

# **Student Essay on Should Animal Testing Be Legal?**

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# Essay

Each day many people are saved from medication that are a result of animal testing. However, the controversy remains of how necessary it really is to continue the use of innocent animals for these tests. Should we develop another way of testing new medicine and products? What would the new test be and how accurate would the results be? Animal testing does not need to be the only way to solve medical problems but it is the best way to do it at this time.

Nearly every major medical advancement in the 20th century involved animal testing. Included in those evolutions are antibiotics, vaccines, and treatments for diabetes, epilepsy, asthma, and cancer. We could not save lives without these medicines and they have to be tested before they are released.

The numbers of animals that are used for testing each year are between 17-22 million. 61% of the animals used for testing feel no pain. 31% of research animals have their pain relieved by anesthesia. 6% of them experience pain as part of the research in the understanding of medication. For every one dog or cat used for research there are fifty destroyed by dog pounds.

Many people believe the testing of animals should be stopped. Indeed, it seems to be cruel and unfair. Animal rights activist want to stop all the research. Does it seem fair to kill a dog just to create a new longer lasting hair dye"

I really have mixed feelings on this issue. If a person with a serious disease could be saved then I say continue the testing. On the other hand, if an animal must die to create a mascara or hair dye I am totally against the issue.

Due to the fact that not all testing done is to save a life, I feel the scientists should put equal effort into inventing a new testing method and save the innocent animals.