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Farmed Animal Well-Being Conference at the University of California-Davis

June 28-29

This conference was sponsored by the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, Animal Place, and United Poultry Concerns. In attendance were animal scientists, producers, veterinary students, and animal advocates. The animals discussed were cattle including "dairy" cows and calves, pigs, fish, and birds. The following is a synopsis of the talks given by poultry welfare specialists Joy Mench and Ian Duncan. Dr. Mench serves on the Animal Welfare Advisory Committees of United Egg Producers and McDonald's. On May 3, 2000 Dr. Duncan testified before the CA legislature on behalf of Assembly Bill 2141 which would have banned forced molting in California.

"WELFARE PROBLEMS OF LAYING HENS"

Joy Mench, PhD, Director of the Center for Animal Welfare and Professor of Animal Science, University of California, Davis

Eight billion broiler chickens and 300 million laying hens are in U.S. agribusiness production each year, with hundreds of thousands, even millions, of birds on a single farm. In this gigantic system individual birds have little value: a whole broiler chicken is worth \$4 and the yearly output of [250] eggs per hen amounts to \$30. More than 99% of U.S. laying hens are in cages, averaging 8 hens per cage. Hens in cages develop osteoporosis because they get no exercise and because their limited calcium is mobilized for constant eggshell formation instead of for bones.

Space: Average cage space per hen in the U.S. is 48 to 54 square inches. These hens have high stress hormone levels, high mortality, poor feather cover, more fearfulness, and lay fewer eggs than hens with more space. A hen needs 72 square inches merely to stand comfortably. Nor is it just the amount of space but the quality of the space needed by a bird who normally would spend 60% of her day foraging. Hens deprived of nest boxes, dustbathing material, perches, and foraging opportunities suffer. Even noncage "aviaries" in which thousands of hens are

confined in a building can produce abnormal behaviors. So-called "cannibalism," i.e. "tearing the flesh of the other birds," shows the abnormality of such housing, which is not only too large but too crowded with birds.

Beak Trimming: A blade or laser is used to lop off a third of the top beak and the tip of the bottom beak of laying hens. Beak trimming is definitely a welfare problem. Evidence suggests phantom limb pain, and neuromas [tumors] form in the damaged tissue of the amputated beak stump. Geneticists are working on developing a bird that doesn't feather peck or "cannibalize" as an alternative to beak trimming.

Forced Molting: The U.S. egg industry molts hens by depriving them of food for 4 to 21 days. Forced molting is not the same as natural molting in which chickens and other birds replace old feathers with new ones each year, usually in the fall. When molting naturally, hens never entirely stop eating and they don't normally die as a result of good feather maintenance. By contrast, during the forced molt, mortality doubles each week. The egg industry maintains if it does not force molt and reuse surviving hens for the next laying cycle, it will have to hatch nearly twice as many birds as it now does in order to produce new flocks for each new laying cycle. Included will be increased hatching of unwanted male chicks to be suffocated or macerated in high-speed grinders at the hatchery. Embryo sexing, which is being studied, could eventually eliminate the hatching of male chicks.

Spent hens: These hens have no commercial value because their flesh is poor and their fragile bones break into the flesh during processing. Spent fowl slaughter plants prefer the "meatier" spent parent flocks of the broiler chicken industry because more money can be made from these birds. Spent hens travel thousands of miles to slaughter, often to Canada, or are disposed of at the farm.

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"'They have no real value,' explains Canadian Farm Animal Care Trust president Tom Hughes. 'They are not even worth enough money to go through the normal process of slaughtering and packing. The simplest method of disposal is to pack the birds, alive, into containers, and bulldoze them into the ground. Euphemistically called "composting," it still amounts to being buried alive. Another method is to pack the birds into the body of the truck. Some 26 million spent hens are imported into Canada from the U.S. each year,' because disposing of them in Canada is cheaper, 'and upon arrival, are gassed in the trucks which imported them.'"

– *Animal People*, May 2000, p. 8

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"Welfare Problems of Meat-type Chickens"

Ian J.H. Duncan, PhD, Professor of Poultry Ethology, Chair in Animal Welfare, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada

These chickens, including both the breeding flocks and the [baby] "broiler" chickens derived from them, represent welfare problems on a huge scale. By "welfare," I mean "what animals feel." Strong negative feelings – suffering – include pain, frustration, and fear. The biggest modern problem with "meat-type" chickens and turkeys is not infectious disease [which is still rampant] but metabolic.

