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### **Historic Milestone as Canadian Government Commits to a More Humane Future for Animals**

June 22, 2023, Ottawa, ON – History has been made! With the passage of the Budget Implementation Act (Bill C-47) today, which includes provisions to ban cosmetic testing on animals, together with last week’s passage of Bill S-5, phasing out toxic chemical testing on animals, humane Societies and SPCAs across Canada are celebrating another historic milestone on the path to a more humane Canada that marks an end to the suffering of animals through unnecessary testing.

"With the passing of these landmark bills, Canada has shown incredible leadership in creating a more humane future for animals," said Barbara Cartwright, CEO of Humane Canada. "It's been nearly a decade in the making and watching both bills pass so closely together is significant for both animals and the animal welfare sector who have advocated tirelessly for this to end."

Canada has joined the ranks of over 40 countries that have enacted laws banning or limiting cosmetic animal testing. With the monumental passing of Bill C-47, all cosmetic testing will be prohibited on animals in Canada, as well as: selling cosmetics that rely on animal testing data to establish the product’s safety, with some exceptions; and false or misleading labelling pertaining to the testing of cosmetics on animals.

This watershed moment includes phasing out toxicity testing, the most harmful use of animals in science, where hundreds of thousands of animals are used each year in Canada to test the safety of different harmful substances. Bill S-5, Strengthening Environmental Protection for a Healthier Canada Act, sets Canada on a clear path to eliminate toxic chemical testing on animals, with substantive requirements to achieve progress, including requirements to use, develop, adopt and promote non-animal testing methods for testing.

"There are an increasing number of non-animal alternative testing methods available which are ethical, often more predictive, more relevant to human outcomes, more efficient and more cost-effective than animal tests," said Cartwright. "As we look toward the future of animal welfare in Canada, we need to support the development and use of non-animal alternatives for all types of testing."

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**ABOUT HUMANE CANADA**

Humane Canada is the federation of SPCAs and humane societies. For 65 years, we have represented Members in every province and two territories. Together, we work to end animal cruelty, improve animal protection and promote the humane treatment of all animals. Humane Canada played a vital role in consulting and communicating with the Government over the past 10 years to end cosmetic testing on animals. For more information, visit <https://www.humanecanada.ca/>.