

**Title:** Humanity Put To the Test: Why the Best Response to Animal Testing is the Compassionate Response

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Humane behavior, while based on humanity, is not limited to humans. Humane refers to the idea of treating living things fairly and with compassion; it is as humans that they have the ability to do this, not that they are limited to it. In animal testing, the common chimp often undergoes cruel and unusual treatment in order to test different products for human consumption. Despite chimps being one of our closest relatives in the animal kingdom and sharing multiple characteristics with us, they are subjected to inhumane behavior that often leads to their deaths because they lack the same personhood a human being does. The common chimp should be granted personhood and not be forced to undergo animal testing. As our genetic relatives, they share much of our behaviors and could even be seen as having their own culture. The animal testing that they and other laboratory animals undergo produces inconsistent results and is inhumane to the animal. While some people feel that animal testing is the best method to produce results, there are alternative methods that are more consistent without using animals. Hopefully, as time passes and newer methods become more widely in use, chimpanzees and other animals will stop being given chemicals and will be given humane treatment instead.

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