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THE BOOTS COMPANY

Pharmaceutical Research and Development

Boots is a major manufacturer of medicines and invests substantial sums in researching and developing drugs to reduce human suffering and save lives. The overwhelming majority of doctors and scientists agree that:

- new drugs are needed for illnesses which still have no real cure.
- animal testing is currently the only reliable way to check that medicinal products will work and will be entirely safe before they are used to treat human patients.

Boots will continue to use animals in its pharmaceutical laboratories for this purpose only and will adhere strictly to the following conditions:

- *animal testing will be carried out only when satisfactory alternatives do not exist.*
- *alternative test methods - in-vitro, cell culture, computer modelling - will be adopted wherever practicable to limit the need for animal testing.*
- *all tests will be carried out within the strict licensing and supervisory requirements laid down by government departments.*

Boots will continue to support and contribute to fundamental research with the aim of finding reliable alternatives to animal testing.

If you require any further information on this subject or about other policies of The Boots Company, please write to:

The Director of Corporate Affairs,
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The Boots Company and Animal Testing

Boots has established its reputation over more than a century as an ethical, responsible and caring Company. It applies the same high standards and responsible attitude to the sensitive issue of animal testing.

The fact is that Boots would like to see an end to laboratory tests using animals and is working in a number of ways to achieve this.

As manufacturers and retailers, we have a duty to safeguard the health of our customers, our staff and everyone who uses our products. In the current state of knowledge there are circumstances in which health and safety can be adequately protected only through the use of animal tests and we accept that some testing will continue to be needed until satisfactory alternatives are available.

Cosmetics and Toiletries

We do not test Boots Brand cosmetics and toiletries products on animals.

We do not test on animals ingredients for use in our cosmetics and toiletries.

We do not ask others to carry out such tests on animals on our behalf.

We use ingredients that are known to be safe and if testing of finished products is required we use 'test-tube' methods or human volunteers.

Safety Testing of Materials

Manufacturers have to provide the regulatory authorities with evidence that the materials used in their products are safe for customers - this applies especially to food and medicines - and that they are also safe to handle during manufacture. At present materials used in products for human use may be subject to animal testing at any time to demonstrate to the authorities that they are absolutely safe.

The law varies from one country to another and it is impossible to know about every single occurrence of animal testing around the world. We will only make claims about our products that we know are true.

Boots is committed to bringing about a reduction in the use of animals in this kind of testing.

We support, both financially and with technical help, the development of alternative forms of testing.

We are working to get these alternative methods accepted by the U.K. government and other authorities.

We are seeking to ensure that only essential safety testing is carried out by the companies who supply our shops and factories.