



Welcome to Minnesota Voters for Animal Protection's third biennial Humane Scorecard! With this scorecard, you can confirm how your state senator and representative in the Minnesota Legislature voted on bills affecting animals during the 2013-2014 biennium.

Animals cannot vote, write letters, lobby, testify or make phone calls to legislators. They require our voices and actions on their behalf. This scorecard has been created as a resource for information about your state senator's and representative's views on animal issues. With this knowledge, you are powerfully equipped as an informed constituent to politely but persistently hold your elected officials accountable for votes they have cast and to advocate for policies that prevent animal suffering.

Please keep in mind that in the Minnesota Legislature, recorded votes on animal issues are rare, so it isn't possible to provide a definitive portrait of legislators' viewpoints in a scorecard. Some of the work to advance or defeat animal bills is done behind the scenes and in committee hearings and cannot be represented in a scorecard. Also, legislators sometimes encounter unavoidable circumstances that prevent them from being present to cast a vote on an issue.

If you have any questions about this scorecard or how to get more involved with political action to protect animals in Minnesota, please contact us. We'd love to hear from you!

2013-2014 AT A GLANCE

This was an exciting and productive biennium for animal protection in Minnesota!

In 2014, two pro-animal pieces of legislation were signed into law: the *Dog and Cat Breeder Regulation Law* and the *Beagle Freedom Law*. Also, the *Game and Fish Bill*, as finally passed into law, includes a requirement for quarterly reporting of wolf deaths and a doubling of the penalty for repeat wolf poaching offenses. Unfortunately, worthy bills to further protect wolves, to protect dogs from lethal traps, and to curb the excessive use of antibiotics on factory farms did not advance during the session, but the history of animal advocacy teaches that advances for animals require persistence and perseverance in successive biennium sessions.

During legislative sessions, Minnesota Voters for Animal Protection tracks all bills impacting animals and we offer updated status of the bills' progress through the process. Check our website to see in-depth information on the issues and updates on state legislation impacting animals: votersforanimals.org.

HOW TO READ THE HUMANE SCORECARD

ISSUES AND VOTES

This scorecard records six Senate and House of Representatives votes and animal-friendly bill authorships in the Minnesota Legislature during 2013-2014.

SCORES

Scores of individual legislators indicate the percentage of recorded pro-animal votes he or she cast in addition to credit awarded for authoring animal-friendly legislation. Scores do not reflect non-roll call voice votes. Extra credit is awarded to legislators who were the chief authors of pro-animal bills.

LEGEND	
✓	Legislator voted FOR the animals
×	Legislator voted AGAINST the animals
11	Legislator was chief author of this pro-animal legislation
××	Legislator was chief author of this anti-animal legislation
NV	No Vote; legislator abstained, was absent, excused, or not in office at the time
IN	Incomplete; legislator missed more than 50% of votes
	No Score; legislator was not in office during the session



VOTE AND BILL DESCRIPTIONS: MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

DOG-SAFE TRAPPING BILL MVAP POSITION: Support

Body-gripping traps are killing our state's dogs. Because these traps may legally be set in places frequented by people and their beloved dogs, tragedy often results. To the horror of their owners, dogs are being killed in these traps in areas such as ditches, near trailhead parking lots, along trails, in recreational areas, and even on land adjacent to the dog owners' property. SF 452/HF 456 requires body-gripping traps be set in such a way as to protect dogs from being accidentally caught and killed. MVAP position: Support. The bill did not advance during the legislative session but checkmarks in this column give credit to legislators who coauthored and authored this bill.

2) FIVE-YEAR MORATORIUM ON WOLF HUNT MVAP POSITION: Support

Senator Chris Eaton offered an amendment on the floor of the Senate during the Game and Fish Bill debate to place a five-year moratorium on the public taking of wolves by hunting or trapping. MVAP position: Support. The amendment failed 27-36. A vote in favor of the amendment is counted as a vote for the animals.

