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Animal testing is simply unnecessary. This doesn't mean that we should instead put humans in danger. A solution to animal testing is for companies to use products that are already deemed safe. There are tons of ingredients that have already been confirmed as safe for human skin. They have been used for years and were tested in the past. This means they do not require more testing, putting an end to animal testing, which is how so many companies remain cruelty-free. According to PETA, an alternative to animal testing that companies use is to use cornea-like 3D structures, which are produced from human cells. These human skin cultures can be grown and purchased specifically for cosmetic testing.

100,000–200,000 animals suffer and die every year due to cosmetic testing. In these tests, the animals have chemicals forced down their throats, into their eyes and onto their shaved skin in order to document their reaction to ensure their safe use for humans. These tests determine if these products cause general illness or health hazards like cancer or birth defects. They also conduct lethal dose tests, where the animals are forced to swallow large amounts of a test chemical to see what dose can cause death. These tests can result in immense pain, distress, blindness, swollen eyes, sore and bleeding skin, internal bleeding, organ damage, birth defects, convulsions, and even death in the animals.

Please stop this archaic and unnecessary practice and support HB3213.