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EUROPE BANS BATTERY HEN CAGES

"A New Era of Humanity for Hens"?

On June 17th, the European Union announced a Europe-wide ban on battery-hen cages by the year 2012. Compassion in World Farming, which has battled vigorously to ban the cages – "the oldest, and perhaps most cruel, of the factory farm systems" – hailed the decision by European lawmakers as "a new era of humanity for hens."

Noting that "Battery cages can never fulfil the behavioural and physiological needs of birds," the RSPCA, while praising the ban, was "disappointed that it won't happen for another 13 years." A group that has fought tirelessly for chickens in the UK, Farm Animal Welfare Network (FAWN), also expressed "dismay at the time-scale of the ban," while welcoming the EU-wide ban on this most "notorious form of cruel exploitation." Meanwhile, existing cage systems will be slightly improved: by reducing the number of hens per cage, space per hen will increase from 70 square inches to 86 square inches. (In the US, space per hen is 48 to 64 sq. inches.)

An argument egg producers in the UK (and US) have used to oppose noncage systems is that hens can get into fights in these systems. But as FAWN points out, such fighting is mainly the result of high stocking densities (2 sq. ft or less per bird) and abnormal flock sizes (thousands of birds packed together on a single floor). In addition, debeaking promotes compulsive pecking in many birds, indicating chronic phantom limb pain in the highly sensitive mutilated beak.

As for the battery cage, the writing is on the wall. EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler said at the announcement of the ban that continued use of battery cages "generates the strongest negative public reaction, a fact which producers and policy makers would be foolish to ignore." *For further information on battery hens in the United Kingdom (the UK is a member state of the European Union), contact The Farm Animal Welfare Network, PO Box 40, Holmfirth, Huddersfield HD7 1QY UK. Tel 01484 688650; fax 01484 689408. (Postal code: 011 44)*

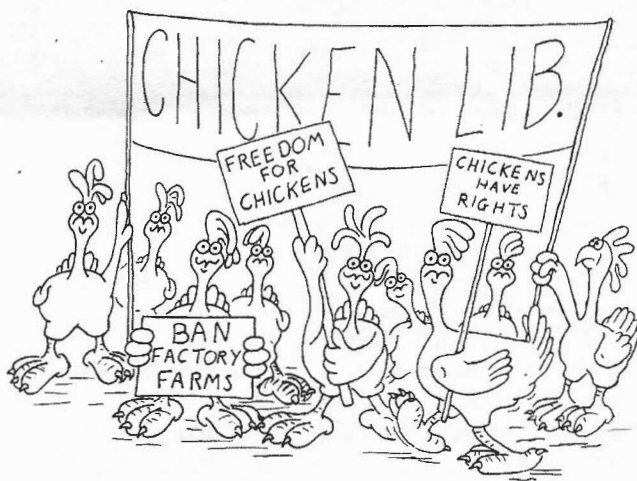


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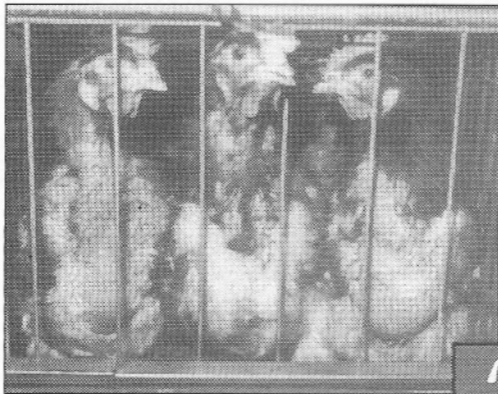
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"What Can I Do?"

Tell your local retailer you will no longer buy eggs that come from hens in cages. (All eggs sold in the US come from battery-caged hens unless the carton specifically states otherwise.) Tell your retailer to pass this information on to their supplier. AND DON'T BUY THEM! Contact United Poultry Concerns for our recipe booklet *Replacing Eggs*.

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More Good
News, see
page 3!



UPC CAMPAIGN TO BAN STARVATION OF HENS

"Reduced feed and water intake is the most detrimental and universal aspect of disease."

