

Subject: animal testing

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I am asking you to accept internationally validated non-animal methods, including non-animal test methods for skin and eye irritation, phototoxicity, and pyrogenicity (fever induction), and to follow the additional December 2006 recommendations of the animal protection community.

ICCVAM's European counterpart has shown great progress and has approved dozens of non-animal test methods. The US Government should, at the very least approve the methods that are accepted—and in widespread use—internationally.

The use of outdated and unnecessary animal tests causes 2 problems. Not only are animals being killed needlessly, when non-animal tests could be adopted, but public health is also jeopardized. Non-animal test methods have been demonstrated to be more accurate, more sensitive, and more protective of public health.

Please support PETA's appropriations request to the House and Senate subcommittees on Labor and Health and Human Services, which would require ICCVAM to justify its refusal to incorporate animal protection concerns into its five-year plan.

Sincerely,
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