Cosmetic Animal Tests

Animal testing in the cosmetic industry is unnecessary animal abuse that kills billions of animals each year. According to the research I have gathered many people agree that cosmetic animal testing is pointless. The FDA does not require animal tests for cosmetics and this, I believe, is because cosmetics are not necessary to cure disease or save lives. Make up is simply produced to make women feel more attractive than they believe their natural appearance already makes them. On the other end of attractive, however, is the horrifying cruelty of the torture many women and some men put animals through by buying products tested on animals. Some of the tests conducted to ensure the safety of cosmetics do not even seem related to the make up itself, such as vivisection, which is dissecting on a living being. Other tests, such as the Draize eye and skin tests, are used to test cosmetics that are applied to the eyes and skin. These tests, however, are not a hundred percent effective in determining how humans will react to these products. Different species of animals react differently to the same products. There is no way to tell how humans will react unless the products are tested on humans. Alternative methods of testing have been created, such as L’Oreal’s artificial skin. These alternatives to animal testing have been proven to be more effective for researching cosmetic side affects than the live animals. Human cells are also more effective because they are actually from the species on which the products will be used. In addition, animal
research costs “$136 billion dollars annually” which is about three hundred dollars of your own money a year (Muech). If the cosmetic companies were no longer allowed to use animals for testing billions of dollars could go to something more productive, such as medical research, or simply back into the economy (which we all know is not doing well at the moment). The cons of animal testing outnumber the pros about ten to one. Scientists argue that it is for the greater good, that it is better for an animal to suffer than a human. Though medical research on animals can be justified by this argument animal testing cannot. Animal testing is simply just an unnecessary cruelty that costs billions of dollars which not only kills billions of animals but causes them to suffer in the process.
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