— *Egg Industry Magazine, June 1999*

Issue: Starving hens to manipulate egg production – the practice known as forced or "induced" molting – causes hens' immune systems to break down under the stress. In **"Salmonella Control and Molting Of Egg-Laying Flocks – Are They Compatible"** (July 1994), the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Florida said that the standard molting procedure of starving birds for 10 to 14 days "unavoidably stresses the birds. Their

to-Table Approach to Egg Safety." Between 1985 and 1998, "over three-quarters of *Salmonella* Enteritidis outbreaks were linked to eggs, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention." Causes cited in the report are **"heavy rodent populations"** and **"forced molting."**

We are pleased to report that the August 2 issue of *U.S. News & World Report* published letters to the editor about forced molting from United Poultry Concerns and The Humane Society of the United States in response to the magazine's article, "A Crackdown on Bad Eggs" (July 12).

"While unmolted hens usually have to ingest about 50,000 *Salmonella* cells to become infected, molted hens need fewer than ten."

— *World Poultry, Vol. 12, No. 9 (1996)*

immune system is therefore suppressed and the flock's susceptibility to salmonella infection is increased."

Campaign/Information Update: In April 1998 United Poultry Concerns and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights petitioned the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) to ban forced molting. FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices that harm human health. In June 1999, the Animal Legal Defense Fund wrote to FDA urging that a decision be made on our petition (Docket No. 98P-0203/CP1). We await that decision and urge our members to keep up the pressure!

In July, the US General Accounting Office (GAO) issued a report to Senator Richard J. Durbin of Illinois entitled **"Food Safety: U.S. Lacks a Consistent Farm-**

"What Can I Do?"

• We wish to thank everyone who responded to our August Action Alert urging the Food & Drug Administration to reduce egg borne diseases by prohibiting forced molting. (Submission deadline was Sept 20.) Here is yet another opportunity to make your voice heard. The President's Council on Food Safety is seeking public input on ways to reduce foodborne illness in the nation's food supply. There is no deadline, but don't wait! **Citing the appropriate docket number in**

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1999 VIGIL FOR TURKEYS!

D O N ' T M I S S I T !



Photos by Jamey West

Last Thanksgiving, activist Jamey West organized a hugely successful **Vigil for Turkeys** in the Washington Metropolitan Area. United Poultry Concerns and Compassion Over Killing were key sponsors. This year, Jamey is doing it again.



**Friday,
November 19th,
7:30-8:30 PM**

**Giant Foods Grocery
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For more information call Jamey West at 301-990-0593;
email Jamey at: watkinsgl@usa.net

Please Join Us!

More Global Warmings!

- "This summer, the fledgling field of animal law took an important step toward legitimacy when two of the country's most prestigious law schools, Harvard and Georgetown, announced that they would offer courses in animal law for the first time." – *New York Times*, Aug. 10, 1999.

- "Yesterday, [the law firm, Meyer & Glitzenstein] announced an important victory in a legal battle that had gone to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The organizers of an annual pigeon shoot in Hegins, Pa. canceled the event." – *New York Times*, Aug. 18, 1999.

- Victory! All Seattle-area schools have officially pulled chicken-hatching as part of their embryology units in elementary school, in response to the combined efforts of United Poultry Concerns and Pasado's Safe Haven. – July, 1999.

- Bowing to pressure from UPC, the ASPCA and other animal advocacy groups, the Smithsonian Institution announced it had canceled its program, "Foie Gras: A Gourmet's Passion" planned for September 21. – Aug. 23, 1999.

What Can I Do?

Cock-A-Doodle-Do!

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From Maryland & Northern VA, take the Washington beltway to Rt 50 East. Cross the Bay Bridge. Drive through Salisbury, MD and get on Rt 13 South towards Norfolk. Stay on Rt 13 South for about 75 miles until you see the B & B store. Follow the above directions to our house. 4 hrs.