3) DOG AND CAT BREEDER REGULATION BILL MVAP POSITION: Support

The Dog and Cat Breeder Regulation Bill, SF 36, was rolled into an omnibus bill and passed into law in 2014. The new law requires commercial dog and cat breeders in MN to be licensed; requires inspections by the Board of Animal Health; requires compliance with existing and new laws ensuring animal care standards are met; and subjects violators to civil, administrative and criminal penalties. MVAP position: Support. Checkmarks in this column give credit to legislators who coauthored and authored this bill.

4) WOLF BAITING, ANIMAL SNARING MVAP POSITION: Support

Senator Chris Eaton offered an amendment on the floor of the Senate during the Game and Fish Bill debate to prohibit the baiting of wolves; the use of remote-controlled animal-noise callers for taking wolves; and the snaring of wild animals in general. MVAP position: Support. The amendment failed 29-34. A vote in favor of the amendment is counted as a vote for the animals.

5) BEAGLE FREEDOM BILL MVAP POSITION: Support

The Beagle Freedom Bill, SF 2068 and SF 1164, was rolled into an omnibus bill and passed into law in 2014. The new law requires that any research institution that receives state funding must offer dogs and cats used for testing to an animal rescue organization for adoption at the conclusion of the experiment, provided that the research does not require the animals to be destroyed. This ends the practice of euthanizing dogs and cats when tests are completed even when there is no requirement to do so. MVAP position: Support. Checkmarks in this column give credit to legislators who coauthored and authored this bill.

6) WOLF POACHING PENALTIES MVAP POSITION: Support

Senator Foung Hawj offered an amendment on the floor of the Senate during the Game and Fish Bill debate to double the penalty for a repeat offense of wolf poaching. MVAP position: Support. Senator David Osmek defeated Senator Hawj's pro-animal amendment by proposing his own amendment to leave the penalty unchanged. The Osmek amendment passed 33-30. A vote, scored here, in favor of the Osmek amendment is counted as a vote against the animals.



