



Poultry Press

Promoting the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl

Farm Animal Well-Being Task Group Chucked by U.S. Department of Agriculture

"This administration is interested in the welfare of producers, not animals."

—Peter Singer, President, Animal Rights International

On May 7, 2002, Dr. Peter Singer, Professor of Bioethics at Princeton University, President of Animal Rights International and author of *Animal Liberation*, met with Bill Hawks, USDA's Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs, to discuss the future of the Farm Animal Well-Being Task Group, a body of USDA officials which had agreed to meet periodically with the heads of farmed animal protection organizations to address issues of farmed animal well-being with a view to developing initiatives that reflected decisions made at the meetings.

United Poultry Concerns was one of a handful of national organizations, headed by Animal Rights International, that met with the Task Group to discuss issues including the forced molting of laying hens, humane treatment of downer (nonambulatory) animals, enforcement of the Humane Slaughter Act, debeaking of poultry, and forced rapid growth problems in broiler chickens and turkeys resulting in painful lameness and susceptibility to heart attacks.

Following our meeting in 2000, the USDA declined to meet with us in 2002 as was planned, but would meet only with Peter Singer. During the meeting, Singer suggested that as Hawks runs the school lunch program, which makes substantial purchases of eggs, it could refuse to buy eggs from hens who are force molt-

ed. Singer also suggested that through its extension and research programs, the USDA could do a lot in areas where it has no regulatory powers but still has significant influence.

However, Mr. Hawks and his associates maintained that the USDA does not have regulatory authority over any animal welfare issues except Humane Slaughter, which comes under a different Under Secretary and excludes all birds, i.e. 98 percent of animals slaughtered in the U.S. He

bewailed the difficult economic situation of producers today, and suggested

that the way for the animal movement to progress is to convince people not to buy products produced in ways we do not like.

Peter Singer

indicated that if the animal movement could not

obtain changes in the conditions

under which farmed animals are kept in this country, we would have no choice but to publicize the cruelties involved and urge the public to boycott animal products. He said the United States should not allow itself to fall further and further behind Europe on animal welfare issues. It emerged that none of the government representatives there knew about recent European development in farmed animal welfare, but this did not spark any interest in continuing the Farm Animal Well-Being Task Group.

"My overall impression was decidedly negative," Singer said following the meeting. "This administration is interested in the welfare of producers, not animals. I fear that further discussions would not lead to any real changes and that we must use other means to advance our objectives."

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UPC Will Hold Protest Demonstrations Against the National Chicken Council October 16-17, 2002

United Poultry Concerns' 12th Annual Vigil for Chickens is being held at the JW Marriott Hotel in downtown Washington DC where Wal-Mart President H. Lee Scott is speaking at the National Chicken Council's annual conference. With banners, posters, bullhorns, and brochures, United Poultry Concerns will draw attention to the plight of chickens and to the National Chicken Council's refusal to implement guidelines to reduce the suffering of the birds.

We protest that chickens are:

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Loaded with Salmonella, Campylobacter, and E-Coli Bacteria
Tortured with Paralytic Electric Shocks
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Get the Slaughterhouse Out of Your Kitchen!**

Place: JW Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dates: Wednesday & Thursday October 16 & 17.

Times: Protest Demonstration Wednesday October 16, 6 PM – 7:30 PM
Protest Demonstration Thursday October 17, Noon – 1:30 PM

Closest Metro Stop: Metro Center

For more information contact Karen@UPC-online.org or call 757-678-7875.



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Please Write to the National Chicken Council Today!

A "broiler" chicken is essentially an overgrown baby bird, easily hurt, sometimes treated like bowling balls. - Dr. Bruce Webster, American Meat Institute Stunning Conference 2002

A new problem emerged in the poultry industry in the 1990s. An increasing number of reports described broiler breeder males being very aggressive toward females. . . . Because females are being harassed, badly injured, and even killed by males, this is a welfare problem. . . . - Dr. Ian Duncan, *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science*, Vol. 4, No. 3: 207-221.



Roosters with nasal implants.

