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THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

2021 Ajinomoto Annual Meeting Question

Hi. My name is Laila Imai, and I'm speaking on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and its more than 6.5 million members and supporters worldwide to ask a question regarding Ajinomoto's cruel and deadly animal experiments.

Ajinomoto has been tormenting thousands of animals in horrific and fatal experiments since the 1950s. In one test, experimenters cut open dogs' stomachs and inserted tubes, withheld food for 18 hours, put them on a liquid diet including MSG and other common amino acids, extracted their stomach fluid, and then injected them with drugs. These experiments are not required by law, and they are irrelevant to human health.

In April, Ajinomoto released an updated animal-testing policy purportedly to improve animal welfare practices. However, this new policy is unacceptable—it would allow for the continuation of nearly all the same gruesome animal tests that the company has been conducting and funding for decades.

Most of Ajinomoto's animal experiments are curiosity-driven or used for generating dubious health-marketing claims for its products, and the company isn't complying with its "3Rs" policy (replace, reduce, and refine the use of animals in experiments)—because animal-free testing methods are already available for these purposes and it's not taking advantage of them.

My question is this: Will Ajinomoto commit to banning all animal testing that is not explicitly required by law, as dozens of other global food and beverage companies have already done? Thank you.

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