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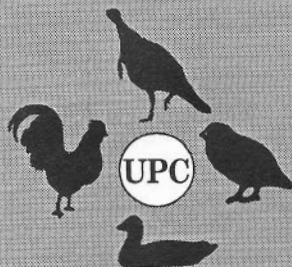
The Future of the Animal Rights Movement

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Trying to predict the future of the animal rights movement involves seeing what changes have occurred in public opinion or action thus far regarding the moral status of animals in society. Encouragingly, a 1994 article in the *Los Angeles Times* observed that "In a century and a half of activism, the animal protection movement has transformed the national consciousness, altering how mainstream Americans regard other creatures" (Balzar 1993, A1). A new *Los Angeles Times* poll showed that half or more Americans surveyed oppose sport hunting and the wearing of fur, and that scientists and protectionists have become joined "in questioning humanity's most deeply embedded relationship with animals—as a source of food" (Balzar, A30).

A good sign coming from the media was the 1994 radio commentary by "20/20's" Hugh Downs, in which he compared the growing realization that other animals "share an inner world as reasonable and as sensible as ours" to the realization which led European Whites finally to become "morally obligated to grant manumission to Black slaves," after centuries of justifying human slavery with the same arguments that are applied today to nonhuman animals. Such thoughts give hope to those who must contend with the flood of animal abuse reports pouring into their offices every day.

*"Non-human animals
today are slaves.
Tomorrow they should
no longer be slaves."*

— David Olivier
(1994, 11)

Yet three daunting realities confront the animal rights movement: (1) the huge and expanding number of animals at our mercy on this planet; (2) the expanding global human population; and (3) the fact that the animals are not a part of the liberation movement formed on their behalf.

At a time when entire species of animals in nature are being eliminated as a result of human pressure, the number of animals in human-created confinement systems—laboratories, factory farms, zoos, etc.—continues to grow. The use of biotechnology to propagate nonhuman animals for humans to use however they wish does not bode well and can only be exacerbated by the continued growth of human population. How can the animal rights movement ever hope to "manage" such an enormous number of individuals with a seemingly limitless capacity to materialize and rationalize its desires, however mistaken?

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Unlike women and other subjugated human groups, the animals cannot organize to defend themselves. Any rebellion on the part of an individual animal, from the anguished outburst of a tormented "circus" elephant to an exhausted chicken's inability to lay enough eggs to justify her continued existence as a capital investment, is punishable by death. Thus, while every effort must be made to extend equal protection to all animals under the law, it is doubtful that the law can protect creatures whom it has defined in advance as *property*. Law professor Gary Francione has revealed "the extent to which the legal system has incorporated animals as property without any regard for their status as sentient beings different from inanimate objects (Francione 1995, 50).¹ Even the so-called "interests" of other creatures count for nothing compared with human interests which, as David Olivier has said, "are put into the scales not as plain interests, but with the much stronger status of *rights*" (Olivier 1994, 15).

According to philosopher Peter Singer, "Animal liberation will not be accomplished until we persuade people that we don't have the right to dominate and exploit [other] animals" (Stallwood 1994, 31). How do we do this? One way is replacing the perception of nonhuman animals as "things" by revising our language to reflect the reality of other animals' lives—like saying "animals who" instead of "animals which" (Summit 1995). This could go a long way in changing society's treatment of other creatures, for it is one thing to eat "it," another thing to eat "him," or "her."

By thus upgrading the language, advocates encourage the public to see the harm in continuing to define other creatures legally as "property." Noting that "law not only enforces morality but defines it," attorney Steven Zak says, "Until the law protects the interests of animals, the animal-rights movement will by definition be radical" (Zak 1989, 74).

