

Chance to make up to animals

THE RSPCA is looking for guinea pigs, but of the human variety. The animal protection group has launched a cosmetic-testing program using human volunteers as a way of avoiding testing on animals.

Under the scheme, the British cosmetic company Montagne Jeunesse will send samples to volunteers who test them and note any irritations or reactions.

A spokeswoman for the RSPCA, Ms Deb Siversen, said the society accepted testing on animals for certain medical or scientific reasons, but could not justify it for non-essential products such as cosmetics.