

# ***SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS***

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Forum Editor  
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Dear Sir,

## **Living Cruelty-Free by standing up against Animal Testing**

We refer to the Forum letter (on-line, 5 Nov 2008), "Animal testing: List the companies" by Miss Sorna Rosalind Graetz.

The SPCA commends the writer on her suggestion for a list of products that are "cruelty-free" (be it locally or internationally produced) to indicate testing on animals and, to assist the consumer in making personal and ethical choices. This is an important step towards achieving a collective voice against animal cruelty. By choosing to buy cruelty-free products, we are sending a strong message against animal cruelty to the respective industries. This may encourage companies to find alternatives to animal testing, and avoid animals from being subjected to painful experiments in laboratories.

The SPCA encourages all shoppers to make a note of brands that do not test their products on animals. Consumers can look out for products that state this on their labeling. Some of these brands can be found in regular department stores, pharmacies and supermarkets while others can be found in natural health food stores and cruelty-free skin care stores. To make a conscious effort when shopping is a good start to becoming a "cruelty-free" consumer.

The following websites offer more information on adopting an "animal friendly" shopping guide by allowing consumers to search for cruelty-free companies and products.

<http://spca.org.sg>  
<http://www.leapingbunny.org/>  
<http://search.caringconsumer.com/>  
<http://www.choosercrueltyfree.org.au/list.html>

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