Morally, the animal rights movement has to be radical. Advocates must work to establish a way of living that would actually allow the other animals of the world to "fare well" with humans on this planet, creating an environment that nourishes other roots than those that have so far prevailed in our relationship with other creatures. Many more people will openly care about animals when they feel it is socially safe. Consider the concert organizer who was amazed by the

outrage of national animal rights groups over the abuse of a chicken at a rock concert. Having known that something "bad" was being planned for the chicken he said, "We would have done something sooner if we thought people would care this much about a chicken" (Guinto 1995, 7). In the light of such episodes, every affirmative action for animals is a major step. When we "stick up for chickens," we increase the amount of moral courage in the world.

The FUTURE of the Animal Rights Movement

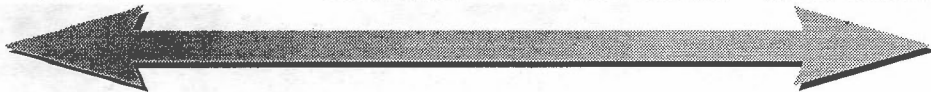
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1. Gary Francione's *Animals, Property, and the Law* (1995) offers a vivid historical analysis of the status of nonhuman animals as legal property. It explains the legal, philosophical, and economic difference between "welfare" and "rights," and why the distinction is not merely academic but of critical importance for animals, ethics, and the future. Francione is a Professor of Law at Rutgers University Law School.

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THE ROOSTER PULL



Rooster Pull Publicized at *Pocahontas*



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"Kindness and compassion towards all living things is a mark of a civilized society. Conversely, cruelty, whether it is directed against human beings or against animals, is not the exclusive province of any one culture or community of people. Racism, economic deprivation, dog fighting and cockfighting, bullfighting and rodeos are cut from the same fabric: violence. Only when we have become nonviolent towards all life will we have learned to live well ourselves."

—Cesar E. Chavez
President, United Farm Workers
of America, letter, Dec. 26, 1990

UPC activists in seven major U.S. cities leafleted moviegoers on the opening night of Walt Disney's *Pocahontas* on June 23rd. The leafletting targeted a violent dismemberment sport which is still being held by certain Native American pueblos in New Mexico, in which a live rooster is buried in dirt or hung from a tree and used as a club and torn to pieces by men on horses. Activists urged *Pocahontas* patrons to mail or fax the leaflet coupon to the All Indian Pueblo Council imploring them to ban the rooster pull and replace it with a non-violent entertainment that accords with the spirit of respect for life advocated in *Pocahontas*. Each precious creature, *Pocahontas* sings, has "a life, a spirit, and a name."

The following day, Saturday June 24, the Zia Pueblo held a rooster pull, which was reported in the **Santa Fe New Mexican** 6/25: "Late in the afternoon Saturday—San Juan feast day, a

traditional rooster pull day—five horsemen duked it out with a rooster, just as Zia Pueblo Gov. Stanley Pino has said pueblo residents have been doing for generations. In the middle of the road leading to the mesa-top center of Zia—just off N.M. 44 northwest of Bernalillo—rooster pull participants tugged at the bird from atop their mounts. When one rider gained control of the rooster for a moment or two, he used the bird to whack his opponents. Just about every rider seemed to get in a few licks.

"From a short distance away, the sport appeared to be lacking in gore—no spouts or splashes of blood. A few feathers flew as the riders delivered blows with the rooster-as-weapon. But eventually the game ended with one rider having the largest part of the rooster, with the featherless, headless neck attached. And after that, the feast day continued with other events. . . ."

Spurred by the *Pocahontas* leafletting, **The New York Times** and the Associated Press published articles on June 24 about the rooster pull, which Zia Gov. Pino compared to a rodeo and other benighted traditions: "It's something we've been doing for I don't know how long, by our fathers and their fathers and their grandfathers before them." While noting "the kids aren't really into it anymore," he told reporters that his pueblo will continue doing rooster pulls for spite, and blame their meanness on other people: "Pino said the outcry against rooster pulls has strengthened the resolve among Zias to keep the tradition going . . . at a time when the sport seemed

ready to fade away because of indifference."

