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NAPPS Denounces Animal “Crush” Videos
Support Sought to Ban Animal Cruelty as Entertainment

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J. – The Supreme Court recently struck down a federal law banning interstate sale of graphic animal “crush” videos featuring extreme forms of animal cruelty for the sexual titillation of viewers.

These grotesque videos involve the intentional crushing, drowning, burning and impaling of kittens, puppies, rabbits and other small animals, often by women in high heels.

“Videos of this nature are clearly classifiable as animal cruelty,” states Monica Leighton, President of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS). “This violation of the human/animal relationship is both horrifying and deplorable.”

Outrage over the Supreme Court’s decision has spurred Congress to act again—U.S. Representative Elton Gallegly (R-CA) and 56 other Representatives introduced H.R. 5092, which would provide the tools law enforcement needs to crack down on traffickers of these videos.

NAPPS is an advocate for the welfare of animals and urges individuals to support the passing of this law by contacting their U.S. Representative through the Human Society of the United States’ [action center](#) or by donating to the [Humane Society’s Legislative Fund](#).

About NAPPS: NAPPS is a national non-profit trade association dedicated to promoting the welfare of animals. The Association aims to help the pet owning public, those interested in pet sitting, and professionals engaged in the in-home pet care industry by fulfilling its vision statement, “To be the most respected authority in professional pet sitting.” It does so by providing the tools and support to foster the success of its members. Additionally, pet parents can benefit from NAPPS’ free resources including a disaster preparedness guide, tips on how to select a pet sitter, nationwide referral service, and quarterly teleconferences aimed to educate the pet owning public. To find a pet sitter in your area, check out NAPPS’ nationwide “Pet Sitter Locator” at www.petsitters.org. For more information on NAPPS, please follow [@TheNAPPS](#) on Twitter or join us on Facebook at facebook.com/TheNAPPS.

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