From Richmond, take Interstate 64 East. After passing the exits to Norfolk International Airport, take the next exit onto Northampton Blvd to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Go across the bridge. Keep going straight. Northampton Blvd is/becomes Rt 13 North. Follow the above directions to the new home of United Poultry Concerns. 2-1/2 hrs.

Takoma Park, Maryland Selects Memorial Statue of Roscoe, the Rooster,

"who made us smile and brightened our days"



In our last (Summer) issue of *PoultryPress*, we told you about the beautiful memorial service the city of Takoma Park held for their beloved 10-year resident-at-large, Roscoe the rooster, following his death last February. UPC president Karen Davis is a proud member of the all-volunteer

Roscoe Memorial Committee which chose the statue that will be cast in bronze and erected in downtown Takoma Park at a dedication ceremony to be held in Spring 2000.

The Roscoe

Committee unanimously selected Takoma Park artist Normon Greene's clay model entry as the winner of the Roscoe design competition in July. His statue has captured Roscoe's spirit – forever.

Folks, if you ever loved a rooster, now is the time to send a wee or weighty donation to a town that shares your love. All donations will go towards paying the artist, erecting Roscoe's statue, an inscription plaque, mounting materials, and dedication ceremony expenses. Send your donation payable to Roscoe's Memorial Fund, c/o Eric Bond, Editor, Takoma Voice, PO Box 11262, Takoma Park, MD 20913 (301-891-6744; E-mail voice@takoma.com).



Photo by Normon M. Greene; Inset Photo by Eric Bond – Takoma Voice

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The Times Literary Supplement, London • Book review reprinted in The Wall Street Journal August 12, 1996
Reviewed by David Sexton

"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."

The Animals' Agenda, Vol. 16, No. 2 • Reviewed by Deborah Tanzer, PhD

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photo by Jeri Metz

BRAVO TO BRAVE!

United Poultry Concerns wishes to thank Richard Griffin, Marian Kelnor, and Boston Resource for Animals, Vegetarians, and the Environment (BRAVE) for raising over \$1,000 for United Poultry Concerns at their Second Annual "For the Birds" Walkathon to benefit United Poultry Concerns, April 17, 1999. Your Feathered Friends and All Their Friends at UPC Thank You, Dear BRAVE!

FROM HIGHWAY HORROR TO HEN HAVEN

When 65 chickens fell off a slaughter-bound truck on a busy highway in Virginia Beach on the morning of July 26, United Poultry Concerns promptly adopted 20 survivors and placed 20 other birds with UPC members Kay Evans and Jim Robertson in North Carolina. Sadly, 25 birds died at the scene, but 40 hens are alive, happy, and thriving in their new homes.



Photo by Karen Davis

Rescued hens from an overturned truck headed for the slaughterhouse enjoy their new lease on life at United Poultry Concerns.

STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Friends,

Several of our members have recently made financial contributions in the form of stock to United Poultry Concerns through our securities account. We are deeply grateful for these gifts, and anticipate more in the future. There are two obvious benefits in making stock contributions. Please consider these advantages in making your future gifts to United Poultry Concerns.

Donors may give stock up to and including \$10,000 to a nonprofit organization without impinging upon their estate. By giving this way, they avoid paying a capital gains tax on their assets, because they are gifting their assets.

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United Poultry Concerns has opened a securities account with Prudential. For information on how you can donate to us this way, please write to me or call me at 757-678-7875. Or call our financial advisor, Walter Twetten, at Prudential Securities at 1-800-368-5620 or 1-202-861-4525.

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

Sincerely,
Karen Davis, PhD
President

Goosie's Story

We are proud to introduce **Goosie's Story**, a wonderful new illustrated children's book by Louise Van Der Merwe. **Goosie's Story** is about a "battery" hen who is given a chance to lead a normal life – a happy life. Goosie tells her own story in her own words! We share her discovery of the world outside the battery prison and realize that, far from being a mere unit of production, she has a robust ability to live life to the full. This moving book will be warmly welcomed and shared by children, parents and teachers, highlighting as it does the concern and compassion we ought to feel for all our feathered friends on this earth. Order from United Poultry Concerns, P.O. Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405. \$4.95.