At the last minute, Gov. Pino backed out of a 1-hour CBS Radio Network debate with UPC President Karen Davis on the nationally syndicated *Gil Gross Show* on July 7. He was replaced by New Mexico state historian Robert Torrez who repetitively stated that the pueblos have a right to do as they please—with roosters (not with him). For instance, at the Santa Ana pueblo a bunch of guys sit around on horses laughing and beating each other over the head with three or four roosters.

Encouragingly, the NM Dept of Tourism announced in June it had "decided to remove any listings of rooster pulls from all future publications of the New Mexico Vacation Guide" and that "New Mexico will not condone such activities."

What Can I Do?

- Contact the pueblos that definitely held rooster pulls this past summer (1995) and respectfully but firmly tell them that their continuation of this cruelty will eventually hurt their pueblo. Urge these pueblos, and the All Indian Pueblo Council, to adopt a policy which bans the Rooster Pull and ask that the Native American Pueblos adhere to standards of fairness and respect in the treatment of other creatures.

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H.R. 264, Humane Methods of Poultry Slaughter Act of 1995

Every day more than 30 million chickens, turkeys, and ducks are brutally murdered in U.S. slaughterhouses. Strung up in shackles, these birds are painfully shocked and paralyzed as their faces are dragged through a splashing electric water trough. *They are not stunned or intended to be stunned.* The purpose of the electric bath is to "relax neck muscles and contract wing muscles for proper positioning of the head for automatic killers, prevent excessive struggling and wing-flapping during bleedout, facilitate rapid bleeding, and relax or loosen feathers." (*Journal of Applied Poultry Research* 1.1, March 1992, p. 136). The conscious birds exit the trough and move toward the neck cutter with "arched necks, open, fixed eyes, tucked wings, extended, rigid legs, shuddering (seizure), turned up tail feathers, and a lack of defecation (as current increases, the extent of defecation decreases)." JAPR, p. 142.

Birds are excluded from the 1958 "Humane Methods of Slaughter Act." H.R. 264, introduced by Rep. Andy Jacobs of Indiana, seeks to ensure that "Poultry are rendered permanently unconscious by an electrical, chemical, or other method that is rapid and effective before or immediately after the poultry are shackled or otherwise prepared for slaughter."

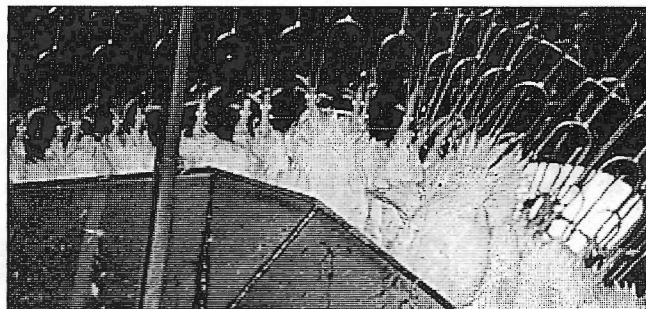


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What Can I Do?

- Urge your U.S. House Rep. to cosponsor H.R. 264, the Humane Methods of Poultry Slaughter Act of 1995: Hon. _____, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.
- Urge your U.S. Senators to introduce a Senate Companion Bill to H.R. 264: Hon. _____, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.

Rooster Pull Publicized at Pocahontas

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Write, phone, fax: Chairman Harry Early, All Indian Pueblo Council, 3939 San Pedro Drive, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 (ph: 505/881-1992; fax: 505/883-7682).