DISTRICT	SENATOR	SCORE 2013-2014	Score 2011-2012	Score 2009-2010	Dog-Safe Trapping Authors	Five Year Wolf Hunt Moratorium	Dog and Cat Breeder Regulation Authors	Wolf Baiting, Animal Snaring	Beagle Freedom Bill Authors	Wolf Poaching Penalties
1	LeRoy A. Stumpf (D)	0	50	40		×		×		×
2	Rod Skoe (D)	0	50	40		×		×		×
3	Thomas M. Bakk (D)	0	IN	60		X		×		×
4	Kent Eken (D)	0	75	67		X		×		X
5	Tom Saxhaug (D)	0	50	60		×		×		×
6	David J. Tomassoni (D)	20	34	40		×		×		1
8	Roger J. Reinert (D) Bill Ingebrigtsen (R)	60 0	IN 0	100 34		×		×		×
9	Paul E. Gazelka (R)	0	34			×		×		×
10	Carrie Ruud (R)	0				×		×		×
11	Tony Lourey (D)	0	34	68		×		×		×
12	Torrey N. Westrom (R)	IN	67	67		NV		NV		NV
13	Michelle L. Fischbach (R)	0	34	60		×		×		×
14	John C. Pederson (R)	0	34			×		×		×
15	David M. Brown (R)	0	50			×		×		×
16	Gary H. Dahms (R)	0	50			×		×		×
17	Lyle Koenen (D)	0	IN	67		×		×		×
18	Scott J. Newman (R)	0	34			×		×		×
19	Kathy Sheran (D)	20	67	80		×		×		1
20	Kevin L. Dahle (D)	60		60		1		1		1
21	Matt Schmit (D)	20				×		×		1
22	Bill Weber (R)	0				×		×		×
23	Julie A. Rosen (R)	0	50	80		×		×		×
24	Vicki Jensen (D)	20				×		×		✓
25	David H. Senjem (R)	20	67	80		×		1		×
26	Carla J. Nelson (R)	0	100			×		×		X
27	Dan Sparks (D)	40	50	25	✓	×		×		✓
28	Jeremy R. Miller (R)	0	50			×		×		×
29	Bruce D. Anderson (R)	0	0	50		X		X		X
30	Mary Kiffmeyer (R)	0	34	67		X		×		×
31	Michelle R. Benson (R)	20	25			×		√		×
32	Sean R. Nienow (R)	20	100			×		✓		X
34	David J. Osmek (R) Warren Limmer (R)	0	67	80		×		×		XX
35	Branden Petersen (R)	0	34			×		×		×
36	John A. Hoffman (D)	60				<i>-</i>		<i>\rightarrow\rightarro</i>		Ĵ
37	Alice M. Johnson (D)	80			1	1		1		1
38	Roger C. Chamberlain (R)	40	34		•	1		1		×
39	Karin Housley (R)	0				×		×		×
40	Chris A. Eaton (D)	100	IN			11		11		√
41	Barb Goodwin (D)	60	100			1		1		1
42	Bev Scalze (D)	60	100	IN		1		1		1
43	Charles W. Wiger (D)	100	100+	60	11	1		1		1
44	Terry E. Bonoff (D)	80	100	75		1	1	1		1
45	Ann H. Rest (D)	60	100	60		1		1		1
46	Ron Latz (D)	40	100	60		×		1		✓
47	Julianne E. Ortman (R)	0	34	50		×		×		×
48	David W. Hann (R)	40	100	60		1		1		×
49	Melisa Franzen (D)	60				1		1		1
50	Melissa H. Wiklund (D)	60				✓		√		✓
51	Jim Carlson (D)	100		60		1	1	√	✓	√
52	James P. Metzen (D)	40	100	60		1		×		√
53	Susan Kent (D)	60				1		1		√
54	Katie Sieben (D)	60	100	60		1		√		√
55	Eric R. Pratt (R)	20				√		×		X
56	Dan D. Hall (R)	IN	67			NV		NV		NV
57 58	Greg D. Clausen (D)	60				√		√		√
58	Dave Thompson (R)	O IN	 67			NV NV		NV NV		X NIV
60	Bobby Joe Champion (D) Kari Dziedzic (D)	60	67 IN	100				†		NV
61	D. Scott Dibble (D)	100+	100	100+		1		1	11	1
62	Jeff Hayden (D)	IN	IN	100+		NV	1	NV	**	NV
63	Patricia Torres Ray (D)	80	100	75		√	•	√	1	√
64	Richard Cohen (D)	60	100	80		1		√	_	√
65	Sandra L. Pappas (D)	60	100	100+		1		V		1
66	John Marty (D)	100	100+	100		1	11	1		1
	Foung Hawj (D)	80				1	••	1	 	11

VOTE AND BILL DESCRIPTIONS: MINNESOTA STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMITTEE REPORT ON DOG AND CAT BREEDER REGULATION BILL

MVAP POSITION: Support

After the Dog and Cat Breeder Bill passed the House Civil Law Committee, a vote was taken on the House floor to determine whether to accept the committee report and allow the bill to continue to move through the legislative process or to not accept the report and thereby indefinitely stall or 'kill' the bill. A vote in favor of accepting the committee report – without which, the bill would not have passed this biennium — is counted as a vote for the animals.



3) DOG AND CAT BREEDER REGULATION BILL MVAP POSITION: Support

The Dog and Cat Breeder Regulation Bill, HF 84, was rolled into an omnibus bill and passed into law in 2014. The new law requires commercial dog and cat breeders in MN to be licensed; requires inspections by the Board of Animal Health; requires compliance with existing and new laws ensuring animal care standards are met; and subjects violators to civil, administrative and criminal penalties. MVAP position: Support. Checkmarks in this column give credit to legislators who coauthored and authored this bill.