Heart and Lung Problems: These birds have been genetically selected for fast growing soft muscle tissue. The heart and lungs have a hard time supplying this fast growing soft tissue with oxygenated blood. This can lead to aortic rupture in turkeys, sudden death syndrome (heart attacks) in chickens, and an accumulation of venous blood fluid in the body cavities – ascites syndrome – resulting in suffocation. Ascites is responsible for 5-12% mortality in "meat-type" chickens.

Skeletal Problems: The combination of forced rapid growth and excessive weight causes chronic, painful lameness and abnormal gait in "meat-type" birds. The bird's body grows too fast for the bone plates to accommodate. Consequently the birds develop angular bone deformities, tibiadyschondroplasia, and "kinky back," in which vertebrae snap and put pressure on the spinal chord, causing paralysis. In breeder turkeys, cartilage gets eaten away at the hip joint because of the overweight. These are not senile turkeys; they are young turkeys. Studies in which lame chickens and turkeys are given painkillers or a choice between food with painkillers versus food without show that these birds are in pain. They choose the painkilling food, and they become more active. Crippled birds suffer also because they may be starving and thirsty and because they cannot avoid aggressive attacks in the crowded sheds.

Ascites and skeletal problems are increasing in "meat-type" chickens and turkeys, which isn't surprising. While in the 1950s it took 12 weeks to raise a five pound chicken, the time has been reduced to 6 weeks, at enormous cost to the birds. These birds are all extremely unfit. In treadmill experiments, for example, their core body temperature goes up abnormally high. There is also the interaction between their unfitness and their poor environment. The poultry environment is full of dust and ammonia which get

into the birds' lungs. Ammonia destroys the cilia that would otherwise prevent harmful bacteria from being inhaled. As a result, the birds develop respiratory infections such as airsacculitis. They are inhaling harmful bacteria constantly.

"Elective Surgeries" – Mutilations: Male breeder chickens are detoed, beak-trimmed and their combs are dubbed (cut off). Turkeys used for breeding are detoed and beak-trimmed, and the male turkeys' snoods are cut off (desnooded). All these "elective surgeries" involve pain, perhaps chronic pain. No anaesthetic is ever given to the birds. These mutilations are crude solutions to problems created by modern methods of raising chickens and turkeys. For example, broiler breeder males have been bred, consciously or unconsciously, for hyperaggressiveness. They injure and cause fear in the hens, who cannot escape from these roosters in the breeder houses. Worse, to keep their weight down, "meat-type" breeder chickens are given only 40-50% of the amount of food they would normally eat. They are chronically hungry. Their abnormal behavior, such as compulsive pecking, shows they are obviously suffering.

Young birds: A big welfare problem for the chicks and poults (baby turkeys) is that the poultry industry wants "meat-type" birds to start eating immediately. Lights are kept burning in the sheds and the birds are prodded to eat. Consequently, young chickens and turkeys do not get enough rest. By contrast, in nature, hens brood their young periodically throughout the day and continuously through the night to provide both warmth and rest.

Catching, Transportation, and Slaughter. All of these activities are extremely stressful as currently performed. Automated chicken catching machines ("harvesters") are less stressful than manual catching. Inert gas stunning using, say, argon mixed with nitrogen, would be more humane than the current method of electrically immobilizing the [conscious] birds. Preferably, birds should be stunned in the transport crates, prior to shackling. This would eliminate the stress of being grabbed and shackled while fully conscious as is now the case. It would also be better for the shacklers because there would be less noise, less dust, more light, and better ergonomics.

The next issue of PoultryPress will include a synopsis of the talks by Dr. Lesley Rogers and Dr. Gisela Kaplan, who spoke respectively about "Changing Our Views About the Domestic Chicken" and "Emotions and Awareness in Birds."

~ Chiaroscuro ~

"It is bad enough that lawmakers go to such lengths to undermine the [voters] initiative process. Even worse is when they do so to defend the indefensible. The Oklahoma Legislature, to take the most egregious current example, has just approved an amendment doubling the number of signatures for any ballot measure involving animals. The reason for this double standard? To block an initiative outlawing the grotesque bloodsport of cockfighting. Incredibly, it is still legal in Oklahoma to attach razors to the legs of roosters and then goad them into slashing each other while spectators bet on which one will bleed to death first. Even more incredibly, Oklahoma's elected representatives are willing to erode Oklahoma's democratic system to protect this barbaric entertainment."

