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Can you imagine being paralyzed with shots and drugs, feeling weak and helpless? This is the torture that animals get when they get tested for. For years, scientists bring animals into their laboratories to experiment on them. Consequently, they are dying because of our need. These animals shouldn’t deserve to get tested for. We should end animal testing and leave them in the wild and not tempered.

First of all, ending animal testing is healthier for animals. Testing cosmetics on animals can cause them to go blind. According to “50 Awesome Ways Kids Can Help Animals” by Ingrid Newkirk, it says “For this test, liquids, gel and powders are put in rabbit’s eyes and technicians write down how their eye’s react. Some animal’s eye’s swell and some animals go blind.” This illustrates that animals (for this instance, rabbits) their eyes get damage making it unhealthy. Cosmetics contain poison which can lead to death. Also many experiments kills animals during the process. Their body’s can’t handle it or they would get killed at the end. When animals get tested on drugs, scientists will kill them when the testing is over to examine how the drug has affected them in their body. According to “Do Scientists Care About Animal Welfare?” by Eve Hartman and Wendy Mashbesher”Lab animal, like this guinea pig, are likely to be killed once an experiment is over.” This displays that scientists damages the health of animals.

Another reason why we should end animal testing is because it cost a lot of money. Scientists need to provide food and space for animals. According to “Do Scientist care About Animal Welfare” by Eve Hartman and Wendy Meshbesher says that “All animals needs food,water, and space to live in. An animal-testing laboratory must spend money on food and cages, and find room to store animals. Staff must be paid to maintain the animal’s sometimes 24 hours a day and on the weekend.” This is important to think about because they need to pay for food and space. In addition to this, staff members must be paid too. If you look further in the book it reveals “As a general rule , the cost of keeping an animal increases with the animal’s size.” Showing that the money adds up if the animals is big, which makes it hard to experiment on monkeys and other large animals. Lets not forget the equipment that is used on animals is not cheap. When you add up the total it is a lot of money.

Lastly, animal testing isn’t as helpful as you think it is. Drugs, detergent and more stuff that is tested on animals can kill humans. In “50 Awesome Ways Kids Can Help Animals” by Ingrid Newkirk it says” Despite animal tests, people still can get sick from swallowing products, getting them in their eyes or spilling them on their skin.” This is clear that testing does not help. They give an example on how scientists use cats to test aspirin. It hurts the cats, but that is not the case for humans. Aspirin helps human health. This example proves that testing is not beneficial.In [www.fiercebiotech.org](http://www.fiercebiotech.org) shows the same thing. It states, “A new report published in the British Medical Journal finds that using animals for drug trials often yields inaccurate results. A team of researchers from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine compared the results of six animal trials of six human trials with the same drug and found that only three trial results were the same for both human and animal.” This shows that only 50% of tests gets inaccurate data. 50% is a lot, and those animals died because of it.

Some may say that animal testing helps scientific discovery. In “Animal Rights” by Karen D. Povey sums up the purpose of animal testing by saying “Virtually everyone living today is benefiting from the use of live animals in scientific studies. Countless medicines, vaccines, surgical procedures, diagnostic tests, and other medical treatment were either discovered or tested through experiments with animals.” This displays the benefit that animals gives. This is great, however there are better ways to test products than using animal testing. For example in [www.peta.org](http://www.peta.org) it states “ Today- because experiments on animals are cruel, expensive and generally inapplicable to humans-the world’s most fast forward-thinking scientists have moved on to develop and use methods for studying diseases and are actually relevant to human health. These modern methods include sophisticated tests using human cells and tissues, advanced computer modeling techniques, and studies with human volunteers. These and other non-animal methods are not hindered by species differences that make applying animal test results to humans difficult or impossible, and they usually take less time and money to complete.” This paragraph shows that animal testing isn’t worth it. Now there are better ways to test product then the cruelty of animal testings.

Animals are facing an issue. They are getting taken away from their environment to get tested on. Animal's health is dwindling, the cost to experiment on animals isn’t cheap, and lastly it isn’t really helpful to humans. So does this have to be? Do we need to continue animal testing? The world has better ways of testing products now. So, our best option now is to end animal testing.

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