

Docket No. 16–15469

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

NARUTO, by and through his Next Friend,
Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

DAVID J. SLATER, *et al.*,
Defendants-Appellees

On Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Northern District of California

JOINT MOTION TO STAY APPEAL

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Plaintiff-Appellant Naruto, through his Next Friend, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Defendants-Appellees David John Slater and Wildlife Personalities, Ltd.'s, and Defendant-Appellee Blurb, Inc. (collectively, the "Parties") jointly move to stay this appeal pending a settlement of this action.

This appeal was filed on March 20, 2016. Dkt. 1. This Court heard oral argument and submitted the matter on July 12, 2017. Dkt. 45. Following oral argument, the Parties began settlement discussions. The Parties have agreed on a general framework for a settlement subject to the negotiation and resolution of specific terms. Given the current progress of settlement discussions, the Parties are optimistic that they will be able to reach an agreement that will resolve all claims in this matter.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Court stay this action, hold the appeal in abeyance, and not issue any decision in the case for a period of 35 days to allow the parties to continue settlement discussions. The Parties will inform of the Court of the status and progress of their settlement discussions on or before August 24, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 4, 2017

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