

used to see if a substance will cause irritation or sensitization of the skin or eyes. Often the cosmetic test are used on mice, rats, guinea pigs, and rabbits. This would make sense because these animals are most commonly used in animal experimentation and cosmetic testing is a pretty big part of animal experimentation.

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With so many products being shipped there every year you may think Europe is one taking part in the experimentation. They aren't. In fact, Europe wants to see an end on cosmetic testing on animals. Until a full ban sale is in place cosmetic testing will continue to be conducted for Europe in other non European countries. They will also continue to sell their products within Europe and elsewhere. Cosmetics that are used in testing are mainly lipstick, mascara, shampoo, and cologne. When a new product is released it is tested even if they know the ingredients are safe. Thousands of ingredients that are already safely used by humans are used in cosmetic testing. This seems sort of questionable, because they animals are suffering and dying. Also for cosmetic tests pain relief is rarely used on the animals because they want to see the effects on the animals from the product. These tests are extremely common in the United States and thousands of mice, guinea pigs, rabbits, and rats suffer and die from these tests every year. The Animal Welfare Act is the only United States federal law that covers animals in research, and 95% of animals are not protected by the law for these tests.

~~As you know~~ lots of animals are used for experiments in the United States. Nearly 22,000 cats are abused and killed each year. 75,000 dogs, 100 million mice, rats, and guinea pigs,