Photo by: Univ of Georgia

The National Chicken Council, which represents the "broiler" chicken industry in the United States, is refusing to provide animal welfare standards to the Food Marketing Institute (FMI), which represents retail grocers, and the National Council of Chain Restaurants (NCCR) which represents retail foodservice outlets. **PLEASE WRITE TO THE NATIONAL CHICKEN COUNCIL AND ASK WHY THEY HAVE REFUSED TO COME UP WITH MEANINGFUL WELFARE REFORMS** to help reduce the misery of "broiler" chickens (the 9 billion baby birds who represent 98% of animals slaughtered for food each year in the United States). Demand reforms.

At a minimum, the chicken industry should stop

breeding the birds for fast growth, (which causes painful lameness and heart attacks), give the birds space to move about comfortably, reduce ammonia fumes in the chicken houses, and give the birds something to do, such as green cabbages to peck at. See below for more details.

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Ammonia Levels Concentration of toxic excretory ammonia fumes should not exceed 10 ppm (parts per million) at bird level. Higher concentrations harm the birds' immune systems and cause them to develop respiratory diseases and other infections, including painful breast blisters as a result of sitting in ammonia-drenched litter. (Litter is the name for the filthy floor material the chickens are forced to live on—mainly feces and disease organisms).

Forced Rapid Growth of broiler chickens should stop immediately. This includes genetic manipulation for fast growth and the feeding of growth-promoting



Photo by: Garrett Seivold

antibiotics and feed ingredients that cause birds who are full to keep eating. Broiler chickens suffer from severe metabolic and skeletal problems as a

result of growing 3 to 4 times faster than normal chickens (Leach, *Feedstuffs*, Aug. 26, 1996, 10). They suffer from painful lameness and abnormal gaits. Given a choice in scientific studies, these chickens chose foods laced with painkillers (Danbury, *Veterinary Record*, March 11, 2000, 307-11). Mortality of broiler chickens is 7 times that of laying hens of similar age, and at least 2 percent of broiler chickens die of heart failure,

comprising millions of baby birds each year (Turner, *Biotechnology and Farm Animals*, Compassion in World Farming, 2002, 11-12).

Space Allowance per Bird. Living space per bird should be doubled so that each broiler chicken has at least 1.5 square feet of space (preferably 2 square feet), and each adult chicken used for breeding has at least four square feet of space. The birds need exercise and space for their health and well-being.

Partitions and Perches. Chicken houses should be divided into units holding 80 - 100 birds each, with areas set apart for refuge and rest. Chickens need refuges to correspond to the shelter of the mother hen's wings and the shady areas to which they would normally retreat intermittently during the day in a natural outdoor environment. Broiler chickens and parent flocks should be given perches to satisfy their need to perch and get off the filthy floor.

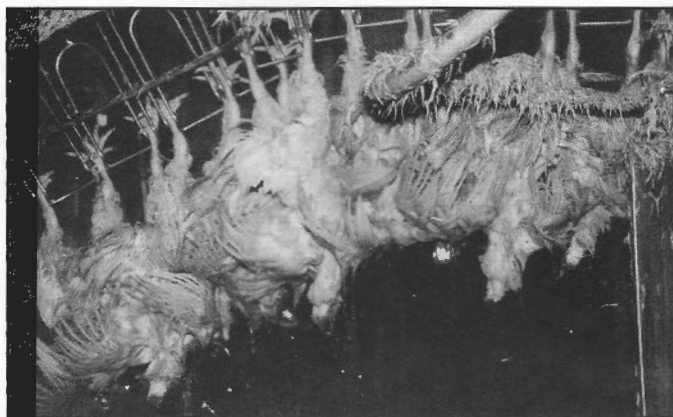
Activity to Relieve Stress and Boredom. Chickens should be given objects to peck at, to occupy their time and encourage natural pecking behavior and to reduce aggressive behavior in the broiler breeder roosters, including pecking at other birds' heads, which has also been observed in the young birds. Birds would benefit from green cabbages to peck at, which provide activity and nutrients without adding fat. They also need clean dust-bathing material to practice hygiene, occupy their time, and encourage normal beak-related behaviors and social activity.

