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Protectors of seals

should clean up after them

I think I may have a very simple and workable solution to the ongoing controversy at the Children's Pool in La Jolla. Recent letters have presented two factions; one group that feels the seals are things of beauty, who they and countless others love to watch, admire and protect, and the opposing group that feels the seals are a major cause of pollution because of feces. Said another way, some people feel the seals are similar to personal pets, while others describe them as public pests.

Why don't the protectors of the seals address the problem head on, and work to clean up the mess? We have laws governing other pets, and force people to clean up after them. I would love to see some of these animal-rights people do something a little more constructive than offering petitions, drawing lines in the sand and waxing eloquent over the beauty of a newborn seal.

Can't you see it now? A platoon of PETA members dressed in the de rigueur Abercrombie environmental gear, wielding rakes and shovels to clean up after their "pets" would be a sight to see.

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