

Animal Testing

As many people may know animal testing is illegal in the US, but what people may not know is that although it's illegal here companies can still test their products on animals in other ways and in other countries.

Animal testing is carried out by many different companies in the US, and just because they can't test here, doesn't mean they don't test elsewhere. Now, you may think that this couldn't possibly be legal... but, it is. In fact, those companies are perfectly within their right to do this. They can test outside of the US, then take those animal tested products and sell them here, where animal testing is "illegal." Companies from L'Oreal to Mr. Clean animal test outside of the U.S. and have no problems getting away with it (www.crueltyfreekitty.com). Here are some statistics on animal testing you may not have known:

- Less than 5% of animal deaths result in them benefiting the studies
- 3.9 million animals died in 2019
- In both 2019 and 2020 combined, 2 billion animals died because of animal testing with 120,100 being subjected to testing that resulted in pain above **human** pain tolerance

Those are just some of the many things that animal testing has done to the animals in particular, but, people on the other hand have also gotten some of the backlash of animal testing. In 2019, a study was done seeing how animals and humans react differently to certain cosmetics and other products (www.invitrointl.com). This study found that because of the differences between humans and animals the tests may not always be so effective. This study and many others showed that because of the difference between humans and animals many of the products tested on animals may be safe for them but not so safe for human use, leading to rashes, burns, allergic reactions, acne, swelling etc. Sure companies may say it's "safer", but is it really?

It is said to exist because it is possible to obtain information that cannot be learned in any other way. Instead, the drug or technique is tested in animals to make sure that it is safe and effective.

Many companies believe that products that have been tested on animals are safer and more secure. It's apparently less expensive, and shows some (though very little) positive results, even though those results end up in the deaths of billions of animals. But here's the kicker: 90% of products like drugs, makeup, and cleaners fail in human trials that showed promising results in animal tests (www.crueltyfreeinternational.org).

Animal testing is doing nothing but hurting the animals and the people that use the products. Products that test successfully on animals, may not test well on the people that try them, causing them the same pain that animals go through. Companies like Victoria's Secret, Vaseline, Clorox, Tide, Mr. Clean, CeraVe, and many more are extremely popular and many people use them without knowing that they are tested on animals. By not using animal tested products you can protect yourself and the animals they test on.