

# ANIMAL TESTING

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**Scientists are using animals to test products to see if the products are safe, and it's not a good way to see if products are safe.**

Imagine you're a cute little dog, deep down in a lab, stuck in a cage waiting... you are seeing animals get hurt in your cage. Still waiting... A scientist walks past your cage, holding your breath, hoping you aren't the next animal to get hurt. That's how animal testing begins.

Do you think animal testing is good? Well, it isn't. Animals are used to test human products, such as washing detergents, medicine, chemicals, and much more. Testing products on animals is a bad way to see if products are safe. Animals get awfully harmed for humans. The animals are not going to use the human products, so the animals shouldn't get something experimented on them if they're are not going to use them.

## HISTORY OF ANIMAL TESTING

Experimenting on animals began in the early 17th century. Some people had a theory that animals were not able to feel pain. Others thought that animals were able to feel pain. Animal testing began with someone getting hurt. After that, a law was passed by the government that all products have to get tested on animals before being sold because of that incident.

Even though animal testing is bad, it's still going on. People believe it's a good way to test things so no humans get hurt. But others disagree and want animal testing to stop.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ANIMALS ?

Every year animals have to get experiments that are really damaging and painful. No one would ever do them on humans. Mice and rats are forced to breath in toxic fumes. Dogs are forced to eat

pesticides. And rabbits have to have chemicals rubbed on their skin, and all the other animals have to have things tested on them too. Animals get killed, poisoned, get blind, and die. Scientists use mice, rats, birds, dogs, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits and much more animals for animal testing. Animals are killed so scientists can see if anything happens inside of the animals.

## HOW MANY ANIMALS DIE A YEAR?

Millions and millions of animals die a year. More than 15 million cold blooded animals alone get tested a year. Much more than 100 million animals die a year. It's impossible to know how many animals die a year because there are so many. 90 % of rats and mice are used for animal testing.