Nasal Implants. The use of the "Nozbonz" in broiler breeder males should be discontinued. The Nozbonz is a 2 1/2-inch plastic stick jammed through the nasal cartilage of the young rooster to keep him from poking his head through the food restriction grill and eating the hens' food. (See accompanying photos.). Dr. Suzanne Millman of The Humane Society of the United States writes that "a big welfare problem is the birds getting their heads caught in the grills as a result of the Nozbonz."

She explains that "Nozbonz are not even effective in keeping roosters out of the hens' feeders because roosters try their own experiments to access these feeders. They will turn their heads to get into the grills and, if attacked by other birds, or frightened, they will try to pull back, and panic. They may thus injure or even kill themselves and they sometimes rip the Nozbonz out in the struggle. Instead of the Nozbonz, a slight modification to the feeder grills such as a rubber hose along the top of it prevents males from getting their heads into the hens' feeders."

Gas Stunning. Gas stunning should replace electrical immobilization of birds. The current method of paralyzing conscious birds (instead of stunning them) should stop. Electrically-induced paralysis is surpassingly cruel. Drs. Mohan Raj, Ian Duncan, and others urge that birds should be gas-killed in the transport crates, prior to shackling, with a composition of 60 - 90 percent argon and no more than 2 percent oxygen.

Currently, chickens (and turkeys and ducks) are being deliberately tortured to death with paralytic electric shocks, partial neck-cutting, and, in millions of cases, live



Birds in a state of paralytic shock. Photo by: Adam Parascandola

scalding. The electric shocks are used to immobilize the birds hanging upside down from the conveyer belts and to paralyze their feather follicles so their feathers come out more easily. Birds are not stunned because the poultry industry claims the high voltage necessary for stunning causes internal hemorrhage producing corpses with pools of coagulated blood in the muscles ("meat").

TO LEARN MORE

For an up-to-date look at poultry slaughter, including global statistics and recommendations, visit [www.UPC-online.org/Information/Slaughter/The Need for Legislation and Elimination of Electrical Immobilization](http://www.UPC-online.org/Information/Slaughter/TheNeedforLegislationandEliminationofElectricalImmobilization). For an overview of the poultry and egg industry, visit [www.UPC-online.org/Information/Poultry & Egg Industry/The Plight of Birds 2002](http://www.UPC-online.org/Information/Poultry&EggIndustry/ThePlightofBirds2002).

Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry by Dr. Karen Davis provides a fully documented account of the suffering and abuse of chickens in modern poultry production. To order your copy, see our merchandise pages, or order on line at www.UPC-online.org.

UPC President Dr. Karen Davis Presents Paper at Yale University Chicken Conference

"For Karen Davis, founder of United Poultry Concerns, the most sobering plight is that of the chicken itself." – The New York Sun, May 20, 2002

"Panelist Karen Davis, founder of the chicken advocacy group United Poultry Concerns, was relentless on the issue of slaughtering practices. She distributed literature and charged that the conference at times 'celebrated the exploitation of the chicken.' " – Hartford Courant, May 20, 2002

A conference on "The Chicken: Its Biological, Social, Cultural, and Industrial History" was held at Yale University, May 17 – 19, 2002. It included poultry industry representatives and adversaries, environmentalists, food analysts, small-scale farming advocates, and scholars on the uses of chickens in various cultures. Karen Davis sat on a panel on The Chicken in Folklore and Symbolism where she presented a paper on "The Dignity, Beauty, and Abuse of Chickens: As Symbols and in Reality." (Available on line at www.UPC-online.org /Thinking Like a Chicken.)

In their different ways, Karen Davis and panelist Michael Watts of UC-Berkeley both emphasized the "double

imprisonment" of chickens in modern industrial poultry production. In "The Age of the Chicken," Watts discussed the "disappearance and extinction of animals," not through species extinction, but "through an act of incarceration." He spoke of how the poultry environment is a place of "alienation, lethargy, isolation, confinement and boredom" in which billions of birds are reduced to being "sites of accumulation" imprisoned in "enormous quantities of flesh around a distorted skeleton."

