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Do Chickens Suffer in Wire Cages?



Published in the Rochester (NY) *Democrat and Chronicle*, on August 19, 2005 under the title, “Keep chickens out of wire-floored cages,” the following op-ed, by UPC President Karen Davis, is a response to “Chicken-cruelty charge and video rebuffed by execs, others” by Corydon Ireland, 07/02/05. The article, which discusses “A vegetarian activist group [that] broke into the Wegmans Egg Farm in Wayne County [NY] three times last summer and is now using video footage from the illegal nighttime visits to level charges of animal cruelty against Rochester-based Wegmans Food Markets Inc.,” contains industry opinions presented as “science” regarding the welfare of hens in battery cages. The heartrending video, *Wegmans Cruelty*, can be viewed at WegmanCruelty.com, or you can order the DVD from UPC for \$10 (includes shipping).

Keep chickens out of wire-floored cages

By Karen Davis, PhD, President of United Poultry Concerns

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 08/19/05

Egg industry people often claim that hens don't mind living and laying their eggs in wire cages, but this claim has more to do with assuaging the public than setting the record straight. In reality, ample science shows why chickens do not do “perfectly well” in cages.

Chickens' feet and legs contain complex joints including many small bones, ligaments, cartilage pads, tendons and muscles that enable them to search and scratch for food on land. Wild chickens (the Red Jungle Fowl of Southeast Asia, from which all chickens

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derive) and feral chickens (domesticated chickens that revert to living free) spend half to 90 percent of their time foraging, making up to 15,000 pecks a day.

But it isn't just wild and feral chickens. As biologist Marian Stamp Dawkins writes in her book *Through Our Eyes Only?*: "An ancestral memory of this way of life seems to have carried down the generations into the cages of our modern intensive farms so that even highly domesticated breeds have the same drive to scratch away to get their food."

Based on experiments, Dawkins explains that if hens kept all their lives on wire floors are suddenly given access to a floor of wood-shavings or peat, they have "an immediate and strong preference for these more natural

floors over the wire ones, which is all they have known until then. They dustbathe, eat particles of peat and scratch with their feet. It is not just the extra comfort afforded by a soft floor that attracts them, but all the behavior they can do there as well."

By contrast, when hens are forced to stand and sit on wire mesh, their feet can become sore, cracked and deformed. The hen's claws, which are designed to scratch vigorously, and thus stay short and blunt, become long, thin, twisted and bro-

ken. They can curl around the wire floor and entrap the hen, causing her to starve to death inches from her food and water.

The overriding issue is that hens are birds with behavior patterns that have no outlet in a cage. And it isn't just animal advocates who point this out.

Concerning battery cages for hens, Dr. Lesley Rogers writes in her book, *The Development of Brain and Behaviour in the Chicken*: "In no way can these living conditions meet the demands of a complex nervous system designed to form a multitude of memories and to make complex decisions."

Chickens need to be cage-free. 🐔

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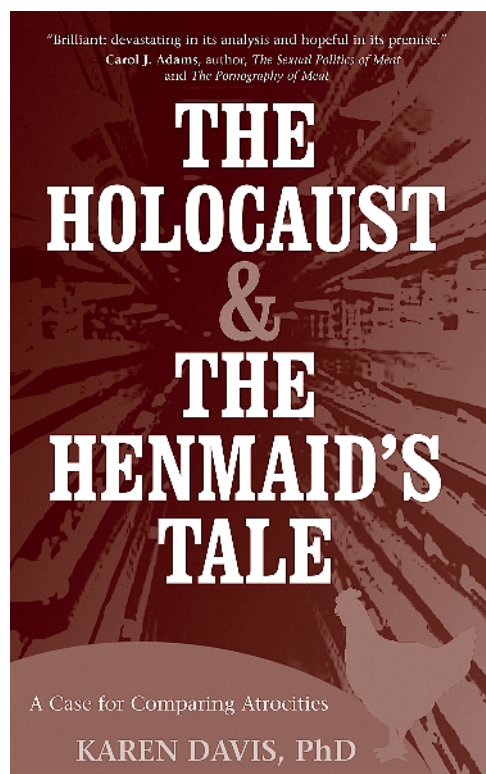
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A Case for Comparing Atrocities

By Karen Davis, PhD, President of United Poultry Concerns

Published by Lantern Books www.lanternbooks.com
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"In the modern world, the reduction of a sensitive being to a nonsentient object imprisoned in an excremental universe 'outside of any moral universe of care' . . . links the Holocaust victim to the animal victim in laboratories, factory farms, and slaughterhouses in ways that diminish the differences between them. Heinrich Himmler, the chicken farmer and Nazi executioner, epitomizes the pitiless spirit of human and nonhuman animal exploitation alike."

