



## SEATTLE HUMANE SOCIETY WANTS CRUELTY VIDEOS STOPPED

*Help amend the "Crush Act" & prevent animal cruelty in video industry*

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The Seattle Humane Society urges animal lovers to join us in supporting a proposed bill that will prohibit the sale of "crush" videos depicting unspeakable acts of cruelty to animals.

Exposure to violence desensitizes people to the effects of violence, especially children who have access to "crush" videos via the internet. The court's protection of these videos does not create a more humane society or help to break the cycle of abuse. Teaching children empathy for all living creatures helps reduce animal cruelty and paves the way for a brighter future for us all.

With the support of our community we can urge our legislators to pass amendment H.R. 5092 and prevent a resurgence of animal cruelty and exploitation. More than 50 U.S. Representatives are supporting the bill, but none are from Washington State. Please write, phone, or email your U.S. Representatives and Senator urging them to support H.R. 5092 today.

**Click here to contact your local officials:** <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/Default.aspx>

H.R. 5092 seeks to revise the "Crush Act" with specific language to address concerns raised last week by the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled that banning the videos was an unconstitutional infringement of free speech.

*Seattle Humane Society has been awarded the coveted 4-star rating by Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. Founded in 1897 to bring people and pets together, Seattle Humane Society provides incredible companion animals for adoption 7 days a week, pet workshops and training, a pet food bank, a low-fee spay/neuter surgery program, humane teen club, a visiting pets program and more. Seattle Humane Society is located in Bellevue, at 13212 SE Eastgate Way. For directions and more information, visit [seattlehumane.org](http://seattlehumane.org) or call (425) 641-0080.*

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