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EUROPE SAYS NO TO COSMETIC TESTS ON ANIMALS

The campaign to end cosmetic tests on animals took a dramatic step forward on February 12th when the European Parliament voted in favour of banning these cruel experiments.

This latest move has been hailed as a major victory by Britain's leading anti-vivisection society, the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection.

The BUAV has led the international campaign

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co-ordinating the highly successful European Coalition to End Cosmetic Tests on Animals involving animal protection societies throughout Europe. Despite strong Parliamentary support there is likely to be resistance to the proposals from the European Commission and Council of Ministers, but campaigners are determined to press forward for a complete ban.

In the UK a Parliamentary Early Day Motion, initiated by the BUAV has been tabled by MPs from all the main political parties. This calls on the UK Government to support a ban within the Council of Ministers. The BUAV and other animal groups will be urging their supporters and members of the public to write to their MP asking them to sign the EDM.

The UK Government has not yet indicated whether it will endorse the animal test ban proposals and its decision could well determine the fate of an estimated 200,000 animals used worldwide each year to test cosmetic products and ingredients. The BUAV is hopeful that it can be persuaded to take a compassionate lead.

3:1 MAJORITY!



SUCCESS FOR BUAV CAMPAIGN

URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

ACTION

- Write to your MP today asking them to support EDM 507. It is absolutely vital that our Government influences the Council of Ministers to end cosmetic tests on animals.
- Send a donation to the BUAV to help us succeed in saving thousands of animals from these cruel experiments.
- By working hard together we can win and laboratory animals are depending on us.

Thank you for your support.

Actress Toyah Wilcox and playwright Carla Lane joined MPs from all parties at the House of Commons to publicise a Ten Minute Rule Bill calling upon the Government to ban cosmetic tests on animals.



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In the latest stage in the campaign to end cosmetic tests on animals MEPs at the European Parliament have voted in favour of banning these cruel experiments.

With your help we have achieved an incredible victory. But the campaign is not yet won as the directive has to go before the European Council of Ministers.

If we are going to win we must ensure that the Council also votes to end cosmetic tests on animals. We have therefore initiated an Early Day Motion calling on the UK Government to vote for such a ban at the Council of Ministers.

A previous BUAV EDM opposing cosmetic testing was signed by over 300 MPs, making it one of the best supported motions in the last 50 years. Clearly there is Parliamentary support for a ban and we have to make sure that the Government takes notice of this.

We have come a long way and our goal is finally in sight. This is the most crucial stage in the campaign and we must not relax our efforts.