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film, aired 42 times so far on PBS, 36 percent of them on prime time!

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What Can I Do?

🐔 When *The Emotional World of Farm Animals* airs on your local PBS channel, please tune in – and thank them for broadcasting it! If it is not yet scheduled on your PBS station, ask them to air this first-of-its-kind film on farmed animal behavior. You can note that the National Education Telecommunications Association (NETA) distributes the film exclusively to PBS, and they'll know what to do.

🐔 Order *The Emotional World of Farm Animals* from UPC by check or money order in DVD or VHS. \$20 includes immediate shipping. This film is great way to educate family and friends about the inner lives of farmed animals without grueling images of factory farming. The animals in this film were rescued. 🐔

The *Emotional World of Farm Animals* is a wonderful documentary produced by Animal Place and led by best-selling author Jeffrey Masson. This delightful film – for viewers of all ages – is all about the thinking and feeling side of farmed animals. **At United Poultry Concerns, for example, founder Karen Davis describes chickens' zest for life, their extensive communication systems, and their extended family life.**

Since April, when it debuted on San Francisco's KQED, thousands of viewers have seen this important

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AVMA Rejects Resolution to Oppose Force Feeding Ducks and Geese for Foie Gras, a Diseased Liver Product



"Activists from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and United Poultry Concerns condemn foie gras production methods for inducing 'fatty liver' disease in the birds." Minneapolis Star Tribune, July 15, 2005

"In addition to the numerous documented injuries that can occur from the force feeding process, the birds develop fatty liver disease and hepatic encephalopathy – nervous system derangement due to liver failure." – Holly Cheever, DVM, Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, July 18, 2005

At its annual meeting on July 15-16, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) defeated two resolutions to oppose the force feeding of ducks and geese to produce foie gras. Foie gras is produced by feeding these birds huge quantities of corn meal mush, oil, and salt two or three times a day by forcing a metal or plastic pipe into their esophagus for up to a month before slaughtering them.

The resolutions were defeated by the AVMA's House of Delegates because the American Association of Avian Veterinarians, the American Association of Avian Pathologists, and the New York State Veterinary Medical Association opposed the resolutions, claiming that

recent AVMA visits to Hudson Valley foie gras facilities in upstate New York showed "proper care" of the birds. These visits were pre-arranged.

Siding with industry against science and conscience, AVMA president Bonnie Beaver compared forcing captive, sedentary ducks to develop fatty livers by ramming tubes down their throats to wild ducks preparing for migration by eating extra corn in cornfields to provide energy for their flights. Making this false comparison, Beaver told the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, "we don't condemn foie gras."

What Can I Do?

♥ Don't get discouraged; get active! Remember that for over a decade, until 2004, the AVMA unscientifically declared that force molting hens by depriving them of food was comparable to maternal brooding (a mother hen sitting on her eggs) and natural molting (whereby birds shed old feathers and grow new plumage for the winter months ahead). Pressure by animal rights activists and animal welfare scientists finally forced the AVMA to relinquish this untenable stand and oppose starvation-induced forced molting. Pressure is likewise needed to get the AVMA to oppose force-feeding ducks and geese to produce foie gras. Educate the public via letters to the editor and word of mouth, and protest to:

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♥ For information visit www.NoFoieGras.org online, and order the powerful video *Delicacy of Despair* from United Poultry Concerns and show it to people. This 16-minute video takes you behind the closed doors of the foie gras industry and shows rescued ducks being rehabilitated. DVD \$10 includes shipping. ♥

Chat with a Cockamaniac

Crow-Magnon Christian Explains His Mission

From an email exchange between UPC president Karen Davis and Grit and Steel magazine publisher Joe Skinner, who wrote to Karen in response to her op-ed, "Combat unnatural for roosters," in the Lexington Herald-Leader in Lexington, Kentucky on June 20, 2005.

JOE: Karen, the problem is that you have been deceived. You've never been around a "Game Rooster." If you would like to read the truth, you might consider reading Romans chapter 1 of the Holy Bible. The Lord talks about you there. You see, it has nothing to do with chickens, birds or animals. Hope you can see the light and be set free!

KAREN: Joe, what does "it" (the truth) have to do with, then?

JOE: Karen, you see, God created all the animals. He makes the dog chase the rabbit. He makes the big fish eat the little fish. He even makes the "Game" rooster fight another "Game" rooster to the death. You and I don't have anything to do with it. The difference between you and I is, He gave me a love for the "Game" rooster. You see, He gives us all different dreams and desires. Some are doctors, lawyers, ball players, dads, mothers, etc. The fact is that He loves us all and He wants us to accept one another and to love one another and to share the Truth [that] while we are still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

KAREN: Based on his sermons and parables, and the seriousness of his life, I don't see Jesus spending his time training animals to fight each other for human entertainment. Where, if anywhere, in the New

Testament is cockfighting specifically approved of or even mentioned? Maybe for cockfighters the Bible is a cloak for impulses too dastardly and dumb to confess.

