

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 15, 2004 1:20 PM  
**To:** NIH/NICEATM  
**Subject:** Re: Animal Testing - Eye Irritants

I've never been more moved and disgusted with the human race than when I watched horrible films from the PETA website with regard to the treatment of animals by large corporations. I understand and am deeply distraught at the fact that inhumane treatment of animals occurs everyday by regular individuals. But the level at which it occurs with by large corporations is even more intolerable. How can someone think it is okay to treat animals with such disrespect. Yes it isn't a human and your response would probably be if I would prefer to test on humans. But there are alternatives that are being ignored. I think of an animal the same as a small child, defenseless and unable to express what they are feeling. I find it hard to believe that the world has become so unkind so thoughtless that the idea of smearing something in an animal's eye, leaving animals in cages too small for their own good, cutting off pieces of the animal and then having animals die soon after surgery, how could any of this be ok. How could someone even subject themselves to do this?

Please push for the alternatives. As I write this images flash in my head of the footage of dogs and cats caged, sick, lonely in the labs testing facility. Let's stop this cruel treatment, let's make sure that our children never believe this to be ok.

Thank you for your time.