

The Pamela Anderson Foundation

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The Honourable Harsh Vardhan
Minister of Health & Family Welfare
Nirman Bhawan, C Wing
New Delhi 110 001

Dear Minister:

India's reverence for animals is one thing which has inspired me to incorporate compassion for animals into my own daily life. I do not eat animals or use cosmetics that have been tested on them, and, after I came to India to appear on *Bigg Boss*, I adopted a *desi* dog whom I call Pyari.

I was over the moon when PETA India told me that your ministry has proposed a ban on the import of animal-tested cosmetics in India. That was a happy day! The European Union and Israel have already banned the marketing and sale of cosmetics if they or their ingredients were tested on animals, and more than 1,400 companies around the world have also banned all animal tests in favor of modern, non-animal, human-relevant testing methods. They no longer drip substances into rabbits' eyes, smear them onto guinea pigs' abraded skin, spray them into dogs' and monkeys' faces, or force them down animals' throats, the thought of which makes me sick.

Please resist special interests and "dinosaur" companies that still test in crude and cruel ways and do the right, kind thing. Please pass the proposed ban on the import and sale of cosmetics if they or their ingredients have been tested on animals *without delay*.

You can contact me through Sachin Bangera, one of my friends at PETA India, at SachinB@petaindia.org.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will make the compassionate decision to help end all cosmetics testing on animals.

Yours sincerely,



Pamela Anderson