JOE: Like I said before, it has nothing to do with rooster fighting, animal rights or trying to justify the things we do. When it is all said and done, all things are temporary and must die. I'm not preaching to you, I'm just trying to share with you something that you are searching for – love. If you were to die tonight, would you go to heaven or hell?

What Can I Do?

♥ In April, the United States Senate unanimously passed SB 382, the **Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act**, a landmark bill to increase penalties to a felony level for the illegal and cruel practice of cockfighting, dog fighting, and hog-dog fights, where dogs are pitted against hogs in small, enclosed spaces. Now the companion bill, HR 817, is in the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee. Your voice is urgently needed to make sure this bill – endorsed by 377 law enforcement agencies – become law. **Please contact your Congressional House Representative today** and urge him/her to co-sponsor and support the Animal Fighting Prohibition Act: Write to: The Honorable _____
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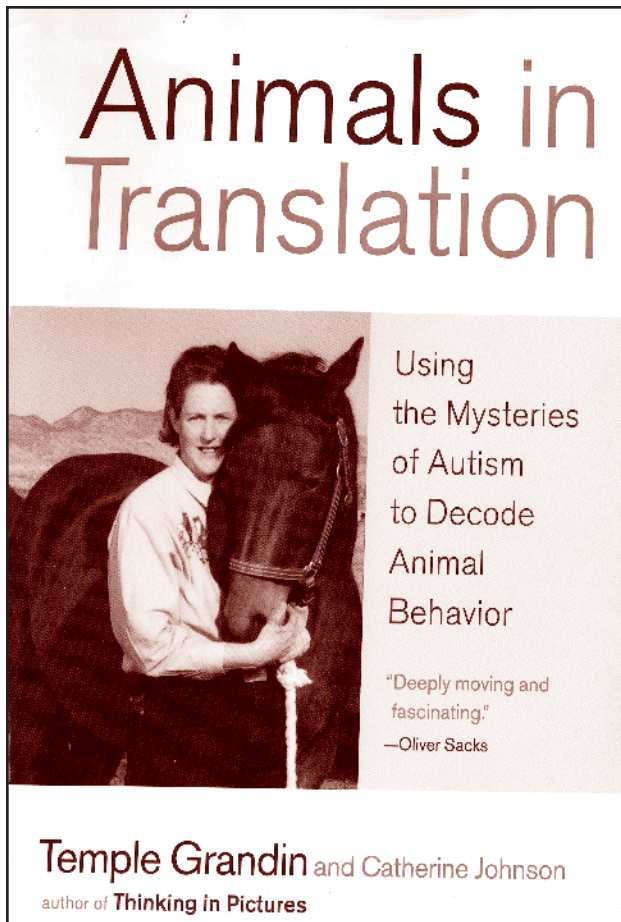


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To learn your House Representative, call the Capital Switchboard: 202-224-3121. Or visit www.house.gov. To email a letter of support to your House representative online, visit www.hsus.org. To learn more about cockfighting, the natural behavior of roosters, and rehabilitating former "fighting" cocks, visit www.upc-online.org/cockfighting. ♥

Book Review:

Animals in Translation: Using the Mysteries of Autism to Decode Animal Behavior



By Temple Grandin and Catherine Johnson
2005 Scribner, 356 pages hardcover

Reviewed by Karen Davis, PhD, President of United Poultry Concerns

"People and animals need to use their faculties, and curiosity is an important faculty. So people and animals need new things to stimulate their brains with." – Temple Grandin, p. 98

"Birds should not be exposed to disturbing noises or visual stimuli or strong vibrations, whether originating inside or outside the house. Visitors should not be allowed without proper supervision, because they could cause birds to panic and injure themselves in their rush to escape and

for biosecurity reasons. Wild birds, pets, and other animals should, likewise, not be allowed in the poultry house."
– United Egg Producers, "Animal Husbandry Guidelines for U.S. Egg Laying Flocks," 2003 Edition

Temple Grandin is an animal science professor at Colorado State University and a consultant to the meat industry. Catherine Johnson specializes in neuropsychiatry and the brain. Johnson has two autistic sons, and Grandin has autism. Both writers have doctoral degrees and have published other books. In *Animals in Translation*, they team up to argue that autism is "a kind of way station on the road from animals to humans – putting autistic people in the perfect position to translate 'animal talk.'"

