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## Ban the sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals

The testing of cosmetics on animals is a horrendously unnecessary and cruel practice that should be eliminated entirely from the industry. While many companies are making these changes already as the animal welfare movement has been ramping up and more people are choosing a cruelty-free lifestyle, we can do more. By banning the sale of cosmetics by companies that are testing their products on animals we can help pave the way to industry reform. I personally, do not purchase from companies that test on animals and would encourage anyone who uses cosmetic products, either for personal or professional use, to discontinue purchasing and using these products as well.

No animal should have to needlessly suffer in a lab for these tests. The cosmetic industry has been around long enough at this point that most of the products out there have not had their formulas changed so drastically that it would warrant additional testing. These practices are outdated, cruel, and unnecessary. To take that stance even further, these bans should be put in place regardless of whether a company is trying to sell their products internationally. The cruelty must end! It can end with us taking a stand for the welfare of all animals. They do not need to suffer so people can feel beautiful. There is no beauty in the torture of innocent life!