– Jeff Jacoby, *The Boston Globe*, June 7, 2001, A18. Jacoby@globe.com

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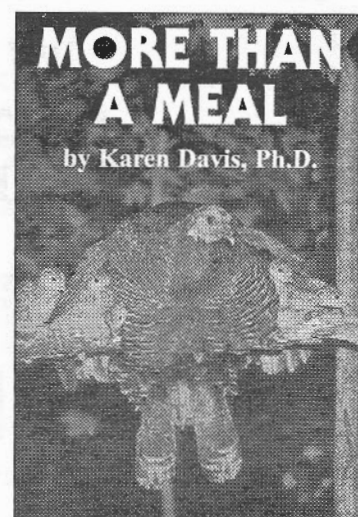
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"No issue in the human-animal relationship, as I see it, cries out for righting as much as society's disregard for the mistreatment and suffering of food-producing creatures. . . . I'm speaking of what is hidden from sight: such horrors as the butchering of live steers, the periodic starvation of chickens to stimulate greater egg production and the rigid confinement of animals in cages where they can hardly move for the entirety of their lives."

— John Balzar, *Los Angeles Times* July 13, 2001.

Burger King Sets Welfare Standards

First McDonald's, now Burger King Corporation has announced welfare standards for birds and other animals owned by the company's suppliers (producers) of animal-based products. Producers who do not comply "will face disciplinary action," the company announced in June. Cage size for laying hens will be increased from 48 to 75 square inches per bird, allowing each hen to stand fully upright for the first time ever. Forced molting of hens by depriving them of food and water to manipulate egg production is prohibited, and debeaking ("beak trimming") of chickens is "discouraged."

"What Can I Do?"

Thank Burger King for acknowledging that chickens and other farmed animals suffer and that their suffering can and will be reduced by the company. Urge Burger King to do even more: **1) prohibit the cruel and painful debeaking of all birds owned by the company's suppliers of poultry and eggs; 2) prohibit the artificial growth rate of "broiler" chickens, which causes lameness and cardiovascular disease in the young birds and hyperaggressive behavior, fear, and injury in the breeding flocks; 3) buy eggs only from uncaged hens.** Write :

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Ph: 305-378-7011 or 305-378-3535
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Senator Robert Byrd (D-WV) Speaks Out

On Monday, July 9th, Senator Robert C. Byrd delivered a powerful pro-animal speech on the Senate floor. Senator Byrd, who is President Pro Tem of the Senate and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, began by denouncing the California driver who recently threw another driver's dog onto a highway where the dog was run over and killed. **The Senator proceeded to condemn our society's horrible treatment of farmed animals, importantly linking individual acts of random cruelty like that of the driver to our systemic institutionalized abuse of billions of animals.** Immediately following his speech, Senator Byrd amended the Supplemental Appropriations bill to provide an extra \$3 million for enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act and the Humane Slaughter Act (from which birds are excluded). Here is the core of Senator Byrd's speech:

"Mr. President, I am concerned that cruelty toward our faithful friend, the dog, may be reflective of an overall trend toward animal cruelty. . . . Our inhumane treatment of livestock is becoming widespread and more and more barbaric. Six-hundred-pound hogs—they were pigs at one time—raised in 2-foot-wide metal cages called gestation crates, in which the poor beasts are

unable to turn around or lie down in natural positions, and in this way they live for months at a time. On profit-driven factory farms, veal calves are confined to dark wooden crates so small that they are prevented from lying down or scratching themselves. These creatures feel; they know pain. They suffer pain just as we humans suffer pain. Egg-laying hens are confined to battery cages. Unable to spread their wings, they are reduced to nothing more than an egg-laying machine.

