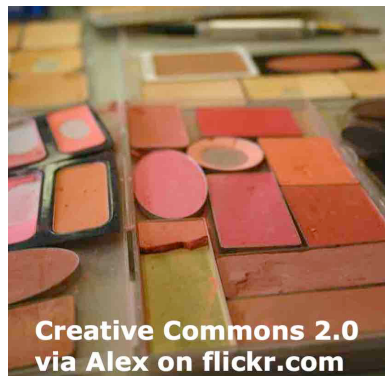


Animal testing for cosmetics to restart in U.K.

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The government in the U.K. will allow cosmetics to be tested on animals for the first time in 25 years. It banned testing in 1998. It was still allowed on animals if there were great benefits for humans. This meant scientists could test chemicals on animals to develop new medicines. However, a court in London said animal testing for cosmetics could start again. The judges in the court followed European Union laws on the safer use of chemicals in animal testing. One chemical that can now be tested on animals is already widely used. It is in sunscreen, foundation and skincare products. The U.K. government said it was "committed to the protection of animals in science".

Many people are angry with the government's decision. Surprisingly, many cosmetics companies are unhappy. A group called Cruelty Free International, which is made up of over 80 cosmetics brands, wrote a letter to the U.K. government. It said changing the law was a terrible decision. A spokesperson for the Body Shop said: "Allowing animal testing for cosmetics would be a devastating blow to the millions of people who have supported campaigns to end this appalling practice." A scientist at Unilever, one of the world's largest cosmetic companies, said testing was "unnecessary". She said that with today's technology, testing could be carried out without using animals.

Sources: iflscience.com / bbc.com / express.co.uk

Writing

Animals should never be used to test cosmetics or anything else. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

government / cosmetics / testing / animal / humans / chemicals / sunscreen / science / angry / decision / cruelty / brands / millions / devastating / campaign / technology

True / False

- 1) Testing on animals for cosmetics could not be done in the UK in 1999. T / F
- 2) Testing on animals for medicines was OK in the UK in 1999. T / F
- 3) The European Union said the UK could test on animals again. T / F
- 4) The UK government said it wants to protect animals in science. T / F
- 5) Cosmetics companies are angry with the UK's decision. T / F
- 6) A group of 18 cosmetics companies wrote a letter to the government. T / F
- 7) Unilever is the world's largest cosmetics company. T / F
- 8) A scientist said using technology was better than using animals. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. allow | a. advantages |
| 2. banned | b. terrible |
| 3. benefits | c. make up |
| 4. cosmetics | d. furious |
| 5. protection | e. let |
| 6. angry | f. shock |
| 7. terrible | g. safe keeping |
| 8. blow | h. prohibited |
| 9. unnecessary | i. done |
| 10. carried out | j. needless |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Do people need to use cosmetics?
- c) Is looking natural better than using cosmetics?
- d) Why are cosmetics companies angry about testing on animals?
- e) How can we end cruelty to animals?
- f) Can people wear too much cosmetics?
- g) Can cosmetics harm our skin?
- h) What questions would you like to ask a cosmetics company boss?

Phrase Match

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| 1. for the first time | a. are unhappy |
| 2. great benefits for | b. of chemicals |
| 3. develop new | c. to end this |
| 4. laws on the safer use | d. 80 cosmetics brands |
| 5. foundation and | e. humans |
| 6. many cosmetics companies | f. without using animals |
| 7. made up of over | g. skincare products |
| 8. changing the law was a | h. in 25 years |
| 9. people who have supported campaigns | i. terrible decision |
| 10. testing could be carried out | j. medicines |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of cosmetics?
- Are cosmetics good value for money?
- Should cosmetics be tested on animals?
- Should animals be used to test anything?
- Are cosmetics more important than animal rights?
- What cosmetics do you use?
- What do you think of skincare products?
- What advice do you have for the U.K. government?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. d	7. b	8. f	9. j	10. i

Role Play

Role A – Dogs

You think dogs are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horses, chimpanzees or cats.

Role B – Horses

You think horses are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): dogs, chimpanzees or cats.

Role C – Chimpanzees

You think chimpanzees are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horses, dogs or cats.

Role D – Cats

You think cats are the best animals. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their animals. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): horses, chimpanzees or dogs.

Speaking – Animals

Rank these with your partner. Put the best animal at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Dogs | • Chimpanzees |
| • Lions | • Elephants |
| • Rabbits | • Cats |
| • Horses | • Bears |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.