 BG trap set in a road ROW culvert.**

Cash, a beagle-lab mix, killed in a #220 BG trap set in **road ROW, while on a walk with his owner**

Lily, a black lab with puppies, was **lured into a baited trap set near her home**. The trap set was *illegal because the trap was only recessed 6" instead of the required 7"*. The trapper was cited.

Remi, a black lab, was killed in a **baited lethal snare** set on a neighbor's property.