"Last April the *Washington Post* detailed the inhumane treatment of livestock in our Nation's slaughterhouses. . . . The law clearly requires that these poor creatures be stunned and rendered insensitive to pain before this [slaughter] process begins. Federal law is being ignored. Animal cruelty abounds. It is sickening. It is infuriating. Barbaric treatment of helpless, defenseless creatures must not be tolerated even if these animals are being raised for food—and even more so, more so. Such insensitivity is insidious and can spread and is dangerous. Life must be respected and dealt with humanely in a civilized society. "So for this reason I have added language in the supplemental appropriations bill that directs the Secretary of Agriculture to report on cases of inhumane animal treatment in regard to livestock production, and to document the response of USDA regulatory agencies. The U.S. Department of Agriculture agencies have the authority and the capability to take action to reduce the disgusting cruelty about which I have spoken. . . . These agencies can do a better job, and with this provision they will know that the U.S. Congress expects them to do better in their inspections, to do better in their

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enforcement of the law, and in their research for new, humane technologies. Additionally, those who perpetuate such barbaric practices will be put on notice that they are being watched. I realize that this provision will not stop all the animal life in the United States from being mistreated. It will not even stop all beef cattle, hogs, and other livestock from being tortured. But it can serve as an important step. . . ."

"What Can I Do?"

- Thank Senator Byrd for his impassioned speech on behalf of chickens and other farmed animals and for declaring that farmed animals "suffer pain just as we humans suffer pain," and that the USDA has "the authority and the capability to take action to reduce the disgusting cruelty" we inflict on farmed animals.

- Urge Senator Byrd to introduce a Senate Bill that would include poultry under the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act. Point out that although birds represent 98% of animals slaughtered in USDA-inspected slaughter plants each year, every day more than 25 million chickens, turkeys, and ducks are slaughtered inhumanely without any federal laws to protect them.

- In a separate letter (address only one issue per letter to Members of Congress, keeping each letter short, polite, and on point), urge Senator Byrd to introduce a Senate Bill that would ban battery hen cages by 2012, allowing the United States to join Europe in promoting "a new era of humanity for hens." Write:

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Dear Senator Byrd:

AVMA moves toward revision of forced molting endorsement

Lagging far behind the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Washington Post*, Burger King, McDonald's, Senator Byrd, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, which should have led the parade against forced molting, rejected for the third year in a row at its summer meeting a resolution stating that the AVMA is opposed to forced molting by depriving hens of food. The rejected resolution, introduced by the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, states that "the AVMA opposes induced or forced molting . . . when it causes harm or stress to the birds." While the AVMA rejected the resolution, "comments" at the meeting "indicate there is growing support for the AVMA to take a position encouraging development of alternative humane methods to induce molting," according to *AVMA Convention News*, July 15, 2001, p. 4.

"What Can I Do?"

Public pressure is starting to have an effect on the AVMA. Much more is needed. Please write a letter to:

Bruce W. Little, DVM, Executive Vice President
AVMA
1931 North. Meacham Road, Suite 100
Schaumburg, IL 60173,

and politely ask that the AVMA put the interests of the birds before the economic interests of the egg industry. Urge the AVMA to oppose food deprivation and any other form of molting that causes harm or stress to the birds. Drugs that cause the hens to reject food, perhaps by making them nauseated, or giving the hens "food" that chickens do not eat, such as cottonseed—these are not "humane alternatives" to forced molting by starvation.

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Northwest Airlines Bans Shipment of Newborn Chicks, Ducklings, All Animals as Airmail

"This is going to affect anybody who wants to get poultry through the mail, whether it be little Susie's 4-H project or a school incubating eggs. It's every feed store in the country that depends on their birds to come in through the mail." Complaint of Murray McMurray Hatchery to *The Des Moines Register*, Aug. 4

As of August 15, 2001, Northwest Airlines announced it will stop carrying newborn chicks, ducklings, goslings, and other animals for the U.S. Postal Service, thereby joining the majority of carriers, including Federal Express and United Parcel Service, who refuse to transport live animals for the Postal Service. Worried about the effect of Northwest's decision on its business, Murray McMurray, which is located outside Minneapolis-St Paul where Northwest Airlines is based, told *The Des Moines Register* (Aug. 4) it can't see why carriers would "choose to take a perfumed letter rather than a chicken."

On its web site at www.mcmurrayhatchery.com/takeaction.asp, Murray McMurray Hatchery is urging its customers and fellow businesses to lobby Congress to force the U.S. Postal Service to require airlines to ship live birds by mail. (Some airlines will ship live birds as cargo, but as mail; cargo is more expensive.)

"What Can I Do?"

• Thank Northwest Airlines for choosing to stop shipping newborn chicks and other animals as airmail. Tell them how

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• Contact Your Members of Congress. Tell them to oppose any proposed legislation that would let the U.S. Postal Service force the airlines to ship live birds and other animals as airmail. The stress of airmail shipping for newborn birds and other animals includes injury, malnutrition, water deprivation, poor ventilation, crowding, and fear for these animals. Airmail shipping may take days including stopovers, delayed flights, and long distances. It is cruel and inhumane.

