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Animal Testing

No animal tests have ever been carried out by or on behalf of Dr. Hauschka Skin Care.

Dr. Hauschka Skin Care products are manufactured at WALA Heilmittel GmbH. WALA Heilmittel's experience of using natural substances to provide natural care through the biodynamic cultivation of plants extends back to 1935. The responsible and sustainable development of our products is something that has been at the core of Dr. Hauschka Skin Care ever since the beginning, back in 1967. Today we are proud to continue to carry this philosophy forward.

Naturally, this means that no animal tests have ever been carried out either by or on behalf of Dr. Hauschka Skin Care since our founding in 1967.

While Dr. Hauschka has always foregone animal testing, the EU Cosmetics Regulation represented a decisive step forward for animal welfare in the entire cosmetics industry. As a result, tests on animals for cosmetic products and the raw materials required to create them have been completely banned in the EU since March 11, 2009. This is a legally binding ban, i.e. all cosmetics manufacturers within the EU must comply with this legislation.

To produce Dr. Hauschka's natural cosmetics, we rely on traditional raw materials of natural origin and the highest quality raw materials which are also often used in the food industry. There is sufficient evidence to support the tolerability and effectiveness of the various plant extracts, oils or waxes we use. Furthermore, we also commission independent institutes to perform dermatological testing of new cosmetic products on human volunteers prior to launch. These confirm the high tolerability of our products.

Animal testing and China:

Logocos recently brought the issue of animal testing for natural cosmetics into public discussion. This related to the requirement to perform animal tests in order to sell cosmetics on the Chinese market.

WALA Heilmittel examined the conditions for exporting to China years ago. Unfortunately, the Chinese authorities have made animal tests a binding requirement for companies wishing to register products for the Chinese market. WALA therefore made a conscious decision to not register or market Dr. Hauschka products in China.

There is one alternative for Chinese customers who would still like to use Dr. Hauschka products in spite of these regulations: customers based in mainland China can purchase our products via our online shop, which is based in Hong Kong. No animal testing is required in this case.

We assure you that no animal tests have ever been carried out by or on behalf of Dr. Hauschka Skin Care, nor will this happen in the future—not for the Chinese market nor any other market anywhere.

WALA's statement on animal testing: http://www.dr.hauschka.com/en_DE/knowledge-base/natural-organic-cosmetics/no-animal-testing/