Write:

Pueblo of Acoma
P.O. Box 309
Acomita, NM 87034
Attn: Gov. Ronald Shitiva

Pueblo of Zia
135 Capital Square Drive
San Ysidro, NM 87053
Attn: Gov. Stanley Pino

Pueblo of Santo Domingo
P.O. Box 99
Santo Domingo, NM 87052
Attn: Gov. Bennie Starr

Pueblo of Santa Ana
2 Dove Road
Bernalillo, NM 87004
Attn: Gov. Ernest J. Lujan

Thank for discontinuing rooster pulls:

Pueblo of Jemez
P.O. Box 100
Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024
Attn: Gov. Paul Chinana

Pueblo of Laguna
P.O. Box 194
Old Laguna, NM 87026
Attn: Gov. Roland Johnson

Not sure of position:

Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta, NM 87022
Attn: Gov. Alvino Lucero

Write: Reverend Richard Olona, Chancellor, Archdiocese of Santa Fe, 4000 St. Joseph Place, NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. Quoted in the Albuquerque Journal, he said that although "the church believes all God's creatures should be treated with respect and not abused," he is neutral on the rooster pull and "would not

consider it abuse in that context" of traditional celebration. Please ask him to embrace the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi by denouncing the rooster pulls for what they are: cruelty and unkindness to God's creatures.

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UPC would like to thank the following people for successfully organizing the leafleting at the opening of *Pocahontas*: Bill Dollinger, Washington DC; Lisa Jennings, Albuquerque, NM; Pam Teisler and Barbara Stagno, NYC; Simon Oswitch, Los Angeles; Kari Ofstedahl, San Francisco; Susan Koenker, Chicago; Ron Wright, St. Petersburg, FL. UPC is grateful to Sangre de Cristo Animal Protection, Inc. for their vigorous state-wide campaign in New Mexico and invaluable national assistance to stop the rooster pull.

Superglue Advocated for Preventing Fecal Leakage in Poultry

Food Chemical News April 24, 1995, p. 12: "Robert Cook, a consultant from Alexandria, VA, complained that processes exist that would allow the industry to improve the safety of its products, but that the regulatory agencies, governed by laws written generations ago, have not yet approved them. As an example, he talked about using Superglue to seal the vents on poultry before slaughter to prevent the birds from reflexively excreting fecal material at the time of death. . . ."

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, Ontario, CA, May 16, 1995: Jim Munn, president of Pacer Technology, Rancho Cucamonga, CA has been trying since 1992 to get government agencies to approve his company's superglue product "Rectite" for use in gluing shut the rectal cavities of turkeys and chickens to prevent fecal matter from contaminating meat and cut down on the number of birds required to be re-processed and re-inspected.

FDA told UPC that an "Investigational New Animal Drug Application" was filed but that FDA can't technically admit there's an application because it falls under "trade secret and confidential commercial information." Acknowledging the application to UPC was based on the fact that the matter has already been made public. Superglue trials are apparently being conducted. UPC is filing a Freedom of Information Act request for records from FDA and USDA.

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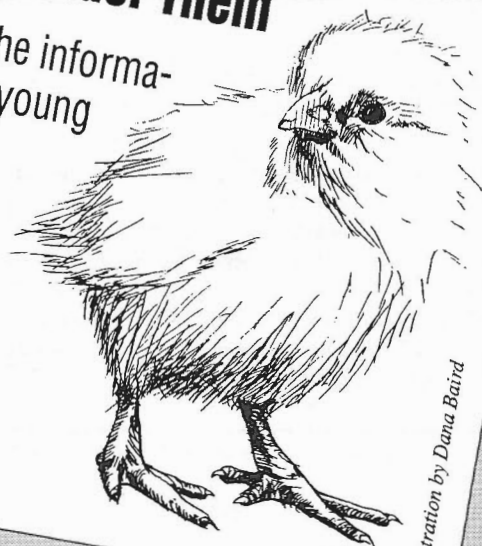


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Please Make the Vegan Pledge Now

The last issue of *PoultryPress* (Spring/Summer 1995, p. 6) announced that the Summit for the Animals passed a Resolution in April presented by United Poultry Concerns, Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, and Farm Sanctuary "to adopt a vegan meal policy for our organizational functions, including fundraisers, and to encourage and help our companion organizations to serve only vegan meals at their functions, thereby showing the strong and creditable leadership which speeds public acceptance of progressive social attitudes and customs."