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WEST SIDE POULTRY RESCUE



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In early May, UPC activists emptied the West Side Poultry market in Cleveland, OH, which was closed by the Department of Health. More than 100 rescued chickens and ducks were given homes around the country. Clockwise from left: Mary Kate Grover with a happily flapping friend; Grover's daughter Bryony gets the message across; the market, inside and out; Mike Radzvilowicz and friend; all aboard a "freedom van"; Pam Radzvilowicz introduces some hens to a new life in Connecticut; roosters Charger and Rufus Flowers survey their new domain at UPC; making new friends at UPC; a "freedom van" takes off with its lucky passengers.



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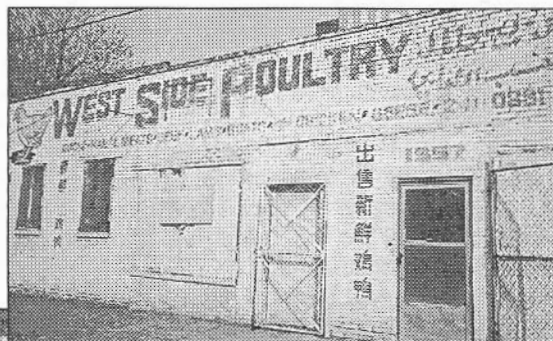


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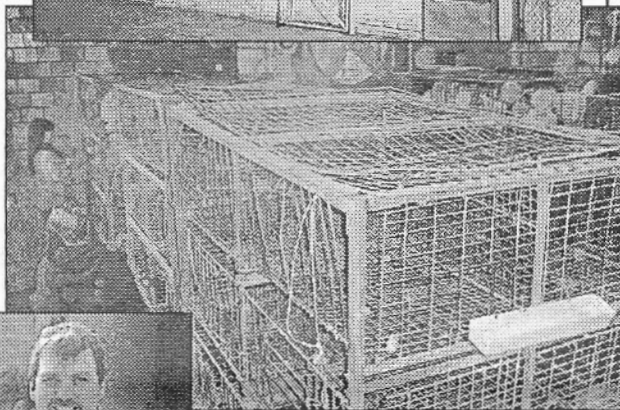


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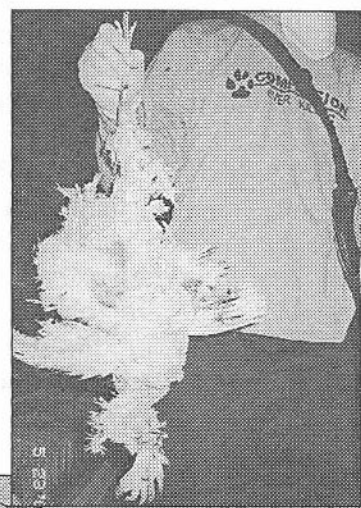
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Located in Cecilton, MD outside Washington DC, ISE is one of the nation's largest egg producers, supplying millions of eggs to the Giant Food supermarket chain on the east coast. Regarding COK's photos on

www.ISECruelty.com, *The Washington Post* wrote on June 6, 2001, "The pictures show thousands of hens crowded into small cages in a long shed. Many are missing so many feathers they look as if they've been plucked. Here and there, a bird stands immobilized, her head or wing caught in the wires. A few appear to have died this way, leaving their cagemates to negotiate a decomposing corpse."

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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 poultry are treated and to advance the compassionate and respectful treatment of chickens and other domestic fowl. We are grateful to our supporters for enabling us to fulfill our mission in 2000.

In 2000, United Poultry Concerns:

- Organizationally cosponsored, with the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, California Assembly Bill 2141. This was the first bill in the U.S. that would have banned the egg industry practice of force molting hens by depriving the birds of all food from 5 to 21 days straight. UPC president Karen Davis attended the May 3rd hearing in Sacramento. UPC assisted financially to bring poultry welfare specialist Dr. Ian Duncan from the University of Guelph in Ontario to Sacramento to testify on behalf of the bill.
- Got *Washington Post* writer Marc Kaufman to do a cover story on forced molting. "Cracks in the Egg Industry," Sunday, April 30, was the first major coverage of this cruel disease-causing egg industry practice. United Poultry Concerns' Freedom of Information Act request to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, cited in the article, produced the documents on which this landmark coverage was based.
- Attended the Ark Trust 14th Annual Genesis Awards ceremony in Beverly Hills, CA, March 18th, where the *Outstanding National Newspaper Feature* was awarded to *Washington Post* writer Tamara Jones for her November 14, 1999 profile of UPC president Karen Davis, "For The Birds."
- Was featured in Emmy-winning filmmaker John Kastner's documentary "Chickens Are People Too." This program, which aired on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

primetime TV show *Witness*, November 13, contrasted UPC's philosophy and sanctuary with the violence and cruelty of the poultry & egg industry.

