Animals are used in several ways in the cosmetics industry to test the safety of ingredients. Individual ingredients or finished products are tested on animals such as rabbits, mice, guinea pigs, rats and dogs. These products can be dripped in their eyes, rubbed on their skin, or fed to the animals to determine if there are any negative effects. Aside from the pain, extreme suffering and loss of life, animal testing can be misleading.

Alternative ways to test cosmetics that don't involve animals use organisms like bacteria, tissues and cells from humans, computer models or chemical methods. These alternative tests are often quicker, cheaper, and more reliable and accurate than animal testing.

According to Humane Society International, 41 countries including Mexico, 10 states in Brazil and 7 in the U.S. (California, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Nevada and Virginia) have passed laws banning cosmetics animal testing. Three more states in the U.S. (New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island) are considering legislation and a federal bill is awaiting reintroduction in the U.S. Congress.

THE LEAGUE OF HUMANE VOTERS® OF NEW YORK STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS BILL.

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