4) WOLF POACHING PENALTIES MVAP POSITION: Support

Representative Jason Isaacson offered an amendment on the floor of the House during the Game and Fish Bill debate to increase penalties for poaching wolves for those with a prior conviction. His amendment passed 116-16. MVAP position: Support. The provision was included in the final Game and Fish Bill signed into law. A vote in favor of the amendment is counted as a vote for the animals.

5) BILLS TO PROTECT WOLVES MVAP POSITION: Support

There were four bills introduced this biennium to protect wolves: SF 666/HF 1163, which places a five-year moratorium on the public taking of wolves by hunting or trapping; HF 3196, which prohibits wolf trapping, remote-control calling, baiting, and the taking of any wild animal with a snare; SF 2256/HF2680, which suspends the wolf hunt in order to study outcomes of the wolf hunt on the wolf population and to implement the wolf management plan; and HF 2193, which closes the wolf hunt on Indian reservations. MVAP position on all bills: Support. Checkmarks in this column give credit to legislators who coauthored and authored these bills.

6) BEAGLE FREEDOM BILL MVAP POSITION: Support

The Beagle Freedom Bill, HF 3234 and HF 1370, was rolled into an omnibus bill and passed into law in 2014. The new law requires that any research institution that receives state funding must offer dogs and cats used for testing to an animal rescue organization for adoption at the conclusion of the experiment, provided that the research does not require the animals to be destroyed. This ends the practice of euthanizing dogs and cats when tests are completed even when there is no requirement to do so. MVAP position: Support. Checkmarks in this column give credit to legislators who coauthored and authored this bill.