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For US Dept of Agriculture: DOCKET No. 98-045N

USDA/FSIS Hearing Clerk
300 12th Street, SW
Room 102 Cotton Annex
Washington DC 20250-3700

For FDA: DOCKET No. 97N-0074

FDA/Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)
5630 Fishers Lane
Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

For electronic submission: DOCKET NO. OPP-00550
oppts.homepage@epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as a ASCII file avoiding use of special characters and any form of encryption.

• Urge the US Food & Drug Administration to grant United Poultry Concerns' petition to ban forced molting. Citing DOCKET NO. 98P-0203/CP1, write:

Dockets Management Branch
Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health & Human Services
12420 Parklawn Drive, Room 1-23
Rockville, MD 20857

Feed withdrawal from turkeys and chickens "has long been shown to markedly increase contamination with both Salmonella and Campylobacter. The birds look for other food sources during feed withdrawal, eating litter [the contaminated material the birds are forced to live in] when they are hungry." Since hens being starved in their cages do not have access to litter, they are driven to "pluck and consume" cage mates' contaminated feathers (Avian Diseases 1995, 39:248).

— Food Chemical News, July 26, 1999, reporting on a recent meeting of the National Turkey Federation

AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION BETRAYS VETERINARIAN'S 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."

"We have an obligation to provide proper care even if the economics do not support it."

— William B. Chase, DVM, Symposium on Poultry Management and Production, July 11, 1999

Instead of leading the campaign to ban forced molting, the AVMA continues to betray its Oath in favor of cruel economic practices that the AVMA's own research has shown to be inhumane and disease-producing. At its House of Delegates meeting in July, the AVMA vetoed a resolution to upgrade its policy statement endorsing forced molting to a policy of opposition to forced molting. The AVMA has been besieged by the public, thousands of veterinarians, and virtually the entire animal protection community in response to the national campaign being waged by United Poultry Concerns and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights to end forced molting.

Out of career interests the AVMA has intentionally deceived the public, betrayed the birds, and betrayed its own moral and intellectual integrity by falsely comparing the deliberate starvation of hens in confinement to hens who are sitting on eggs in a state of motherhood. However, a brooding hen does not lose her immune function and get sick in order to become a mother, as do

hens being starved in their cages. Nor does a brooding hen forego food entirely. A brooding hen (a hen sitting on eggs) leaves her nest every day for 10 to 15 minutes to stretch, eat, drink, and defecate. If mother hens lost their immune function and developed diseased reproductive systems as do hens being force molted, chickens would have become extinct a long time ago. Individual members of the AVMA confided to United Poultry Concerns their personal disgust with the association's miserable stand on forced molting at the Symposium on Poultry Management and Production that was part of the AVMA's annual meeting in July.

"What Can I Do?"

• Tell the AVMA to oppose the withholding of food from hens for any length of time. Tell the association to live up to its oath to protect public and animal health and relieve animal suffering. Write to:

Richard C. Swanson, President
American Veterinary Medical Association
1931 North Meacham Rd, Suite 100
Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360

ACTION FOR ANIMALS



Speakers at UPC's Direct Action for Animals forum, June 26-27, included, clockwise from top left: Zoe Weil, Bruce Friedrich, Freeman Wicklund, Karen Davis, Miyun Park, Patty Mark, Kim Stallwood, Richard Griffin, Katie Fedor, Debbie Leahy, Dean Smith, Pam Rice, and Norman Phelps.

For a summary of the conference, see UPC's website: www.upc-online.org

UPC Direct Action for Chickens

June 28, 1999



1. UPC member Mary Finelli holds a dead chicken in front of a dead-chicken-eater at our rally in Eastville, VA.



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2. UPC Rally at courthouse in Eastville, VA.

3. Local realtor David Kabler, who is suing Perdue, says, "Peace, not Perdue!"

4. Outside the largest chicken slaughterhouse on the Eastern Shore, Accomack, VA.

5.-6. Chickens who fell out of the trucks and died the morning of our protest in Eastville, VA.



