

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)

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The Trump administration's recent policy changes to end animal testing are garnering support from animal rights groups like PETA.

About People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

- It is a **nongovernmental organization** (NGO) committed to **ending abusive treatment of animals** in business and society and promoting consideration of animal interests in everyday decision-making and general policies and practices.
- It is the **largest animal rights organization** in the world.
- It is based in **Norfolk, Virginia, United States**, with entities worldwide.
- PETA was **founded in 1980 by Ingrid Newkirk and Alex Pacheco**, who were influenced by Australian ethicist Peter Singer's book *Animal Liberation* (1975).
- Initially recognized for exposing cruelty in research laboratories, PETA has grown into a global entity with **over nine million members** and considerable annual expenditures.

- PETA **opposes speciesism, a human-supremacist worldview, and focuses on the four areas** in which the **largest numbers of animals suffer the most** intensely for the longest periods of time: in **laboratories**, in the **food industry**, in the **clothing trade**, and in the **entertainment business**.
- PETA also works on a variety of **other issues**, including the **cruel killing of rodents, birds**, and other **animals who are often considered “pests”** and **cruelty to domesticated animals**.
- PETA **works through public education, investigations, research, animal rescue, legislation**, protests, and **negotiations** with companies and regulatory agencies.

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