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1A	Dan Fabian (R)	0	34			×		×		
1B	Debra Kiel (R)	25	50			×		1		
2A	Roger Erickson (D)	50				1		✓		
2B	Steve Green (R)	0				×		×		
3A 3B	David Dill (D) Mary Murphy (D)	50 50	34 100	67 100		1		1		
4A	Ben Lien (D)	50				1		1		
4B	Paul Marquart (D)	50	67	100		1		1		
5A	John Persell (D)	50	IN	100		1		1		
5B	Tom Anzelc (D)	50	34	67		1		1		
6A	Carly Melin (D)	25	100			NV		1		
6B	Jason Metsa (D)	63				1	✓	✓		
7A	Thomas Huntley (D)	63	100	100		1		NV		11
7B	Erik Simonson (D)	50				√		1		
8A	Bud Nornes (R)	25	34	67		×		1		
8B 9A	Mary Franson (R) Mark Anderson (R)	25 0	34			×				
9A 9B	Ron Kresha (R)	25				NV		×		
10A	John Ward (D)	63	67	100	11	√		NV		
10B	Joe Radinovich (D)	63				1		√		1
11A	Mike Sundin (D)	50				1		1		
11B	Tim Faust (D)	25		100		×		1		
12A	Jay McNamar (D)	50				1		1		
12B	Paul Anderson (R)	25	50	67		×		✓		
13A	Jeff Howe (R)	0				×		×		
13B	Tim O'Driscoll (R)	25	34			×		√		
14A	Tama Theis (R)	25				NV		√		
14B	Zachary Dorholt (D)	50				√		✓		
15A 15B	Sondra Erickson (R) Jim Newberger (R)	0	67 			×		×		
16A	Chris Swedzinski (R)	25	25			×		×		
16B	Paul Torkelson (R)	25	34	67		×		<u> </u>		
17A	Andrew Falk (D)	50	67	67		1		1		
17B	Mary Sawatzky (D)	50				1		1		
18A	Dean Urdahl (R)	25	34	100		×		1		
18B	Glenn Gruenhagen (R)	0	0			×		×		
19A	Clark Johnson (D)	25				NV		✓		
19B	Kathy Brynaert (D)	50	100	100		1		✓		
20A	Kelby Woodard (R)	0	34			×		×		
20B	David Bly (D)	50 25		100		√		1		
21A 21B	Tim Kelly (R) Steve Drazkowski (R)	0	34 34	67 50		×				
21B	Joe Schomacker (R)	25	67			×		×		
22B	Rod Hamilton (R)	25	50	67		×		1		
23A	Bob Gunther (R)	25	IN	67		×		1		
23B	Tony Cornish (R)	25	67	75		×		1		
24A	John Petersburg (R)	25				×		1		
24B	Patti Fritz (D)	50	100	100		1		1		
25A	Duane Quam (R)	0	67			×		×		
25B	Kim Norton (D)	50	100	100		1		1		
26A	Tina Liebling (D)	50	67	100		√		✓		
26B	Mike Benson (R)	0	34			×		×		
27A 27B	Shannon Savick (D) Jeanne Poppe (D)	50 50	100	67		1		1		
27B 28A	Gene Pelowski Jr. (D)	25	67	67		×		√		
28B	Greg Davids (R)	25	34	67		×		1		
29A	Joe McDonald (R)	0	67			×		×		
29B	Marion O'Neill (R)	25				×		1		
30A	Nick Zerwas (R)	25				×		1		
30B	David FitzSimmons (R)	0				×		×		
31A	Kurt Daudt (R)	25	34			×		1		
31B	Tom Hackbarth (R)	25	0	67		×		1		
32A	Brian Johnson (R)	25				X		√		
32B	Bob Barrett (R)	25	34			×		√		
33A 33B	Jerry Hertaus (R) Cindy Pugh (R)	0 25				×		×		
33B 34A	Joyce Peppin (R)	25 25	34	67		×		√		
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34B	Kurt Zellers (R)	25	34	67		×		1		
35A	Jim Abeler (R)	25	34	100		×		√		
35B	Peggy Scott (R)	25	34	67		×		√		
36A	Mark Uglem (R)	38			✓	×		<u> </u>		
36B	Melissa Hortman (D)	50	67	100		√				
37A 37B	Jerry Newton (D) Tim Sanders (R)	100 25	34	100 67	✓	√	√		/	1
38A	Linda Runbeck (R)	25	67			×		<u> </u>		
38B	Matt Dean (R)	25	IN	67		×				
39A	Bob Dettmer (R)	25	34	67		×		<u> </u>		
39B	Kathy Lohmer (R)	38	67		1	×		<u> </u>		
40A	Michael V. Nelson (D)	50	67	100	-	1		1		
40B	Debra Hilstrom (D)	50	IN	100		1		✓		
41A	Connie Bernardy (D)	63				1	✓	1		
41B	Carolyn Laine (D)	75	IN	100		✓	✓	√	✓	
42A	Barb Yarusso (D)	50				1		√		
42B	Jason Isaacson (D)	100+			√	1	√	√	11	
43A	Peter Fischer (D)	100+	100	100	✓	√	✓	<u> </u>	11	
43B 44A	Leon Lillie (D)	50	100 34	100 67		√		<u> </u>		
44A 44B	Sarah Anderson (R) John Benson (D)	25 63	100	100		×	√	√		
44B 45A	Lyndon Carlson Sr. (D)	50	100	100		1	✓	√		
45A 45B	Mike Freiberg (D)	88			1	1	√	<u>√</u>	1	
46A	Ryan Winkler (D)	50	67	100	•	1	•	<u> </u>	_	
46B	Steve Simon (D)	63	100	100		1		√		1
47A	Ernie Leidiger (R)	0	67			×		×		
47B	Joe Hoppe (R)	25	34	67		×		√		
48A	Yvonne Selcer (D)	75			1	1		✓	1	
48B	Jenifer Loon (R)	25	34	67		×		✓		
49A	Ron Erhardt (D)	88			✓	1	✓	√	✓	
49B	Paul Rosenthal (D)	63		100		✓		√	√	
50A	Linda Slocum (D)	50	100	100		NV	√	<u> </u>	1	
50B	Ann Lenczewski (D) Sandra Masin (D)	63	67	100		1			1	
51A 51B	Laurie Halverson (D)	75 50		100		1	✓	√	1	
52A	Rick Hansen (D)	63	100	100		1		<u>√</u>		1
52B	Joe Atkins (D)	50	IN	100		1				•
53A	JoAnn Ward (D)	63			1	1		√		
53B	Andrea Kieffer (R)	25	34			×		1		
54A	Dan Schoen (D)	50				1		√		
54B	Denny McNamara (R)	25	34	67		×		✓		
55A	Michael Beard (R)	25	34	67		×		✓		
55B	Tony Albright (R)	25				×		√		
56A	Pam Myhra (R)	25	IN			X		√		
56B	Will Morgan (D)	50		100		✓				
57A 57B	Tara Mack (R) Anna Wills (R)	25 25	34			×		1		
57B	Mary Liz Holberg (R)	25	67	67		×		<u>√</u>		
58A 58B	Pat Garofalo (R)	0	34	IN		×		×		
59A	Joe Mullery (D)	75	100+	100+		Ĵ	1	<u> </u>	1	
59B	Raymond Dehn (D)	75				1		√	1	1
60A	Diane Loeffler (D)	63	100	100		1	1	<u> </u>		
60B	Phyllis Kahn (D)	50	100	100		1		√		
61A	Frank Hornstein (D)	75	100	100+		✓	✓	✓	✓	
61B	Paul Thissen (D)	50	67	IN		1		✓		
62A	Karen Clark (D)	63	100	100		✓	✓	√		
62B	Susan Allen (D)	63	IN			√		<u> </u>	✓	
63A	Jim Davnie (D)	63	100	100		√	✓			
63B	Jean Wagenius (D)	50	100	100		1		<u> </u>		
64A 64B	Erin Murphy (D) Michael Paymar (D)	50 38	100 IN	100 100+		√ NV		<u> </u>		
65A	Michael Paymar (D) Rena Moran (D)	38 75	67			NV ✓	√	<u>√</u>	1	
65B	Carlos Mariani (D)	25	IN	100		NV	•	<u>√</u>	•	
66A	Alice Hausman (D)	63	100	100		√	√	<u>√</u>		
66B	John Lesch (D)	100+	100	100		1	11	√		11
67A	Tim Mahoney (D)	50	100	100		1		√		
67B	Sheldon Johnson (D)	63	100	100		1		√	1	