United Poultry Concerns is pleased to list the following signatories to this Resolution: Alley Cat Allies, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Animal Protection Institute, The Animals' Agenda, The Animals' Voice, Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, Committee to Abolish Sport Hunting, The Elephant Alliance, Farm Animal Reform Movement, Farm Sanctuary, Friends of Animals, The Fund for Animals, The Humane Farming Association, In Defense of Animals, Last Chance for Animals, National Alliance for Animals, New England Anti-Vivisection Society, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Performing Animal Welfare Society, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, Primarily Primates, Progressive Animal Welfare Society, Psychologists for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, St. Charles Humane Society (MO), St. Louis Animal Rights Team (MO), United Animal Nations, United Poultry Concerns.

If you belong to an animal protection organization that is still serving animal products, urge your group to adopt an ethically consistent meal plan. Please let us know that your group has adopted the **Vegan Meals Only Policy** so that we can add your group to the growing list of organizations dedicated to the ethical treatment of all animals. Signatory groups will be published in forthcoming issues of *PoultryPress*.

Vegan Meals Only Policy

I am proud to add our group to the growing number of animal advocacy and vegetarian organizations that have adopted an ethically consistent meal plan free of animal products.

Signed,

Organization

Title

Date

Mail to:
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Potomac, MD 20859

In Memoriam

United Poultry Concerns is deeply grateful to Bonnie Robbins in Seattle, WA for her kind memorial gift in the name of Mr. Howard W. Robbins. Mr. Robbins "adored chickens and roosters. Even after he has left us, his chickens continue to lay their eggs beside his beautiful garden. I am certain he would have been impressed with the fine work you are doing."

United Poultry Concerns was honored again this year with a compassionate gift from Violet Aharonian of Broomall, PA in memory of her cherished Rhode Island Red hen, Precious, "whom I shall always love and never forget." On April 27, 1994, Precious was taken without warning by a local animal control officer and killed.

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Chickens are lively sociable birds whose ancestry goes back tens of thousands of years to the jungles of Southeast Asia where their jungle-fowl relatives roam free to this day. Chickens are ground-dwelling birds who like to roost off the ground at night. Natural group composition includes a dominant rooster, one or more hens, one or more subordinate roosters, and young birds. Though chickens can distinguish from 80 to 200 individual members of their species, they prefer living in small ranging flocks of no more than about 20.

Chickens are physically active birds who spend much of their day foraging for food—scratching and pecking vigorously with their claws and beaks in search of seeds, seedlings, fruits, berries, insects and worms. They also eat lots of green plants, rich in calcium and vitamins. In nature chickens start foraging before dawn. Perched in the trees, and sensitive to infrared light, they see morning light almost an hour before we do. Roosters crow at dawn and during the day to make announcements (“Here’s food!”), sound warnings (“Hawk!”), and keep track of each other (“My group’s here; where’s yours?”). At midday chickens like to return to their resting place to preen, sunbathe, and dustbathe. Preening

and dustbathing keep their skin and feathers clean and water resistant by getting rid of built-up oil and distributing fresh oil from the preen gland located at the base of their tail. Chickens require full-spectrum natural sunlight for vitamin D and overall health. (They should never be forced to live under continuous or fluorescent lighting, which harms their immune system, color perception, and ability to transport calcium through cell membranes.) They also need ready access to cool shady places to avoid overheating. Above 80 degrees F, chickens develop heat stress which can kill them. Below 20 degrees F, their combs and wattles can develop painful frostbite.

In the late afternoon, chickens like to forage before going to roost. Though they have excellent color vision, chickens do not see well at night making them vulnerable to predators. Weasels, foxes, raccoons, possums, owls, hawks, dogs, and sometimes cats prey on chickens. At night they should sleep in a predator-proof coop with elevated solid—not swinging—perches such as tree limbs and sturdy branches big enough in circumference for a good grip and far enough from the wall so they don’t bump into it. (As “broiler” chickens mature they usually become too heavy to perch and must be able to sleep comfortably on the ground inside the coop.) Droppings below

the perches must be removed every day (a putty knife works well for this), or a manure pit must be installed and cleaned out regularly, to avoid disease and the toxic ammonia fumes from accumulated droppings that can cause respiratory illness and blindness in chickens.