People with autism have impaired social and communication skills and do not relate to the emotional states of other people, so it is fair to ask how autistic people actually compare neurologically and experientially with competent adult animals equipped with complex social and communication skills. Are autistic "translators" of animal life common and credible enough to support the contention that they're in a perfect position to do this work? How do autistic perceptions of nonhuman animals compare with those of non-autistic animal empathizers? Bypassing these questions, the authors contend that animals and autistic people are alike in having mostly simple, unambivalent emotions. According to Grandin, animals "never have psychodrama" (apparently she never spent time in a lively chicken yard). "Children don't either," she says (oh, really?). "Emotionally," says Grandin, "children are more like animals and autistic people, because children's frontal lobes are still growing" (pp. 88-89).

This is a familiar grouping: normal human children, mentally-challenged human adults, and nonhuman animals are pitted together as having the same basic level of (in)competence and a simple pictorial view of the world as "a swirling mass of tiny details" (p. 67). Grandin writes that even though autistic people have normal-

sized brains, they have “trouble making connections.” Their brains “function more like a child’s brain or an animal’s brain, but for different reasons” (p. 90).

Grandin says she loves animals, especially cows, but fully upholds the human right to own, control, manipulate, mutilate, buy, sell, inseminate, incarcerate, and slaughter animals, ship them into outer space, and have sex with them for business purposes. (See the section, “How to Make a Pig Fall in Love,” where she describes men masturbating captive pigs – getting sows to “stand for the man” – and concludes that these pig breeders “respect the animals’ nature, and they do a good job with their animals,” p.104). Wanton and ignorant abuses are of course unacceptable, but economics and the property status of animals are sacrosanct. The question isn’t whether we should slaughter cows but “What does a cow headed to slaughter need in order to have a happy life?” (p. 179).

Matthew Scully, in his book *Dominion*, marvels at how Grandin tries to balance her purported empathy for animals with “her consistent support of intensive farming and its economic objectives” (p. 239). Grandin is commendable for getting meat industry people to pay a bit of attention to the animals they slaughter (at least when she’s around) and to how the slaughterhouse (“packing plant”) environment affects animal behavior. Getting cows to walk “nicely” to their death improves the bottom line (animal handling, meat quality and profits) while reducing animal stress.

Animals in Translation is a compilation of often contradictory scientific data, personal anecdotes and conclusions (e.g. animals can’t have mixed emotions though examples in the book show otherwise), little of which is owed to the “mysteries of autism.” And Grandin is an iffy witness at best. Noting for instance that chickens show pain following debeaking (“trimming”), she goes on: “Ranchers trim chickens’ beaks because chickens get into horrible fights and will peck each other to death. The vet trims off the sharp point so the chicken can’t use it as a knife blade” (p. 183).

For one thing, it isn’t a “vet” who debeaks chickens at the hatchery but an ordinary assembly-line worker, and Grandin says nothing to enlighten the uninformed reader that the pecking to which she refers is abnormal behavior brought on by crowding, caging, boredom, filth, fear, disease, intentional food deprivation and other destructive factors of human origin. (Her discus-

sion, elsewhere, of “psycho hens” focuses on the side-effect of high-strung anxiety in egg-industry hens bred to be pure white and “feed-efficient.” She attributes their “beating their own feathers off against the sides of their cages, until they were [are] half nude,” and their “violence” to the point of killing each other, to “warped” genetics, without a hint about the role of cages [p. 77]). Indeed, Grandin says several times in the book that horrible fights in the wild are not compatible with survival – “Few adult animals apart from humans ever attack each other so violently that one of them dies” (p. 153).

In the section called “Rapist Roosters,” Grandin describes the abnormal violence that has begun to appear in roosters used for breeding “meat-type” offspring (the 6-week old baby birds consumers know as “chicken”). These so-called broiler breeder roosters often destroy the hens they’re locked up with in the breeder houses. Noting that “If roosters killed hens in nature, there wouldn’t be any chickens,” Grandin cites a poultry researcher’s claim that these types of roosters attack the hens because an unexpected consequence of breeding them for abnormally fast growth and overgrown muscles for human consumption is that they don’t do the courtship dance that tells the hen to crouch into a sexually receptive position. When the hen tries to escape, the rooster attacks her with his spurs or toes and slashes her to death (p. 70). Grandin lulls the lay reader, who may not get her little joke about companies “solving” the problem by “culling” the worst offenders from the flock, into thinking it’s been fixed. “I saw some of these chickens just a few months ago,” she says, “and they all behaved just as nicely as can be” (p. 77).

This pathological rooster behavior shows what happens when you breed obsessively for a single trait at the expense of overall wellbeing. You get what Grandin calls “warped evolution,” and humans adjust to “the bad becoming normal” (p. 72) – a good way to describe the entire factory farm system and “evolved” depravity (not just some tweakable details of it) that Grandin defends.