- Was featured on the Virginia Public Television show, *Virginia Currents*, November 17, in an engrossing look at our chicken sanctuary, including footage of rescued battery-caged hens touching the ground for the first time in their lives.

- President Karen Davis spoke at the presentation of Roscoe the Rooster's statue to the community of Takoma Park, MD on October 8 after serving on the Committee that selected this beautiful memorial to Roscoe, beloved and protected by Takoma Park residents for 10 years until he died. UPC members helped raise funds to enshrine him.

- NUKED a Perdue Farms "chicken nuggets children's art exhibit" set for January 12th at the David Beitzel Gallery in New York City. UPC members successfully blitzed the Gallery and intended co-host, actor Danny Glover, spawning a chic article in *The New York Times* (Dec. 21, 1999), "They Say Perdue is Bad to the Bone."

- STOPPED the distribution and sale of an obscene rubber chicken toy in 22 Virginia-based Rite Aid stores.

- STOPPED the "2nd annual New Mexico Chicken Roping Competition" scheduled for October 15th, earning positive coverage of our successful campaign by the Associated Press and the *Albuquerque Journal* (Oct. 7).

- Secured the release in October of two chickens, Scout and Mabel, from what was to have been a month-long cage exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, earning supportive coverage of our protest in the Minneapolis *Star Tribune* and *Pulse of the Twin Cities*.

- Conducted monthly "Slaughter of The Innocent" protests at KFC restaurants in the Washington DC Area organized by UPC web site administrator Franklin Wade. The *Gazette* newspapers highlighted our roving demos in a vivid photo & article, Sept. 28, "Animal rights group protests at Hyattsville [MD] KFC restaurant."

- Protested for the 10th year at the annual Delmarva Chicken Festival, in Berlin, MD (which has a chicken slaughtering plant) on Saturday, June 10th.

- Held our 10th Annual Mourning Vigil for Chickens, on the boardwalk at Ocean City, MD, Saturday, June 24th. Our color posters of the chicken slaughter process showed thousands of boardwalk strollers the horror of eating chickens vs. the joy of having chickens as friends, not food.

- Held a daylong protest at the Carnegie Science Center with Animal Advocates of Pittsburgh on Earth Day, April 22, against the center's chick hatching exhibit. UPC's vigorous campaign to stop the hatchery from opening and then to close it down received positive news coverage by NBC TV and Reuters.

- Sponsored the world's first Forum on the Role of Farmed Animal Sanctuaries, September 16-17. This historic conference was the first ever to examine how farmed animal sanctuaries fit into the animal advocacy movement, including the place of vegan advocacy and public education in programs designed to provide rescue and refuge for farmed animals.

- President Karen Davis was a featured speaker at UPC's Forum (above); PETA's Weekly Staff Lunch, January 9th; the 2000 Summit for the Animals, March 16-18; The Alliance for Animal in Virginia's 14th Animal Rights Symposium, March

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United Poultry Concerns 2000 Financial Report

Revenues	\$120,030.00
Public Support	\$117,984.00
Interest Income	\$2,219.00
Other Revenue (Net Sale of merchandise)	\$173.00
Sale of merchandise	\$2,628.00
Free literature distribution ...	-\$2,801.00
Expenses	\$136,944.00
Programs and Education	\$104,317.00
Organizational Management	\$13,038.00
Fundraising	\$19,589.00
Net assets/fund balance at end of year	\$111,813.00

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25; the Animal Rights 2000 Conference in Washington DC, July 1-5; the North American Vegetarian Society Summerfest, July 6-8; and the 2000 Dinner for the Animals sponsored by Animal Activists of Central Florida, December 9th.