THE FOLLOWING LEGISLATORS CHAMPIONED ANIMAL-FRIENDLY **LEGISLATION INCLUDED IN THE SCORECARD. THANK YOU!**



SENATOR JOHN MARTY 66, DFL Dog and Cat Breeder regulation



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LESCH 66B, DFL Dog and Cat Breeder regulation; Beagle Freedom legislation



SENATOR D. SCOTT DIBBLE 61. DFL Beagle Freedom legislation



7A, DFL Beagle Freedom legislation



REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS HUNTLEY SENATOR CHARLES W. WIGER 43, DFL **Dog-Safe Trapping**



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN WARD 10A, DFL **Dog-Safe Trapping**



SENATOR CHRIS A. EATON 40, DFL **Wolf Protection** and Snaring amendments



SENATOR FOUNG HAWJ 67, DFL Wolf Protection legislation and amendment



REPRESENTATIVE PETER FISCHER 43A, DFL **Wolf Protection** and Snaring legislation



REPRESENTATIVE JASON ISAACSON 42B, DFL Wolf Protection legislation and amendment

The legislative efforts included in this scorecard reflect the work of many wonderful individuals and organizations. The humane movement in Minnesota is growing by the day -- join us!

Minnesota Voters for Animal Protection works to pass animal protection laws at the state and local level; to educate the public about animal protection issues; and to support humane candidates for office. To learn how you can help ensure future successes in legislative protections for animals in Minnesota, please visit Minnesota Voters for Animal Protection's website: votersforanimals.org.

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