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Canada Makes It Official by Tabling a Ban on Cosmetic Testing on Animals

March 28, 2023, Ottawa, ON – Humane societies and SPCAs across Canada are celebrating the 2023 Budget Bill tabled today with long awaited provisions to ban cosmetic testing on animals.

"Parliament is finally taking a stand against the needless pain and suffering associated with cosmetic testing on animals," said Barbara Cartwright, CEO of Humane Canada. "It's been nearly a decade in the making but clearly this government is committed to getting the job done!"

The first attempt to ban cosmetic testing on animals came via the Senate in 2015 with the introduction of the Cruelty-free Cosmetics Act, and while that bill died in the House of Commons in 2019, it sparked a national conversation with tens of thousands of Canadians consistently asking the government to ban the cruel practice.

Humane Canada supports the simple, straightforward framework which, if passed, would prohibit: testing cosmetics on animals in Canada; selling cosmetics that rely on animal testing data to establish the product's safety, with some exceptions; and false or misleading labelling pertaining to the testing of cosmetics on animals.

"Canada is paving the way for a more humane country and is now one step closer to joining the ranks of over 40 countries that have enacted laws banning or limiting cosmetic animal testing," said Cartwright.

The government's commitment to reduce and prohibit animal testing points to the need to support the development and use of non-animal alternatives for all types of testing, which should be a shared responsibility between testing companies and government.

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ABOUT HUMANE CANADA

Humane Canada is the federation of SPCAs and humane societies. For 65 years, we have represented Members in every province and two territories. Together, we work to end animal cruelty, improve animal protection and promote the humane treatment of all animals. Humane Canada played a vital role in consulting and communicating with the Government over the past 10 years to end cosmetic testing on animals. For more information, visit <https://www.humaneCanada.ca/>.