In "The Dignity, Beauty, and Abuse of Chickens," Karen Davis explained how chickens raised for meat are twice imprisoned — first by being locked inside genetically-impaired bodies that thwart their inherent nature, and secondly by being locked up in toxic waste environments that are as alien to the evolution and psyches of chickens as the bodies they are forced to live in— those painfully fragile, bloated, dysfunctional, cement-heavy bodies whose only purpose is to become "meat."

"...the suffering and abuse of chickens in food production is just as intense as in cockfighting, and on a much vaster scale."
— Wayne Pacelle

In "Cockfighting in the United States: A Political and Cultural Examination," Wayne Pacelle of The Humane Society of the United States graphically described the cruelty of cockfighting, while stressing that the suffering and abuse of chickens in food production is just as intense as in cockfighting, and on a much vaster scale. He said it is as ethically incumbent to become a vegan as it is to oppose cockfighting. Pacelle recalled his own decision, years earlier, as a student at Yale where: "I stopped eating eggs, 'poultry,' and everything that comes from an animal."

Law Closes In On Cockfighting in the U.S.

"Individuals who instigate fights between animals or who attend these pathetic spectacles should have no legal sanctuary anywhere in the United States. We will be satisfied only when the last cockfighting pit is closed." —Wayne Pacelle, Senior Vice President, The Humane Society of the United States.

Oklahoma: In August the Oklahoma Supreme Court cleared the final state court hurdle to bring a proposed cockfighting ban to Oklahoma voters. Governor Frank Keating placed State Question 687 on the November 5th ballot and announced he would vote for the ban. If voters approve Question 687, cockfighting and related activities in Oklahoma will be felony offences. Oklahoma is set to become the 48th state to ban cockfighting and the 27th state to adopt felony-level penalties. "The Oklahoma Coalition Against Cockfighting is very pleased this matter will be before the people, and Oklahomans will have an opportunity to vote to ban this practice once and for all," OCAC campaign manager Cynthia Armstrong told the press.

Kansas: By an overwhelming vote, Kansas legislators passed a law to ban cockfighting in the state that includes criminal penalties of up to one year in jail and a \$1,000 fine. Vote count on the bill introduced by Kansas representative Peggy Long (R-Madison) was 112-10 in the House and 36-4 in the Senate.

U.S. Congress: Both the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States 107th Congress signed into law Farm Bill amendments to ban the interstate shipment of birds for fighting, to ban foreign exports of birds or other animals intended to be used for fighting, and to increase penalties for animal fighting. Provisions to make animal fighting a felony offence were thwarted in the final stage by the Conference Committee, which reduced the penalty to a misdemeanor and stipulated that the new law cannot take effect until May 2003. The Humane Society of the United States has announced it will work with Congressional allies to stiffen the penalties.

Arkansas has introduced a ballot initiative that would make malicious animal cruelty, including cockfighting, a felony offence in the state. If Arkansas and Oklahoma both make cockfighting a felony offence, the number of felony states will be 28.

Iowa and Indiana strengthened their cockfighting penalties this year.

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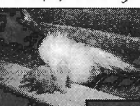
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ASPCA Responds to "Kapparot" Chickens

In our Winter 2001 *PoultryPress*, we
asked our members to urge the ASPCA to tell
the Hasidic rabbis in New York to comply with
the New York State Anti-Cruelty Law, Article
26, which states that animals must have fresh
food, water, and protection from the elements at
all times. Every September, thousands of chick-
ens sit miserably in crates for a week or more in
New York City without food, water, or shelter,
awaiting their cruel death in a Hasidic Jewish
ritual known as Kapparot, in which chickens are
swung above the practitioner's head three times
prior to being killed. While this cruelty is unfor-

tunately protected by law, mistreatment leading
up to the ritual is not, so we urged the ASPCA
to use its law enforcement power to uphold the
law.

In response, ASPCA President Dr.
Larry Hawk wrote to an influential member of
the Hasidic community pointing out the public's
distress over the mistreatment of the chickens
and the need for the Hasidic community to obey
New York's anti-cruelty statute. He included a
statement of Necessary Care of Chickens*
including Food and Water, Shelter, Housing,
and Temperature, observing that "[s]ome com-
mon problems that our humane law enforce-
ment officers encounter are chickens crowded
into cages, which may be left in direct sunlight
for numerous hours and lack of food and
water."