Her explanation of why “broiler breeder” roosters attack hens isn’t satisfactory anyway, as we have these very kinds of chickens here at our sanctuary, and I can tell you that the hens crouch during the spring and summer mating season if you so much as lay your hand gently on the backs, or they will walk or run a little, then stop and crouch abruptly as you come up behind them, at which point I say to them, “At ease.”

“Broiler” roosters (and hens) suffer from genetic fragility and unfitness. They’re prone to painful lameness, obesity, heart failure, respiratory weakness and infection, heat stress, and juvenile death. Part of what’s wrong with them is that they have been artificially bred to become sexually mature at around three months old instead of the normal six months, so that, halfway out of their infancy, if they are being used for breeding, they have adult sex hormones driving them without the neurobiological maturity of an adult bird.

Add to this the barren environment and semi-starvation diet to which “broiler breeders” are subjected to control their weight for fertility purposes, plus the fact that the “broiler breeder” rooster’s body, legs, and feet are too big for the hens, who themselves are abnormally heavy, disproportioned and slow-moving, have thin, easily torn skin, and nowhere to escape to, and you have a human-engineered sick situation.

Grandin’s proclaimed paucity of emotion, compartmentalized emotions, and subnormal sensitivity to pain (pp. 89, 188), her focus on technical fixes and disconnected brain functioning, her contention that slaughterhouse cattle don’t know they’re going to die and claim of being unable to watch horror movies because the images stay in her conscious mind (because she doesn’t have an “unconscious” like normal people, she says on page 92), while having a stomach for the slaughterhouse but no stomach for vegetarianism (it makes her sick, she says, and isn’t part of our “animal natures,” which, else-

where she says, humans have outgrown, pp. 180, 307), dents the notion that she’s an animal-friendly “savant.”

Many of the problems Grandin presents herself as uniquely spotting in the slaughterhouse environment are the kinds of things that an intelligent non-autistic outsider sees on entering an inbred culture comprising attitudes and customs so “normal” to the enculturated as to be invisible to them. At the beginning of the book Grandin strategically distances herself from the crude cruelty of the B.F. Skinner school of animal experimentation, in part because, as she rightly observes, it is ‘totally artificial. What animals do in labs is nothing like what they do in the wild – so what are you actually learning when you do these experiments? You’re learning how animals behave in labs” (p. 16).

Actually, the whole world is becoming, and much of it already is, like one of those labs, and Grandin shows no evidence of seeing this. This laboratory is already being extended into outer space, and Grandin is complicit, not because she’s autistic but because she epitomizes normal societal schizophrenia – our “love” for animals is compatible with subjecting them, anthropomorphically, to human-contrived dysfunction, degradation, family and social dismemberment, imprisonment, prurience and death, as long as it’s done “humanely.” If we ever become extinct, “the bad became normal” should be our epitaph. 🐔

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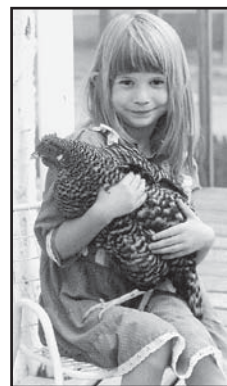
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United Poultry Concerns holds that the treatment of chickens and other domestic fowl in food production, science, education, entertainment, and human companionship situations has a significant effect upon human, nonhuman, and environmental welfare. We seek to make the public aware of the ways in which poultry are treated and to advance the compassionate and respectful treatment of chickens and other domestic fowl. UPC conducts full-time educational programs and projects, including our quarterly magazine *Poultry Press*, our website at www.UPC-online.org, and our sanctuary for chickens.

United Poultry Concerns works with individuals and groups around the world on issues pertaining to the treatment of domestic fowl. UPC is a member of The Summit for the Animals, an annual meeting of the heads of national animal protection organizations in the United States, and UPC president Karen Davis is on the steering committee of the California Animal Association, a coalition of advocacy groups representing the interests of animals at the California State Capitol.

United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent full-time office and sanctuary, education center, and poultry adoption, sponsorship, and placement service at our headquarters at 12325 Seaside Road, Machipongo, Virginia 23405. We are grateful to all of our members and supporters for enabling us to fulfil our mission in 2004. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your strong and continuing support.