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THE VEGAN SOURCEBOOK

By Joanne Stepaniak, M.S.ED

Lowell House, Los Angeles, CA, 1998

Softcover. 352 pages. Bibliography, Index, Recipes

ISBN: 1-56565-880-9

US \$21.95; Can \$30.95

Reviewed by Karen Davis, PhD

People often say that humans have always eaten animals, as if this is a justification for continuing the practice. According to this logic, we should not try to prevent people from murdering other people, since this has always been done since earliest of times.

— Isaac Bashevis Singer,
quoted in *The Vegan Sourcebook*

People who want to explore the full meaning of a vegan lifestyle and philosophy should purchase this book. It is beautifully written, elegant, and informative. To be vegan is to avoid the use of animal products in one's diet, but it is more than this, because it embraces the entire way one chooses and wishes to live in relation to all of one's fellow creatures and to the earth itself.

Vegans desire that the Golden Rule should be a reality and not just a pipe dream. "And let it begin with me." For this they are often criticized. As Maureen Koplow says in this book, "I've been accused of being a do-gooder as though it were a bad thing to be. My reply is that in every situation you can do good, do bad, or do nothing. There are no rules, no laws, no guards looking over your shoulder."

For those who think vegans are "squeamish" and weak, this book shows the fallacy of such thinking. It takes guts as well as imagination and self-control to look an innocent victim in the eye at the moment of that victim's supreme suffering and degradation at the hands of one's species. To live with this scene as well as to confront "every day of your life the fact that you are most definitely in the minority" is not for the squeamish. Meanwhile, this minority grows bigger every day.

Very much, this book is about the travail of the vegan experience as well as the joy of it. If you want to know how the modern vegan movement got started, the author takes us there. What I like best about this book is the immediacy of personal experiences told in a variety of voices, including the author's, of which mine is one among many others. We all have our stories of "how we got here," along with the trials and rewards of maintaining and extending our position in the world we seek to influence. How do one's deepest sentiments get transformed into convictions and principles of conduct, a way of life, a lifework?

The Vegan Sourcebook combines personal experiences with history and philosophical perspectives. It looks at the earth and at the treatment of animals. It provides a clear explanation, including a glossary, of foods, food ingredients, and vegan nutrition. It lists organizations, addresses and phone numbers. It has a section of vegan recipes: breakfast, lunch, dinner, desserts; salads, soups, breads, and spreads. Joanne Stepaniak is the author of five internationally acclaimed cookbooks. This book, which is a cookbook and a guide to civilized living, costs \$21.95 (\$30.95 in Canada). It is worth every penny.

Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs

An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry

By Karen Davis, Ph.D.

President and Founder of United Poultry Concerns
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VEGETARIAN JUDAISM: A GUIDE FOR EVERYONE

By Roberta Kalechofsky, Ph.D.

Micah Publications, Marblehead, MA, 01945, 1998

Fax: 781-639-0772. E-mail: micah@micahbooks.com

Softcover. 256 pages. Bibliography, Index, Recipes, Menus

ISBN: 0-916288-45-5

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Reviewed by Karen Davis, PhD

Vegetarian Judaism is a gold mine of information and ideas about Jewish history as a guide to modern dietary choices and values. It is of central importance in the effort to understand the role of religion (Hebrew and others) in meat consumption and the ethical treatment of animals. To be a vegetarian – is this to defy the principles of Judaism or to embody them more fully? Kalechofsky brings Jewish history and Talmudic and rabbinic commentary to life in this inquiry into the relationship between animals, humans, and diet. The book proposes, and gives substantive evidence for the proposition, that “A vegetarian Judaism is the historical fulfillment of our dietary commandments and of our ethos, because it restores respect for non-human creatures and for the holiness of all creation.”

A touchstone in this book is the tradition of *kashrut*, one's view and maintenance of the world and oneself as “fresh, pure, and strong.” Kalechofsky argues and shows how *kashrut* can and must be updated. Whatever took place in the actual past, animal food production in the modern world is filthy, cruel, degrading, disease-producing, and environmentally destructive. So-called kosher slaughter is ugly and sickening; so is non-kosher commercial slaughter. Kalechofsky shows why there is no true choice between these two killing methodologies. True choice lies elsewhere.