What Can I Do?

Thank Dr. Hawk for taking action and urge that
the ASPCA vigorously uphold the law and pro-
tect the chickens.

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*The ASPCA's "Necessary Care of Chickens" is
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The pain of losing them is the price we pay for the privilege of knowing them and sharing their lives. . . .

— Vicky Barbee

It is with sadness that United Poultry Concerns announces the sudden death of Vicky Barbee over the summer. Vicky wrote the above inscription for our Freddaflower Memorial Fund. She was a passionate animal rights vegan activist who rescued many animals in Virginia and served all animal advocacy causes. Vicky was a generous supporter of United Poultry Concerns and will be deeply missed by all of us.

We thank those people who have contributed to our work with recent donations *In Loving Memory and in Honor of* the following beloved family members and friends:



For dear Potpo, the young "broiler" rooster who was rescued to live his short life at UPC, and his fellow feathered angels, now loosed in heaven to fly among pillared columns of fleecy clouds and golden light . . . - from his loving sponsor, Roseanne Smith

In honor of my friend Melody Lumby on her birthday. Melody rescues and keeps a loving home for many chickens, turkeys, roosters and guineas. Thank you! - from Adrienne Mattioli

Vicky Barbee and Zelda, 1999
Photo by: Karen Davis

Orbitz Pulls Cruel Chicken Ad in Response To UPC Protest

When the discount airline company, Orbitz, ran an online chicken cartoon ad urging people to "pluck the chicken and find the low fares," UPC launched an immediate Internet campaign that led to the removal of the ad within 48 hours. Orbitz wrote back to protesters: "We apologize for this advertisement if you find this to be insensitive to you. The ad is no longer available and has been replaced with 'Pop the Bubbles.'"

In honor of my friend Ellen Ravens-Seger and her husband Bob, who like yourself care for chickens rescued from slaughter. Sadly two of their beloved companions, Frieda and Paisley, have recently passed away and it is in memorial to them that I make this donation. — from Jack Lotko

For my hen Penny, who is forever missed and remembered with love.

—from Edna-Ann Senecal

In loving memory of Tai Jen Kou, my beloved Shih Tzu dog, who shared his life with me for 13 years and 12 days until another dog of a careless owner attacked and killed him. In my pain and grief, I joined an animal organization to contribute money in his memory, then another and another including United Poultry Concerns. — from Linda A. Morello

In honor of Harvey, the feisty rooster I finally managed to rescue with the help of Matt and Mary Kelly. Many thanks for getting Harvey a good home with the Kellys. — from Harold Mercer

This donation is in honor of Hariette, Princess and Kookoo. - from Anne E. Steinhardt

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Photo by Karen Davis

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By Karen Davis, PhD

Lantern Books, New York

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Highlights from three outstanding reviews of *More Than A Meal*. For the complete reviews go to www.UPC-online.org/BookReviews.

This is the kind of book that we need more of—"we" being advocates for animals' rights and vegan living. The author is brilliant and dedicated: Dr. Karen Davis is the founder and president of United Poultry Concerns, the first U.S.-based advocacy organization focusing exclusively on "poultry." . . . With a flair for research, Davis cuts through the pyramid of lies; distortions, and negative images that society has constructed around the turkey; then she helps us get to know the real animal. "The turkey," she writes, "is 'more than a meal' in the sense that every creature is more than a meal outside the range of those who prey on it." – *Jim Mason is the author of An Unnatural Order: Uncovering the Roots of Our Domination of Nature and Each Other. His review appeared in the July/August issue of VegNews.* www.VegNews.com

With well-documented information on the history of turkeys, their uses by humans, behavior in the natural habitat versus in captivity by humans, and place on the Thanksgiving table, author Karen Davis, Ph.D. brings to light the scape-goatlike manner in which turkeys have historically been treated in the U.S. . . . The meaning of the turkey's role on the Thanksgiving table is given extensive coverage, including the role of the typi-

More Than a Meal

The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality



Karen Davis, Ph.D.

