

# Celebs shun fur

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A bevy of famous beauties gathered in Illovo to make their voices heard about animal rights.

Actors, television presenters and socialists addressed a press conference at the Gordon Institute of Business Science on Namibia's annual seal cull.

Each year in Namibia, a kill quota is set at 85 000 nursing pups and 6 000 bulls.

Anneke Brits of FurFree South Africa lambasted the cruel killing, which she believed caused unnecessary suffering to seals.

She said, "Seals don't adversely affect Namibia's fisheries. Fish numbers have declined due to human over-fishing and bad

management practices."

"Furthermore, there is no longer a market for the pelts, since the European Union placed a ban on the import of all seal products.

"We advocate the promotion of sustainable community-based seal-viewing ecotourism, which already yields 10 times the revenue generated by the seal trade."

Brits also alleged the Namibian government had arrested journalists who attempted to film the cull.

She said Namibian authorities inflated the figures of its seal population to justify a higher kill quota.

Model Candice Brink said, "This act of cruelty against animals is

barbaric and inhumane. I support a boycott against Namibia."

Echoing her sentiments was former Mr South Africa, Denver Burns, who said, "I won't be travelling to Namibia until this heinous practice has been stopped."

Other celebrities who participated in the campaign included Louise Carver, Jenna Clifford, Catherine Constantinides, Christina Storm, Braam Malherbe, Cito from Wonderboom, Braam Malherbe, Bokang Montjane and Catherine Grenfell.

View footage of their statements at [www.4shared.com](http://www.4shared.com)

Details: [www.furfree.co.za](http://www.furfree.co.za)



Back: Jenna Clifford, Bokang Montjane, Catherine Constantinides, Christina Storm, Catherine Brink and Louise Carver.

Front: Denver Burns, Braam Mahlerbe and Cito.