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Cosmetic testing on animals has brutal effects

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Fluffy rabbits and tiny rodents such as mice and hamsters are being used to test the chemicals in products of well-known makeup brands. No pain relief is given to these innocent animals. All of them are suffering through the pain of cosmetic testing and will eventually die at the end of the testing.

Some makeup brands using animal testing are Avon, Bobbi Brown, Covergirl, M.A.C. Cosmetics, Mary Kay, Revlon and Maybelline.

According to the Humane Society International, about 100,000 to 200,000 animals are suffering or dying from cosmetic testing. These animals include rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice and rats. Animals are tested for skin irritation, eye irritation, oral toxicity and lethal dosage, among others.

According to the Humane Society of the United States, each of these tests use certain animals to take part in them and use them for a specific purpose. For example, skin sensitization tests use 32 guinea pigs or 16 mice to test for allergic reactions to the skin. The chemical being tested is rubbed onto the surface of the skin or injected under the skin of the guinea pig.

Two more examples of cosmetic testing are skin and eye irritation tests. For a skin irritation test, the chemical is placed onto the shaved skin of the animal. The animal's skin may show signs of redness, rashes, scaling, inflammation, or other signs of damages. As for an eye irritation test, the chemical is placed onto the eye of the animal. The animal's eyes could show signs of redness, bleeding, ulcers, blindness, or other different types of eye damages. Both skin and eye irritation tests involve one to three rabbits.

According to Cruelty Free International, skin allergy tests used on guinea pigs can only predict human reactions 72 percent of the time, and skin irritation tests used on rabbits only predict human skin reactions 60 percent of the time.

More severe tests include oral force-feeding tests and "lethal dose" tests.

Animals are repeatedly force-fed chemicals for weeks or months to test for signs of certain types of health hazards like cancer or birth defects.

The "lethal dose" test is when an animal is forced to swallow a great amount of a chemical to figure out

how much of a dose it takes to die.

According to the Humane Society International, after a cosmetic test has been completed, the animal is usually killed by asphyxiation, neck-breaking, or decapitation.

These types of cosmetic testing are not the only solution for testing makeup products. There are other types of alternative testing such as computing modeling, human tissues, in which healthy or diseased human tissue is donated to some companies like CellSystems GmbH, Episkin, and Mattek to make accessible tissue test for companies to test their products, or simply using ingredients that have had a long history of safe use.

According to Cruelty Free International, chemistry and cell-based tests have shown to predict human reactions 90 percent of the time and using altered human skin is accurate 86 percent of the time.

Many other makeup brands use non-animal testing, such as Too Faced, Milani, Wet n Wild, Urban Decay, Smashbox and NYX.

Be aware of the products you purchase because they may have cost the lives of other living beings to make it onto the shelf.

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Is Hunting Animals Wrong

No.



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If done legally, hunting can be beneficial to humans, and in some cases, animals themselves.

One of the biggest arguments against hunting is that it is simply inhumane or brutish. Many argue that the shooting of an innocent animal is an infliction of unnecessary pain and cuts their lives short.

What many do not realize however, is that compared to many other means of death for animals, whether it be roadkill, death by natural predator, or death in a processing factory for the animals meat or fur, death by a well placed shot from a hunting rifle is less painful.

However, while shots that critically injure an animal and result in a slow and painful death are an issue, it could be eradicated via more

enforcement of rules and greater punishment.

The sale of hunting licenses, tags, and stamps is the primary source of funding for most state wildlife conservation efforts. Without hunting, states would struggle to find the money required to maintain and keep their state parks and environment functioning and clean.

While around 1,000 hunting accidents happen every year, with roughly 100 of those resulting in death, this is due to irresponsible hunters not taking every precaution that is necessary to have a safe hunting experience. In comparison, a study from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from 2010 found that 418 Americans died from falling out of bed. So in comparison to hunting deaths, your bed is statistically more dangerous.

