

# SAVE THE SEALS PETITION



## To the House of Commons

The Petition of Respect for Animals, a seal protection organisation, and citizens opposed to the brutal slaughter of seal pups by Canada.

Declares that the slaughter of nearly 1 million seals (almost all under 3 months of age) over the last three years by Canada is a cruel outrage. The Petitioners further declare that they are appalled by the cruelty of the hunt. They note that a team of independent veterinarians who observed the Canadian seal hunt in 2001 found that 42 per cent. of the seals examined were likely conscious when skinned; are concerned that the current level of killing is unsustainable for the harp seal population; and that trade data shows that thousands of seal skins were imported into the UK between 1995 and 2003. The Petitioners further declare that the US banned imports of all seal products in 1972 and that Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy currently have initiatives to ban such trade.

The Petitioners therefore request that as a matter of urgency the House of Commons pass legislation to prohibit the import of all seal products into the UK.

And the Petitioners remain, etc.

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