

# Factfile



## Come Clean on Cruelty!

In 2010, the current UK Government pledged to 'end the testing of household products on animals'. This commitment has been repeated by successive Home Office Ministers including the current Minister, Norman Baker MP, who recently assured Parliament that his intention was to implement the ban before the next election in May 2015.

If the ban is to be meaningful, however, it must cover not only finished household products but ingredients as well. No animals have been used for testing of finished products in the UK for several years now.

Household products sold in the UK contain individual chemical ingredients that have been tested on animals at home or abroad - a fact the vast majority of the UK general public is completely unaware of.

### Why test ingredients for household products?

Traditionally many scientists rely on animal experiments and regulatory agencies mandate data collected from animal experiments because this is what convention and current laws dictate. In these tests a range of different animal species are over dosed with chemicals and observed for signs of harm. The problem with this method is that it ignores the failure of animal tests to predict what is safe or effective in people and fails to recognise the modern advances made in non-animal testing methodologies.

Legally animals can still be used in tests for washing powder, bathroom cleaners, bleach, floor cleaners and any other product that people continually want to be 'new and improved'. Dogs, rats and mice can suffer in toxicity tests and rabbits and guinea pigs are used in skin irritancy and allergy tests. Rabbits can also be used in eye irritancy tests.

OneKind believes the UK Government has a responsibility to uphold its 2010 pledge in full. The alternatives do exist, and thanks to public pressure a number of large household product companies have already replaced animal tests done for household products - proving it can be done!

### What can you do?

- Choose your cleaning materials with care. Our Choosing Household Products page on our website has a list of companies that produce cruelty free options.
- Please tell the UK Government to ban all household product testing - including ingredients. You can take action at [www.onekind.org](http://www.onekind.org)
- Make a regular donation to support OneKind campaigns

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