

Subject: non-animal testing, well worth the try to enter the 21st. century

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To Whom it May Concern,

With technology moving forward at the speed of light, with computers in every home, cell phones in every hand and hundreds of stations available on TV's the size of a credit card, we are still in the **"horse and buggy days"** when it comes to laboratory testing. It is high time that we harness the knowledge of people whose talents are wasting away creating things like video games; they could be saving these poor helpless animals (with your approval) by streamlining testing methods that do not hurt animals and would do much for the advancement of new discoveries. You need to encourage this line of development, not stifle it as you are currently doing.

Other countries are seizing the opportunity to move forward while we are stuck in neutral and taking advice from experts whose expertise is archaic and long outdated. Of course some old geezer advocates animal testing; that is all he knows. I am an older person myself, but I am not too arrogant to accept the fact that new ways of doing things are usually an improvement. It would certainly be an improvement for the animals to whom unconscienable things are done routinely. I am often ashamed of my species.

So, please start approving plans to implement non-animal testing and move into the future! It is time that we heed the wise words of Sigmund Freud when he said that "insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." It's as though he could see into the U.S. laboratories of today! Start thinking outside of the box now!!!! Look up the word "paradigm" as it pertains to science and limited thinking and try to change.

Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,

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