



NEWSLETTER

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ANIMAL TESTING

In this day and age, it would be nice to think that products are always tested in labs without subjecting animals to the toxic effects of household cleaners, cosmetics, etc. But the harsh reality of it is that many companies are still testing on animals by applying products to their skin, dropping chemicals in their eyes, force feeding them drugs, etc.

When you are buying any products, look for a statement on the product that says "No animal testing" before purchasing anything. The animal organization PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has some good information and pocket sized pamphlets listing companies that don't test on animals.

Some companies that have been known to test on animals are popular ones that you may be supporting – 3 M, Vidal Sassoon, Schick, Playtex, Olay, Mennen, Johnson & Johnson, Max Factor, Kimberley-Clark, Dow Brands (Fantastic, etc.), Clorox, Arm & Hammer, etc. For a complete list, check out www.allforanimals.com.

IAMS pet food (owned by Proctor & Gamble) is being investigated for horrible cruelty in the testing of animals. Check out www.uncaged.co.uk/iams.htm for the full report. **PLEASE** tell anyone you know who is buying and using IAMS products to stop supporting this abuse!!

For more information on animal testing, do a search "Animal Testing" or "PETA" (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals). You can also sign a petition against animal testing on-line at www.petitiononline.com.

BIRD SEED NOW AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND

If you want to attract birds year round to your yard, especially those that migrate, it is important to feed them year round. We have made the decision to carry wild bird seed at all times rather than just seasonally.

We have corn and no-corn varieties in two size bags at very competitive prices. Next time your bird feeders need to be refilled, pick your seed up here.

We have started feeding the birds this summer and have had an interesting mix of sparrows, finches, the odd blue jay and cardinal, cow birds, a hummingbird, grackles and mourning doves.

VACCINE ISSUE IN CANADIAN LIVING MAGAZINE

In the June 2004 issue of Canadian Living magazine, an article entitled "Their Best Shots" took an updated look at the issue of vaccinating pets. Canadian veterinarians are starting to question

the necessity, and dangers of, yearly vaccinations. Since 1991, there has been an increased number of cancers in cats, dogs and ferrets –mostly at vaccine sites. The issue now is to establish a new protocol for vaccinations and the suggestion is every 3 years. The vaccine company insert states that the effectiveness is for 3 years – why is no one paying attention?

Two web-sites listed in this article for more information are www.animalhealthcare.ca (The official site of the Veterinary Profession in Canada) and www.ovma.org/pets.vaccines.html (The Ontario Veterinary Medical Association)

LEASHES & COLLAR PRICES SLASHED!!

To bring in new styles and designs, we have marked down our existing supply of leashes and collars greatly! Is your pet bored with the same old fashion statement? Time for a new look? Check it out.

MIRACLE BEAM LASER PET TOYS

These powerful handheld red laser toys will entertain your cat, dog, bird, or fish for hours! Shine the beam in front of your pet and watch what happens.

With any laser device, please be careful not to direct the laser at human or animal eyes or damage may occur.

IDENTIFY YOUR PETS WITH PERSONALIZED TAGS

Have your pet's name and phone number (address too if desired) on a brass or durable plastic tag (red, blue, black, green, yellow). These tags are weatherproof, lightweight, and are **100% lifetime guaranteed!!!** These tags are on special for the month of July.

JULY SPECIAL

Pet Tags

**Lifetime guarantee!!
Brass or Durable Plastic**

\$1.00 off (regular prices \$5.99 & \$7.99)

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