

Animal Testing Resumes

What is animal testing you may ask? Animal testing is where people where people assess the safety of cosmetics-such as lipsticks, mascaras, shampoo, lotion, etc.- on animals. This is very dangerous for animals. More than 1 million mice, guinea pigs, rats, rabbits, etc. suffer and sometimes even die in these test every year in the United States alone.

For the past 20 years animal testing has been illegal (banned). The ban has been lifted and companies such as Mary Kay, Estee Lauder, and Avon have resumed testing on animals. These companies started testing on animals and did not tell the public.

Right now, millions of mice, rabbits, rats, cats, dogs, and other animals are sitting in a cage across the country. Sitting in pain and dreaming of being roam free. Instead of roaming free, all they can do is sit in fear waiting for another painful, torturous procedure that will be performed on them. The stress and boredom causes some animals to get neurotic behaviors such incessantly spinning in circles, rocking back and forth and even pulling out their own hair and biting their own skin. As people walk by they shake and cower in fear whenever someone walks by their dreary cages. When people walk past their cages their blood pressure also spikes drastically.

Every year more than 1 million of animals are burned, poisoned, and even killed from painful unnecessary tests. Some tests are just standard tests for companies and brands. Some countries (like China) require all brands to be tested on animals before they can be sold to countries and other companies. After living in pain, loneliness and terror, almost all of them will be killed.

Mice and rats are forced to inhale toxic fumes, dogs are forced to eat pesticides, and rabbits have corrosive chemicals rubbed onto their skin and eyes. Almost all of the tests they perform are not even required by law. Even if the product infects, burns, pains, poisons, or crippled the animals, it can still be sold to people. Many animals also suffer from school biology experiments and dissection projects.

The earliest evidence that we have of people testing on animals goes all the way back to the Greeks in the second and fourth century B.C.E. They dissected pigs and goats. In the 12th century in Spain they would practice the surgeries on animals before they did the surgeries on people. In 1922 they practiced a medicine on a dog to help with diabetes. The diabetes medicine worked and revolutionized the treatment of diabetes.

Here are some sad facts about animal testing:

1. Over 100 million animals are burned, crippled, poisoned, and abused in United States labs every year.
2. 92% of experimental drugs that are safe and effective on animals fail in human clinical trials because they are too dangerous and don't work.
3. Labs that use mice, rats, reptiles, and amphibians are exempted from the minimal animal protections under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA).
4. Up to 90% of animals used in United States labs are not counted in the official statistics of animals tested.
5. Europe, the world's largest cosmetic market, Israel and India have already banned animal testing cosmetics, and the sale or import of newly animal tested beauty products.

I hope you learned a little more about animal testing. It is a very sad thing. Want to help? Go to

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https://www.aspca.org/secure/ps-gn-p2?ms=MP_PMK_Googlenonbrand-T4&initialms=MP_PMK_Googlenonbrand-T4&pcode=WPSE9XXGOGN2PK00024&lpcode=WPSE9XXGOGN1PK00024&gclid=CmvS9YXO2MQCFVCFgodlakaQg

to donate.

Want to learn more about animal testing? Go to these websites below for more info on it.

<http://www.animalcharityevaluators.org/resources/volunteering-advice/animals-used-in-research/?gclid=CKKY7diL1sQCFciIfgodm6gAGg>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal_testing

“Each of us can help save animals from suffering and death in experiments by demanding that our alma maters stop experimenting on animals, by buying cruelty-free products, by donating only to charities that don't experiment on animals, by requesting alternatives to animal dissection and by demanding the immediate implementation of humane, effective non-animal tests by government agencies and corporations.”

-PETA