If you are concerned about the health care issues of diet, this book documents the interaction between harmful bacteria, antibiotics, and immune system breakdown in modern animal food production and consumption. Should people be concerned about eating the brain tissue of chickens and turkeys as well as sheep, pigs, and cows via animal feed? The August issue of *Harper's Magazine* describes the grinding up of chickens' heads

and faces at the slaughter plant to be fed back to chickens, and the “horrible fumes released by the decomposing blood” in the room where this is done. For poultry slaughterhouse workers, “a common reaction to the bacteria in chicken carcasses” is to lose their fingernails. Kalechofsky reminds us that “When we eat a chicken or an egg today, we do not eat a symbolic life-giving force. If we incorporate this symbolism into our psyches, we do so with deception and should adjust the symbolism of chicken and egg to that of disease and death.” Pathogens – disease-causing microbes – are invisible to the naked eye, but so are many other evils, including masking them with “antibacterial sprays” (more likely to increase bacterial resistance than to eliminate bacteria) and lies.

Kalechofsky is a distinguished author and publisher of many books of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and scholarly studies. *Vegetarian Judaism* is a meditation on the meaning and a guide for the making of things that are “fresh, pure, and strong” in the modern world and the millennium. It is about honoring Jewish history – all history – by using it effectively to create a much better future for humans, non-human creatures, and the environment. Buy the book and see for yourself.

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HUMANE SLAUGHTER?

HUMANE SLAUGHTER takes the viewer into poultry slaughterhouses to witness the horrendous suffering endured by chickens and turkeys. The video contains undercover footage obtained by Farm Sanctuary investigators of standard poultry slaughter operations, where terrified chickens and turkeys are slowly bled to death – sometimes on the slaughterhouse floor.

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– Karen Davis, “The Death,” *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry*, p. 114.

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We welcome inquiries.

United Poultry Concerns, Inc.

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Annual Report for 1998

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 members for enabling us to fulfill our mission in 1998.

In 1998, United Poultry Concerns:

- Petitioned the U.S. Food & Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ban the forced molting (intentional starvation) of hens used for egg production because it is cruel and it causes disease, in particular *Salmonella Enteritidis*. The petition is now pending and we await a decision.
- Placed full-page display ads in *DVM News Magazine* (Sept 1998) and the *ASPCA Animal Watch* (Winter 1998) to educate veterinarians and the public about forced molting and to urge people to oppose the practice. These ads generated thousands of letters to the American Veterinary Medical Association, FDA, USDA, and United Egg Producers.
- Launched a sign-on petition resulting in 10,000 signatures urging the U.S. egg industry to eliminate forced molting.
- Surveyed egg companies throughout the United States regarding their use of forced molting and succeeded in obtaining signed statements from 15 egg company managers acknowledging that they starve their hens to manipulate egg production.
- Held a successful education table and leafleted thousands of people at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll on April 13, bringing animal activism to this event for the first time.
- Held a successful *Easter Eggless Extravaganza* open to the public at our sanctuary in Potomac, Maryland on April 11th along with our 9th annual all-vegetarian Thanksgiving party at our new location in Machipongo, Virginia on Nov 21st.
- Conducted our 7th annual protest demonstration at the Delmarva Chicken Festival (Millsboro, Delaware), June 12-13; and our 8th Annual Spring Mourning Vigil for Chickens in Ocean City, Maryland, August 15.
- Purchased an 8.26-acre property for our permanent headquarters and chicken sanctuary in Machipongo, Virginia where we established residence on September 19th.
- Published our third, revised edition of *Replacing School Hatching Projects: Alternative Resources & How to Order Them*. Distributed 2,500 copies to teachers around the country.
- Presented workshops and held exhibit tables at the Maryland Association of Science Teachers 1998 Fall Conference in Frederick, MD Oct 23-24; and the National Science Teachers Association Convention in Albuquerque, NM Dec 3-5.
- Translated our brochure on Live Poultry Markets into Spanish and Chinese enabling us to reach thousands of Hispanic and Chinese-speaking Americans at successful demonstrations in Boston, New York City, and San Francisco.
- Found a permanent, loving home for Lily, the former "ticktacktoe" chicken rescued from the Mott Street Arcade in New York City in March.
- Launched a campaign to stop the "Annual Poultry Slam," a radio show aired nationally in December. On November 22nd, the producer, Ira Glass, visited UPC's sanctuary for chickens in response to our invitation to him to meet our birds.