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2004

Sanctuary

- ♥ Adopted 12 “spent breeder” hens from the Eastern Shore chicken industry
- ♥ Adopted 7 chickens from a cockfighting cruelty case in Alabama
- ♥ Provided full-time sanctuary and veterinary care for more than 150 rescued chickens, 4 male ducks, and our turkey, Florence
- ♥ Helped individuals and humane societies around the country place chickens, turkeys and ducks in caring homes and sanctuaries

Actions * Investigations * Campaigns

- ♥ Got Ira Glass of Public Radio’s “This American Life” To Go Vegetarian
- ♥ Successfully Urged the AVMA to Stop Supporting Forced Molting of Hens By Food Deprivation –Our 11-Year Campaign Succeeded in July 2004!
- ♥ Successfully Urged United Egg Producers to Eliminate Forced Molting Hens By Food Deprivation – Our 12-Year Campaign Succeeded in Spring 2005!
- ♥ Urged United Egg Producers to Stop Caging and Debeaking Hens
- ♥ Urged the US Congress, National Chicken Council, Tyson, & KFC to Adopt “Humane” Slaughter Legislation & Welfare Practices for Poultry
- ♥ Pursued Our Vigorous Investigation Begun in 2003 into the Student Chicken Slaughter Episode at the University of California, Berkeley & Conducted a Successful Protest-Letter-Writing Campaign to University Officials
- ♥ Urged West VA County Prosecutors to Charge Pilgrim’s Pride Workers with Cruelty to Chickens (unfortunately state & local politics prevailed)
- ♥ Provided Hundreds of UPC’s *Replacing School Hatching Projects* Booklets to Teachers
- ♥ Succeeded (with PETA) in Getting the “Chicken Roping Contest” in Albany, Texas Cancelled By Providing a Written Analysis of the Taped Event as a Violation of the Texas Cruelty to Animal Statutes
- ♥ Succeeded (with PETA) in canceling a 22-Year Chicken Flying Contest in Shawnee County, Kansas (*Topeka Capital-Journal*, Sept 4)

- ✔ Urged Criminal Prosecution of Teenagers Accused of Cruelty to a Duck and a Goose in Lee County, Florida
- ✔ Assisted the Humane Society in Marion, Indiana with Documents to Support the Society's Cockfighting Cruelty Case
- ✔ Successfully Supported California Legislation to Ban the Production and Sale of Foie Gras
- ✔ Protested the Humane Society of Golden Valley, MN Serving Animal Products at Fundraising Dinners; Urged Adoption of an Animal-Friendly Menu
- ✔ Urged Pier 1 Imports to Stop Selling Duck Feathers & Down Products
- ✔ Promoted A Vegan Diet in All Venues

Public Education Videos, Literature & Website Documents

Poultry Press, UPC's Quarterly Magazine

How Switzerland Got Rid of Battery Hen Cages by Heinzpeter Studer, Translated from German into English by UPC. www.upc-online.org/battery_hens/SwissHens.pdf

"Don't Plants Have Feelings Too" (New Brochure)

"Chickens" Brochure Revised & Updated

"Turkeys" Brochure Revised & Updated

Inside a Live Poultry Market (New Video)

Behavior or Rescued Factory Farmed Chickens (New Video)

"Assume No Animal Products are Safe" (New Fact Sheet on Farmed Animal Feed Ingredients & Mad Cow Disease)

Teachers Conferences

- ✔ National Science Teachers Association/Virginia Association of Teachers Association Convention, Richmond, VA, December 2-4

Animal Agribusiness Conference Participation

- ✔ Pew Meeting on Transgenic Animals, National Press Club, Washington DC, June 30
- ✔ Future Trends in Animal Agriculture, USDA, Washington DC, Sept 22
- ✔ Welfare Implications of Gas Stunning of Poultry, USDA, Dec 16

Public Comment Submissions on Poultry Welfare

- ✔ Sent 2072 Petition Signatures to United Egg Producers Totaling 9528 Signatures to UEP to Eliminate the Forced Molting of Laying Hens, Jan 20
- ✔ Provided Poultry Welfare Recommendations to the OIE (World Organization for Animal Health) www.upc-online.org/Welfare, Jan 30
- ✔ Petitioned USDA to Regulate Care & Use of Birds, Mice, and Rats, Oct 15
- ✔ Petitioned FDA to Ban the Forced Molting of Laying Hens, Dec 24

UPC Fifth Annual Forum, "Mad Cows to Mad Chickens: What Insiders Can Tell You About Agribusiness, Animal Liberation, and Your Diet." Norfolk, VA, Aug 21-22

- ✔ Introduced Former Chicken Slaughter Plant Worker Virgil Butler as a Speaker to the Animal Rights Movement. All Forum Presentations are Available on VHS Formats.

