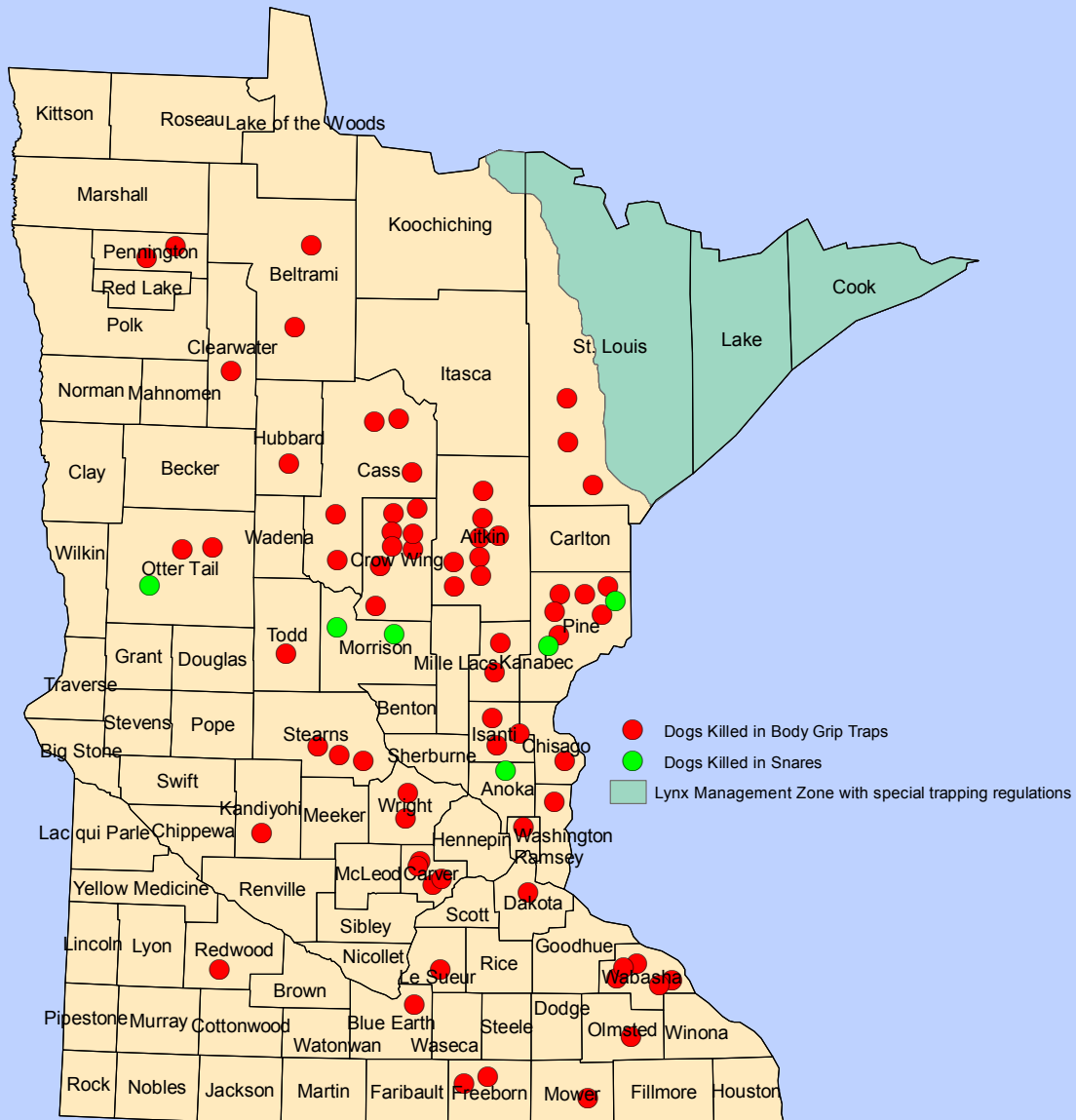


# 76 Minnesota Dogs Killed in Body Grip Traps and Snares



The 76 dots on this map represent 76 dead dogs and 76 grieving families.

Reporting a dog caught or killed in a trap or snare is voluntary so a county with no dots does not mean that no dogs have been killed in that county. It only means that there are no records. Prior to 2008 eight dogs were killed in the 5 northeastern counties of MN in a single season. No written records of those dogs exist. Many dogs "disappear" each trapping season leaving no record of their fate.

A study showed that even with mandatory reporting and no penalty for accidental captures only 1 in 4 accidental captures were reported. In MN reporting is also voluntary and there no criminal penalties for killing dogs with traps.

Formal record keeping did not start until 2012 so few records prior to 2012 exist.

Many incomplete and missing records of dogs killed have not been included in this map.

Most bobcat trappers in the 2008 Lynx Management Zone do not use body grip traps 3' off the ground or in cubbies on the ground. No records of dogs killed in the Lynx Management Zone are available.