WALKING TO FREEDOM



AFTER A YEAR IN CAGES

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• Persuaded Frying Pan Park, a tourist farm in Fairfax County, VA to improve its poultry area and to stop debeaking the birds. Frying Pan Park is where the Thanksgiving turkey, "pardoned" each year by the U.S. president, goes to live out the rest of his life. UPC removed two sickly, lice-infested chickens from the park and placed them permanently in our sanctuary.

- Launched our investigation of the Museum of Science & Industry in Chicago and confirmed that the museum's hatchery exhibit chicks are fed to the reptiles at the Lincoln Park Zoo. UPC president Karen Davis published a letter, "Zoo sore spot," in the *Chicago Tribune* on May 4th.

- UPC president Karen Davis gave talks at the North American Vegetarian Society Summerfest, University of Michigan, Alliance for Animals in Virginia Conference, University of Central Florida, Rhode Island Animal Rights Coalition, and the Summit for the Animals. UPC received news coverage in the *Potomac Gazette*, *Eastern Shore News*, *The Scientist*, *Egg Industry*, and other media.

- In 1998, United Poultry Concerns was listed in the 17th edition of *The Yearbook of Experts: Authorities & Spokespersons*, and the National Press Club of Washington Directory.

- United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent chicken and duck sanctuary and education center at our

headquarters at 12325 Seaside Road, Machipongo, Virginia 23405. In 1998, we adopted birds from animal shelters in Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware, and from poultry industry sources and school hatching programs in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. United Poultry Concerns provides a full-time adoption, placement, and referral service, locally and nationally, for domestic fowl.

- UPC's website administration office, headed by Franklin Wade, is located in Bethesda, Maryland. UPC's website address is www.upc-online.org.

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

Sincerely,
Karen Davis
President

United Poultry Concerns 1998 Financial Report

Revenues.....	\$124,976.00
Public Support.....	120,202.00
Program Services Revenues (Book Sales).....	876.00
Interest on Savings	1,869.00
Revenues from sale of educational materials	2,029.00
Expenses.....	\$80,932.00
Programs and Education.....	59,664.00
Management and Administration	10,515.00
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Instead of Chicken, Instead of Turkey: A Poultryless "Poultry" Potpourri

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

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By Nigel Burroughs

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Story & Pictures By Dav Pilkey

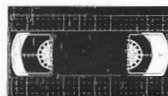
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- "Philosophic Vegetarianism: Acting Affirmatively For Peace"
- "Providing a Good Home for Chickens"
- "School Hatching Projects: A Poor Lesson for Children"
- "Chicken Talk: The Language of Chickens"

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I am a turkey...

~ Priscilla ~



*And it is getting close to November
I haven't long to live
And I wonder why I must die
They tell me it is "tradition"
The carving of my dead body
On Thanksgiving Day in America.*

*But I long to gobble gobble in the fresh air!
I long to love my children
I long to live my life with dignity
And I am not stupid!!*

*Last year, they dressed me up in silly costumes
And called it "Turkey Olympics"
But my human friends got together
And said: "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! NO MORE NONSENSE!
STOP IT!"*

*And surprise of surprises, they did stop it!
Most of all, I long for a permanent "stay of execution"
Please don't eat me, I beg!*

*From "If Birds Could Speak
(The Longings of Our Feathered Friends)" by Richard Griffin*

Pay attention to me!

WE'VE MOVED!

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