"The only to know: There is a meal on every corner of the history of hunting, farming, and killing of the turkey, but it is a powerful examination of the culture of Thanksgiving, in which the turkey plays a central and dominating role." – Lindsey Rogers, Professor of Neuroscience and Animal Behaviour, University of New England, Australia

cally-male presentation of dismembering and slicing the muscles off the corpse. – *Maribeth Abrams is the managing editor of Vegetarian Voice, the quarterly magazine of The North American Vegetarian Society. Her review appeared in the Spring issue.*

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Observing that "Celebration can

include evolution," Davis ends *More Than a Meal* with a challenge for us to "invent new traditions" that do not cost other sentient beings their freedom and their lives. "Substitution of new materials for previously used ones to celebrate a tradition is an integral part of tradition," she reminds us. "In the religious realm, if we can substitute animal flesh for human flesh and bread and wine for all flesh . . . and view these changers as advances of civilization and not as inferior substitutes . . . we are ready to go forward in our everyday lives on ground that is already laid. . . . If the Peaceable Kingdom is a genuine desire and a practicable prospect, fake meat is the food to which dead meat has aspired, and the fake meat makers are as deserving as anyone of the Nobel Prize for Peace." – *Norm Phelps is spiritual outreach director of The Fund for Animals and the author of The Dominion of Love: Animal Rights According to the Bible published by Lantern Books in 2002. His review appeared in the August issue of Satya.* www.satyamag.com

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American Veterinary Medical Association Continues to Support Forced Molting

For the 4th time, the AVMA rejected a resolution presented by the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights that called for a position statement against forced molting by food deprivation. In the United States, 70% of laying hens are starved from 4 to 21 days to manipulate the economics of egg production. Unlike the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the AVMA supports this cruelty which is so severe it impairs hens' immune systems making them prey to *Salmonella enteritidis* infections and intestinal inflammation and drives them to consume each others' contaminated feathers (Peter S. Holt, *Avian Diseases*, 1995, Vol. 39: p. 248).

According to poultry specialist Dr. Ian Duncan at the University of Guelph in Ontario, during forced molting, "mortality increases dramatically" and "hens suffer enormously." Chickens, he says, "have evolved to forage and consume food throughout the day.

Consequently, deprivation of food acts as a drastic stressor" (*Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science*, 2001, Vol. 4, No. 3: 209).

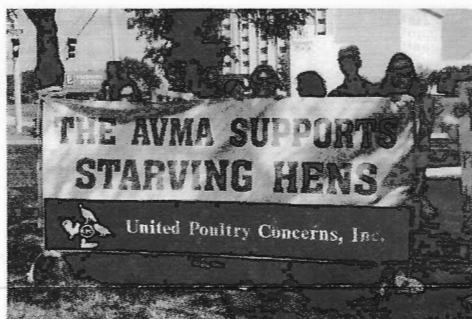


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What Can I Do?

Ask the AVMA why they support forced molting by food deprivation despite their oath to "use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the promotion of public health, protection of animal health, and the relief of animal suffering." Request a written reply. Contact:

Bruce Little, DVM, Executive Director
AVMA
1931 N. Meacham Rd, Suite 100
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360

No Accountability Invites Cruelty

The egg industry has known for decades it could achieve the same production results by feeding hens an altered diet and reducing the hours of artificial light from 17 to 8, instead of starving them, but since feeding the birds costs money and starving them doesn't, and since no one was looking over industry's shoulder and no federal welfare laws protect poultry in the United States, the industry chose starvation. However, as the link between food deprivation and diminished immunity, predisposing hens to *Salmonella enteritidis* infection, was added to the bad publicity about the cruelty of forced molting in the 1990s, industry and government started funding new studies to "find alternatives" to the molting of hens by food deprivation. All of these studies pit experimentally food-deprived hens against hens on experimental diets to compare the results. Meanwhile the "results" are already known.

What Can I Do?

*Ask United Egg Producers how their practice of starving hens for 1 to 3 weeks fits with their March 2002 statement that "There is no excuse for any Producer not providing feed for their animals."

*Urge an End to Battery Caging, Debeaking, Forced Molting, and Live Burial of Hens.

Always request a written response.