Keynote Speaking Engagements

- ✔ TAOS Conference March 25-28, Stone Mountain, Georgia, March 26
- ✔ University of Central Florida, Student Animal Rights Lecture Series, March 31
- ✔ Farm Animal Wellness Seminar, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 3
- ✔ University of Wisconsin-Madison Coalition for Animal Rights Classroom Lectures, April 21-22
- ✔ Animal Liberation Student Association Conference, April 23-25, Syracuse University, NY, April 23
- ✔ Animal Rights 2004 National Conference, Washington DC, July 8-12
- ✔ North American Vegetarian Society Summerfest, University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, July 24-25
- ✔ Vegetarian Society of Washington DC VegFest, Oct 23
- ✔ Humanists of Spokane, Washington, Dec 4

Additional Community Outreach

- ♥ Cub Scouts Sanctuary & Education Visit to UPC, March 12
- ♥ Farm Sanctuary Forum, Chicago, April 3
- ♥ Protested at the AVMA Convention re AVMA's Endorsement of Forced Molting – Leafleted Thousands of Veterinarians, Philadelphia, July 23
- ♥ Charlottesville Vegetarian Festival (VA), Sept 25
- ♥ World Farm Animals Day Leafleting, University of Maryland-College Park, Sept 30
- ♥ Empty Cages Conference (NC), Oct 1-3
- ♥ Vegetarian Society of Washington DC VegFest, Oct 23
- ♥ Thanksgiving Leafleting, University of Maryland-College Park, Nov 18
- ♥ UPC Open House Thanksgiving, Machipongo, VA, Nov 28

UPC in the News: Articles * Letters-to-the-editor * Display Ads

♥ **PRINT MEDIA** Seattle Weekly * Veterinary Practice News * DVM Newsmagazine * Canadian Veterinary Journal * Harper's Magazine * Daily Times (Salisbury, MD) * Amarillo (TX) Globe * New York Times * Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association * Fort Worth Star-Telegram * AV Magazine * Topeka Capital-Journal (KS) * Christian Science Monitor * Virginian-Pilot (front-page) * Time Out New York * U.S. Newswire * News Release Wire * Knight Ridder/Tribune Information Services * Diamondback (MD) * "Open Rescues: Putting a Face on the Rescuers and on the Rescued" by UPC President Karen Davis in *Terrorists or Freedom Fighters: Reflections on the Liberation of Animals* (NY: Lantern Books).

♥ **BROADCAST MEDIA** Latitude LR49 Radio, British Columbia * ACT Radio, Animal Concerns of Texas * Watchdog, KPFFK Pacifica, LA * Jeff Katz Show, Liberty Broadcasting (nationally syndicated) * Tom Callan Show, WRVA, Richmond, VA * Live on America at Night, Las Vegas * Suzanne Dragan's Animal Talk, WCTC Radio, New Brunswick, NJ * Ed Pyle Show, KNX Radio, Los Angeles * Jack Murphy Show, WKZL Radio, Greensboro, NC * Kidd Kraddick Show, KHKS Radio, Dallas, TX * Kidd Chris Radio Show, San Antonio, TX * Ed Hitzel Show, Atlantic City, NJ * NPR Radio, Wyoming * Go Vegan Texas

Financial Report

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1, 2004 To December 31, 2004

Revenues.....\$170,574
Public Support.....167,792

Expenses.....\$165,680
Programs and Education.....142,805
Organizational Management9,850
Fundraising.....13,025

Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year..... \$177,032

Thank You!
Karen Davis, PhD
President

United Poultry Concerns takes this opportunity to thank the following foundations and trusts for assisting our programs in 2004:

The Marino Foundation
The New York Community Trust
The Polly Strand Trust

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Full-color poster vividly captures the truth about factory chickens for the public. Vegetarian message. 18"x22".



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Liqin Cao & FreddaFlower.
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What Wings are For: Chicks Need Their Mothers

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"Battery Hens"

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Our video shows chickens at UPC's sanctuary doing things that chickens like to do! 16:07 min. — Color * Music * No Narration. VHS and DVD. \$10



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This horrific 11-minute video takes you inside a typical live bird market in New York City. An alternative to "factory farming"? Watch and decide. VHS and DVD. \$10

Behavior of Rescued Factory-Farmed Chickens in a Sanctuary Setting

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45 Days: The Life and Death of a Broiler Chicken

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This 12-minute video shows the pathetic industry treatment of the more than 8 billion baby "broiler" chickens slaughtered each year in the US. VHS and DVD. \$10



Hidden Suffering

By Chickens' Lib/ Farm Animal Welfare Network

This vivid half hour video exposes the cruelty of the battery cage system and intensive broiler chicken, turkey and duck production. VHS. \$10

Egg-ribusiness

By Farm Sanctuary

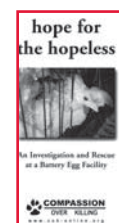
This fully narrated video illuminates the intolerable conditions imposed on egg laying hens and unwanted male chicks by the US egg industry. 14 minutes. VHS. \$10



Hope for the Hopeless

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An Investigation and Rescue at a Battery Egg Facility documents the living conditions of hens at ISE-America in Maryland. www.ISECruelty.com 18:28 minutes VHS. \$10



Raw Footage, Raw Pain

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This powerful 5-minute video takes you inside today's factory-farmed duck sheds in the US. VHS. \$10

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Humane Slaughter?