- President Karen Davis exhibited and gave workshops at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Conventions in Orlando, FL, April 6-9, and Baltimore, MD November 16-18; and at the Virginia Association of Science Teachers (VAST) Conference, "Science for the New Millennium," in Roanoke, VA, November 10-11.

- President Karen Davis published letters in many news outlets including *The Montgomery Journal* (MD), Feb. 9; *The Daily Reflector* (Greenville, NC), June 28; the *Asheville Citizen-Times* (NC), July 18; and *Time* magazine, August 28 ("Getting to Know Chickens").

- Sponsored our 3rd Annual Turkey Vigil organized by UPC member Jamey West, November 17th in Bethesda, MD, and our 2nd annual protest against the White House turkey "pardoning" ceremony November 22, generating coverage by Reuters (Nov. 22) and *The Washington Post* (Nov. 23). Held our 11th Annual Open House Thanksgiving Feast at our headquarters in Machipongo, VA, Saturday, Nov. 25th.

- Participated in the USDA's Farm Animal Well-Being Task Group Meeting in Washington DC, May 3, in the Illinois HumanePAC's historic Farmed Animal Legislative Meeting, Aug. 8th, and in the year-long Egg Safety Meetings held by the Food and Drug Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington DC, Sacramento CA, Columbus OH, and Atlanta GA. On August 31, UPC president Karen Davis was granted a private meeting with FDA and USDA administrators for the purpose of urging a ban on forced molting as part of the government's forthcoming Egg Safety Standards. Throughout the year, United Poultry Concerns submitted detailed Comments in response to the Federal Register's requests for Comments regarding the FDA's proposed egg safety standards.

- Exhibited at the 2000 Eastern Shore Birding Festival, October 6-8.

- Contributed \$250 to, and was a campaign member of, the Summit for the Animal's Campaign 2000: Year of the Humane Child, including the Humane Student Expo in New Orleans, LA, Oct. 25, attended by 800 students.

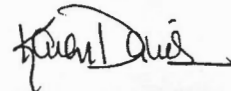
- President Karen Davis served as an elected member of the Executive Committee of the Summit for the Animals, 1998-2000. The Executive Committee plans the program for the Summit, which is the annual meeting of the heads of animal advocacy organizations in the United States.

- Adopted 25 hens rescued from the Buckeye Egg Farm Disaster in Croton, Ohio on September 20th and helped find good homes for more Buckeye hens in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, and elsewhere. In 2000, United Poultry Concerns adopted 55 rescued birds into our sanctuary: 53 chickens and two turkeys.

- United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent chicken sanctuary, education center, and referral service at our headquarters at 12325 Seaside Road, Machipongo, VA 23405. We are an Accredited Sanctuary certified by the American Sanctuary Association and by The Association of Sanctuaries. UPC's website administration office, headed by Franklin Wade, is located in Bethesda, Maryland. Our website address is www.UPC-online.org.

From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your continuing support.

Sincerely,



Karen Davis, PhD
President

United Poultry Concerns takes this opportunity to thank the following foundations for assisting our programs to promote the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl: the Alexander Foundation, the Komie Foundation, The Marino Foundation, the National Anti-Vivisection Society Sanctuary Fund, the NALITH Foundation, The William and Charlotte Parks Foundation, and The Summerlee Foundation.

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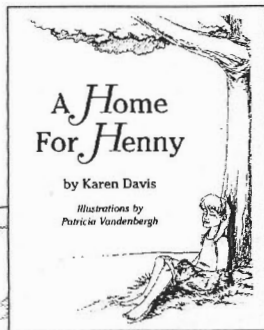
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From United Poultry Concerns and all our Feathered Friends, we thank you for helping to ensure our future!