Another argument posed against hunting is more specifically against the meat harvesting aspect. Many people who oppose the eating of game meat claim it is an inhumane way of obtaining meat for consumption; that killing an animal like a deer via rifle causes unnecessarily pain for the animal. However, the only other alternatives are packaged meats that come from processing plants where animals have been shown to be tortured by workers for fun, pumped with hormones to the point of being unable to move, and butchered with virtually no sense of respect.

The solution to issues such as hunter-caused habitat pollution, slow kills of game and over-hunting to the point of extinction, among many others, is to simply enforce hunting rules and regulations to greater degree. If done correctly, hunting can be a safe and fun activity, while minimizing the environmental impact.

Yes.



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Some 12.5 million Americans today consider themselves hunters. In other words, 12.5 million Americans are willing to brutally kill innocent creatures for recreation.

Besides being morally wrong, hunting causes species to go extinct, and ruins habitats. On top of that, hunting can be dangerous to humans if done irresponsibly.

During hunting season, common game species become stressed when they hear any sound that could be related to a gun, or if they think any human is around. According to Mark Bekoff Ph.D., from Psychologytoday.com, the stress can cause animals to stop eating, leading them to be undernourished, as well as be restless and not spend as much time protecting their youth.

A study done at the University of Cambridge in England found that red deer stalked by dogs—not even hunted necessarily—experienced stress similar to the stress an animal would have if it were anxious

or scared.

Although one may argue that hunting licenses actually help local wildlife foundations by giving them money, this money is used to sponsor programs that manipulate habitats and populations in favor of hunters. These programs artificially increase game populations while ignoring less-hunted species, creating an unbalanced ecosystem.

A study by the Humane Society of the United States found that most commonly hunted species, waterfowl, upland birds, racoons and squirrels, provide little sustenance and nourishment. They are not nearly overpopulated either, proving that much common hunting is not justified by "population control".

An estimated 23 percent of all extinct species have died off due to game hunting. With that, 36 percent go extinct due to habitat destruction which is commonly linked to pollution and litter from hunters.

Furthermore, hunting can become harmful to other humans if done irresponsibly. The International Hunter Education Association found that annually in the US and Canada, 1,000 hunting accidents happen a year,

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Animal Welfare

Animals may not make the best gifts

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We've all seen cute Youtube videos of kid opening a puppy on Christmas, yet nothing is cute about the later consequences.

An animal could seem like a great idea for birthdays, Easter, Christmas and other holiday gifts but, what happens after the novelty of the pets wears off?

This could result in animals left unloved and uncared for, especially if the receiver did not ask for the pet, or did not understand the responsibilities it would bring.

This post-holiday crisis can be avoided if more people understood the real responsibilities that come with animals, which society forgets have feelings and needs. Even common house pets like puppies and kittens need space to sleep, eat and play.

Making sure the person you are gifting the pet to has enough space to house one is important.

They need playtime, food, trips to the vet, care and love, and if people cannot provide all of those, the Humane Society recommends you reconsider adopting or gifting a pet.

Naomi Armstrong (11) said she feels many do not understand the responsibilities that come with a pet, which often results in the mistreatment of the animals.

She condemned adopting animals because they are cute or fluffy, and suggested buying a fuzzy blanket instead.

"You can't just choose when you do or don't want to take care of an animal," Armstrong said. "These animals have feelings; they aren't just pieces of property and the sad reality is a lot of the time people will take care of them for a week and then get sick of them."

Proper planning for adopting or

gifting a pet is necessary to ensure the animal will have a healthy and loving home.

Gloria Rozeboom (English) who has two pets, both adopted from shelters, mentioned a couple important factors to take in when considering adoption.

"You want to research the breeds available and make sure it's right for you and your family and that you know it's yours forever, not just for the holidays," Rozeboom said. "I think there is a danger that people return pets regardless, and shelters try to ensure that doesn't happen by putting you on a list, and if you've ever surrendered an animal they ask you about that."

Being on the list decreases your credibility as a potential pet owner, as it shows your lack of commitment to raising an animal.