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Animal Place: Where Magical Things Happen

By Kim Sturla

Enchant young children with this charming tale about a stubborn girl who is secretly touched by a cow while visiting a sanctuary for farm animals. \$11.00

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By Jackie Greene

This endearing children's book tells the story of a rescued hen named Clara and those who love her. \$4.95

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A Boy, A Chicken and The Lion of Judah – How Ari Became a Vegetarian

By Roberta Kalechofsky

This wonderfully gifted children's story, set in modern Israel, is about a young boy's quest for moral independence. An intelligent book for all ages. Winner of the Fund for Animals "Kind Writers Make Kind Readers Award." \$10.00

Nature's Chicken, The Story of Today's Chicken Farms

By Nigel Burroughs

With wry humor, this unique children's story book traces the development of today's chicken and egg factory farming in a perfect blend of entertainment and instruction. Wonderful illustrations. Promotes compassion and respect for chickens. \$4.95

Minnie's Dream

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More Than a Meal

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Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry

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Instead of Chicken, Instead of Turkey: A Poultryless "Poultry" Potpourri

By Karen Davis

This delightful vegan cookbook by United Poultry Concerns, Inc. features homestyle, ethnic, and exotic recipes that duplicate and convert a variety of poultry and egg dishes. Includes artwork, poems, and illuminating passages showing chickens and turkeys in an appreciative light. \$14.95

Animals and Women: Feminist Theoretical Explorations

Edited by Carol J. Adams & Josephine Donovan

"Karen Davis's brilliant essay [Thinking Like a Chicken: Farm Animals and The Feminine Connection] brings together the books' central concepts, leading to conclusions that rightly should disturb feminists and animal advocates alike." -- Review by Deborah Tanzer, Ph.D. in The Animals' Agenda. \$16.95

Replacing Eggs

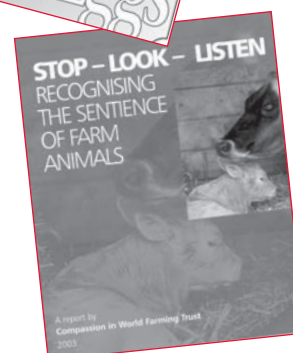
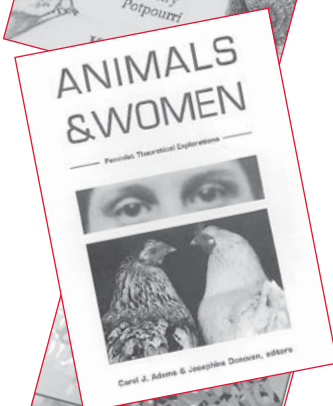
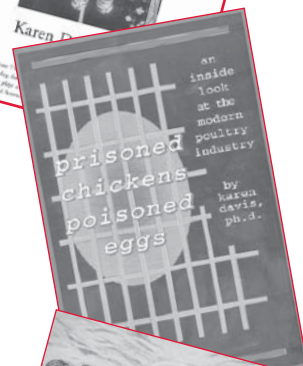
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Stop Look Listen - Recognizing the Sentience of Farm Animals

By Compassion in World Farming

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"Starving Birds for Profit Has Got to Stop" (forced molting)
"Poultry Slaughter: The Need for Legislation"
"Why Be Concerned About Mr. Perdue?"
"The Rougher They Look, The Better They Lay" (free-range egg production)
"Intensive Poultry Production: Fouling the Environment"
"Philosophic Vegetarianism: Acting Affirmatively for Peace"
"The Rhetoric of Apology in Animal Rights"
"Providing a Good Home for Chickens"
"Chicken Talk: The Language of Chickens"
"Celebrate Easter Without Eggs"
"Chicken for Dinner: It's Enough To Make You Sick"
"Say Hi To Health and Bye To Shells From Hell"

"Guide to Staffing Tables: Do's & Don'ts"

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"Henny's New Friends"

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"Chickens"
"The Battery Hen"
"Turkeys"
"Ostriches & Emus: Nowhere To Hide"
"Japanese Quail"
"Ducks: Free as a Bird"
"The Use of Birds In Agricultural and Biomedical Research"
"Free-Range' Poultry and Eggs: Not All They're Cracked Up to Be"
"Live Poultry Markets" (in English, Hispanic, & Chinese)
"Chicken-Flying Contests"

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