Sincerely,
Karen Davis, Ph.D.
President



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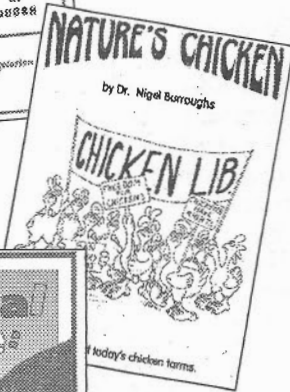
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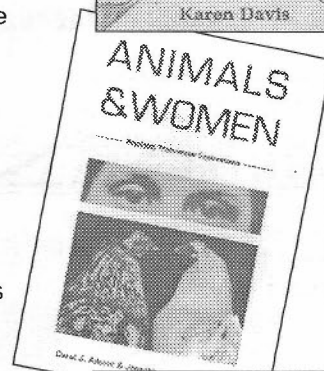
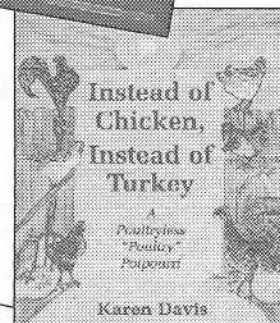
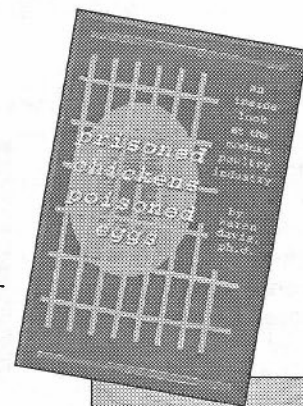
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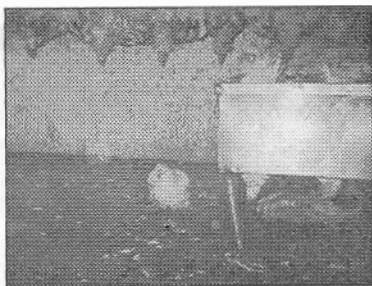
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This vivid half hour video exposes the cruelty of the battery cage system and intensive broiler chicken, turkey and duck production. \$20.00

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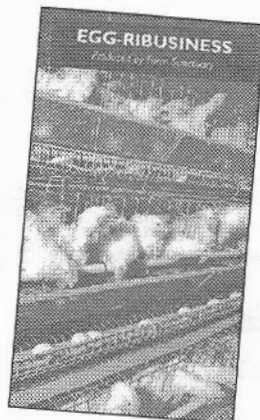
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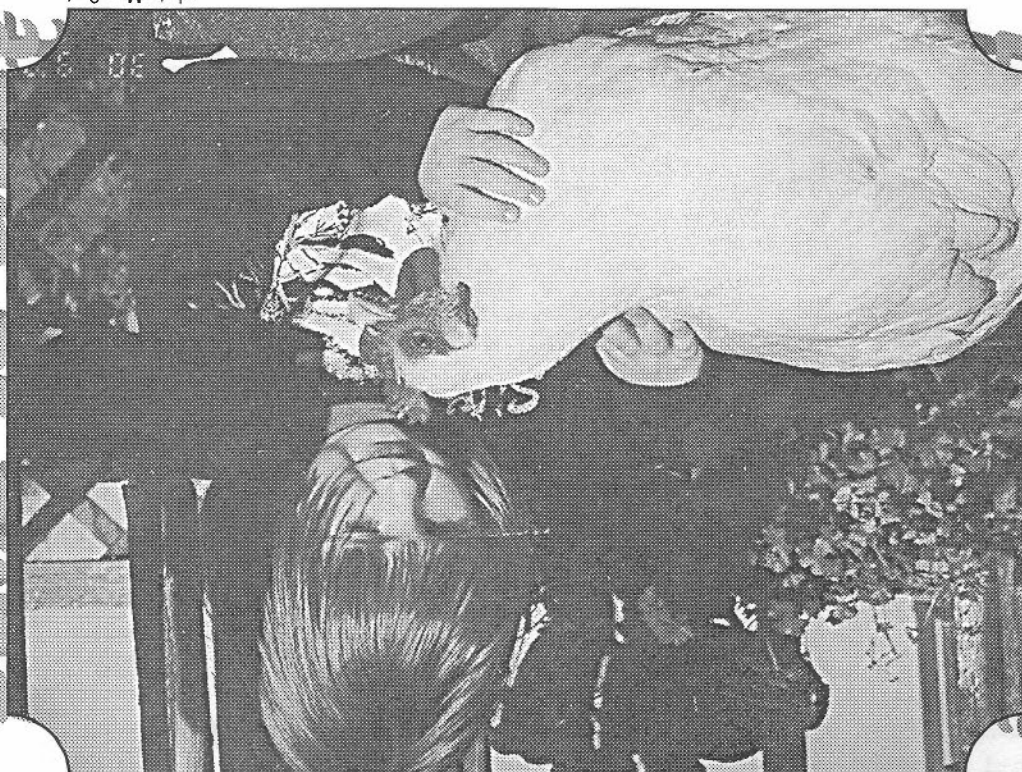
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