John Dinon, Director of Ingham County Animal Control and Shelter, described the careful screening done to ensure people adopt the pet most suitable for them. This is done to

guarantee that animals are not returned to the shelter, making the adoption a one-time procedure.

"We realize that during the holidays some people may be wanting to adopt to give as a gift, so we do not allow people to adopt for other people," Dinon said. "We ask [person adopting] a number of questions to make sure they understand that they'll be responsible for providing food, water, shelter, exercise, and veterinary care to the animal. We talk to them about the financial commitment of having a pet, and the time and emotional commitment to make sure they are making an informed decision and not a spontaneous decision."

Before considering pet adoption, it's important to remember that shelter animals often have already had a tragic life and should be ensured a safe and loving home.

Unless someone has specifically asked for a pet, rethinking your gift would be a wise choice.

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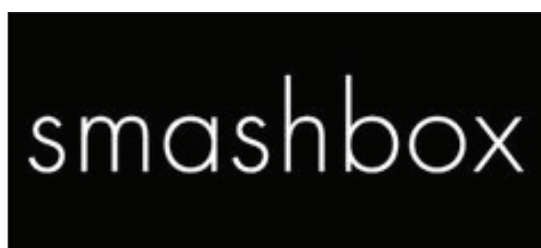
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Certified humane meat serves as alternative diet

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For most of my life, I was a hardcore carnivore; nothing stood between me and a half pound bacon cheeseburger with a side of chili cheese fries. As I got older, however, I started thinking more deeply about what I was actually putting into my body.

Before I get into all that, let me make it very clear that I'm not here to tell anyone what they should or shouldn't eat—our diets are very personal and are totally up to us as individuals to decide. I also don't think my diet is better than anyone else's, but I do think that it's what fits my morals and lifestyle the best.

During my junior year as I became more aware of the cruelty animals endure at the hands of humans, I actually made the decision to become a pescetarian, meaning that the only type of meat I consumed was fish.

This was my way of life for almost a year, when I decided that I wanted to eat meat again. There wasn't anything complicated about it, I just wanted to eat what I wanted to eat, and I think that this is where people who care about animals but don't want to make a huge lifestyle

transition get stuck.

SO, for all my animal lovers out there who simply can't resist a filet mignon, let me introduce you to the concept of certified humane meat. Companies that are certified humane must pass rigorous examinations of how they raise their livestock (hormone injections and genetically modified animals are a big no-no), the conditions the animals live in, and how they are eventually killed in order for consumption to occur.

Of course, this meat is going to be a bit more expensive than other brands, but that's because these companies are granting their animals a higher quality of life. If you can buy 10 chicken nuggets for a dollar, I guarantee those animals suffered much more than an animal raised under certified humane conditions, and that you are not doing your body any favors by ingesting it.

Think about it this way: If you truly want to respect animals while continuing to have them as part of your diet, this is one of the only ways to go. Of course, you can also buy meat that has been raised locally by family farms, as those animals usually live happy lives, but that isn't the focus of this essay.

Finding certified humane meat is sometimes easier said than done, but one of the best places I've found it at is Foods for Living in East Lansing. Even if a company doesn't have the official certified humane "branding", a lot of the meat there is produced by very transpar-

ent companies that are very open about how they treat their animals. The biggest thing to pay attention to when shopping for meat is knowing the history behind it: where it is coming from and the practices utilized by the companies producing it.

I've never had a problem with eating a creature that was once living. Even when I was a pescetarian, that was never what really bothered me. What is important to me is how the animals are raised and the quality of life they receive growing up. I want to make sure that they are killed in the most painless ways possible, and I want to support companies that genuinely care about the animals they are raising, instead of simply seeing them as profit to be made. This is why attempting to eat as much certified humane meat as possible is what works best for me.

There are so many ways to support animal well-being without cutting meat entirely out of our diets. Many people think the only way they can help animals is by going vegetarian or vegan, and I think such a daunting task intimidates them from making any lifestyle changes at all. For all those people in the same boat as me, you have options! I hope this inspires a few people to research where their food is coming from, and will help animal and gyro lovers to reach a happy medium in their lives.