Write to:

Albert E. Pope, President
United Egg Producers
1720 Windward Concourse, Suite 320
Alpharetta, GA 30005
Ph: 770-360-9220
Fax: 770-360-7058
Email: info@unitedegg.org

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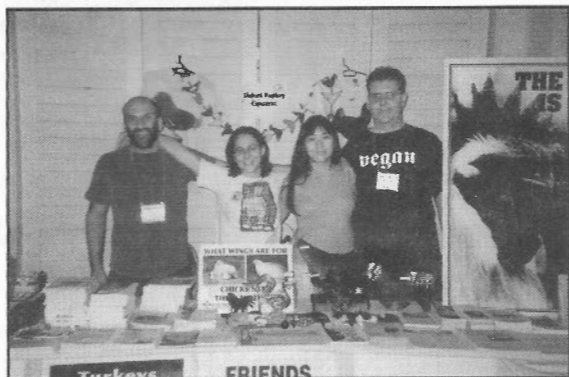
Sincerely,
Karen Davis, Ph.D.



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Animal Rights 2002 National Convention

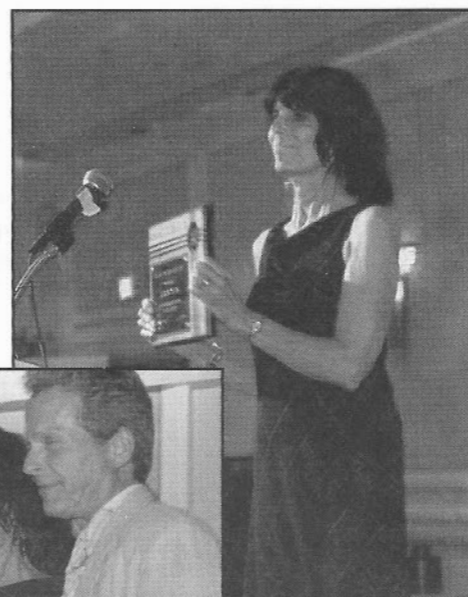
At this year's Animal Rights 2002 National Convention, UPC President Karen Davis was inducted into the U.S. Animal Rights Hall of Fame "for outstanding contributions to animal liberation." – Washington, D.C. July 2, 2002.



UPC Exhibit Table Staff: (Left to right) Elliot Gang, Jessica Fomalont, Ligin Cao, and Franklin Wade
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Hall of Famers, Karen Davis and Jim Mason share a magic moment.
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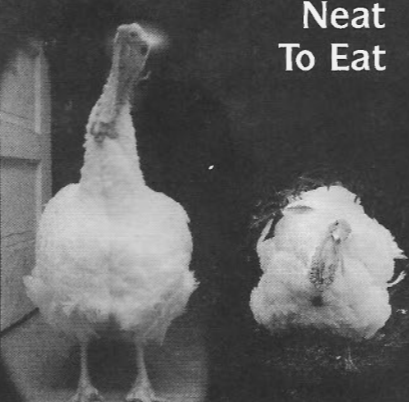
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West Los Angeles Bird Club Goes Veggie

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The vote followed UPC member Cherylynn Costner's mesmerizing talk at the group's May meeting about the beauty and dignity of chickens. Cherylynn, who runs the Hillary Chicken Memorial Fund (310-455-0390), brought several chickens to the meeting and fed the enthusiastic audience delicious vegan cuisine from Elaine's, the famous LA vegan caterer. That did it!

"You Don't Have To Have Birds, You Just Need To Love Them!" The West Los Angeles Bird Club invites you to come to their meetings at 7:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at American Legion Hall, 5309 S. Sepulveda Blvd, just north of Jefferson, in Culver City. Cross Street: Jannison. Email: WestLABirdClub@aol.com or call 310-358-2951. Monthly Newsletter: *Newsbeak*.

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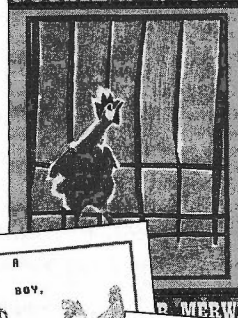
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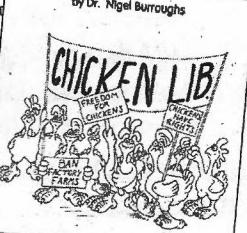


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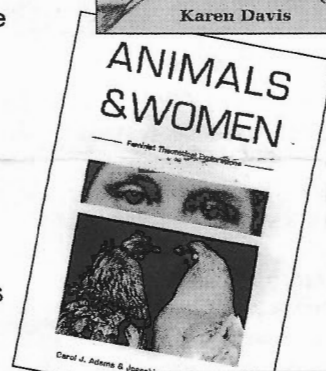
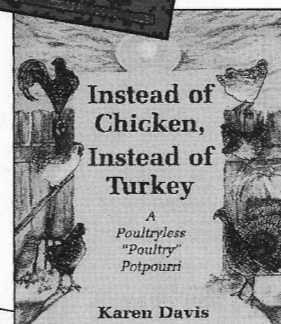
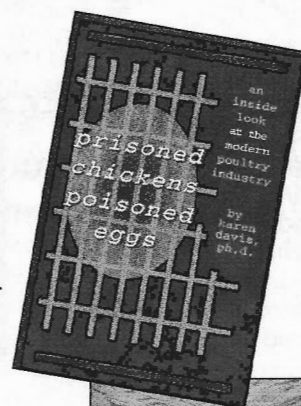
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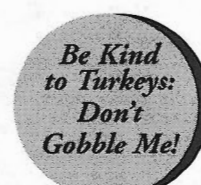
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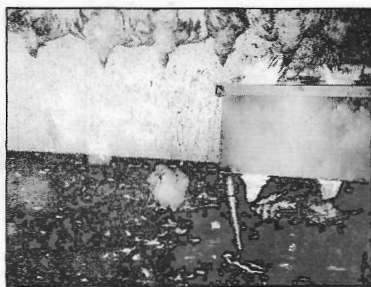
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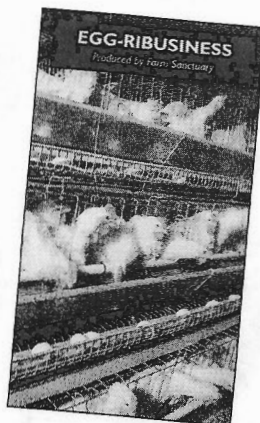
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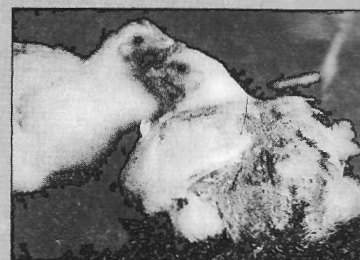


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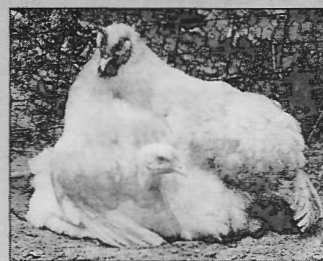


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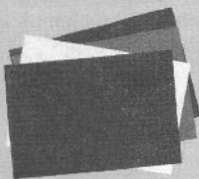
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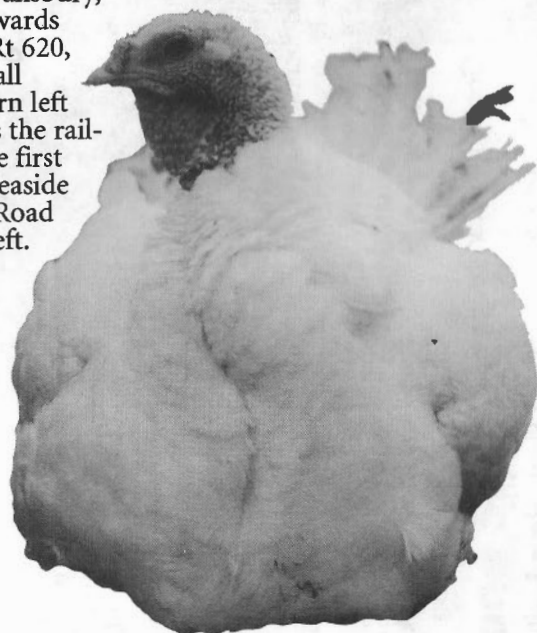


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