Fresh Food and Water

Chickens must always have plenty of fresh clean water. Their foraging areas should be free of applied chemicals and their food must be fresh. Store their food in clean, dry, rodent-proof metal containers. Moldy food poisons chickens and should never be fed to them. Premixed nutritionally-balanced food is available in bulk (e.g. 50 lbs), or you can make your own by mixing together chicken scratch

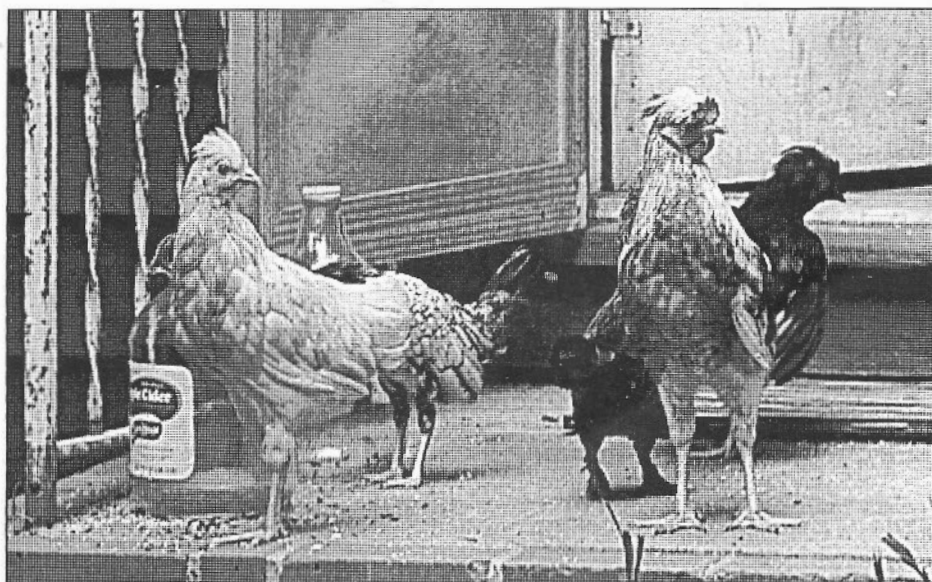


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UPC chickens Charity, Bantu, Clarence, and Glynnis.

(whole wheat & cracked corn sold in bulk at feed stores) and a good selection of wild bird food. (Premixed poultry rations often contain antibiotics and typically include rendered dead and diseased birds, offal and other slaughterhouse refuse.) Mix roughly: 65% grains including barley, corn, milo (sorghum), millet, oats, wheat, brown rice; 10% alfalfa meal or ground hay; 16-20% sunflower or oil seeds, dried peas, cooked soybeans or soybean meal—don't feed chickens raw soybeans, which have toxins; 7% hydrated lime for extra calcium for eggshell formation; 1% trace mineral salt. Chickens have gizzards instead of teeth to grind food. To grind, gizzards employ grit—pebbles and other hard indigestible objects chickens pick up while foraging. An indoor chicken should always have some grit available. Chickens *love* fresh treats. (Contrary to what you may have heard, chickens do not like garbage.) Offer them cooked spaghetti with tomato sauce, steamed brown rice, grapes, fresh greens, chopped cooked potatoes, whole grain bread, raw tomatoes, and their own eggs hard-boiled including the shells (eggshells have calcium and other minerals for chickens).

Clean, Comfortable, Predator-Proof Housing

The purpose of a coop is to provide shelter from direct snow, ice, rain, direct wind, and predators. It should be roomy (at least 8 to 10 square feet per bird), well-insulated, and well-ventilated. Cold winter nights can be warmed and frozen drinking water prevented by installing one or two electric heat lamps above the perching area and by spreading a thick layer of wood chips and hay or straw over the dirt floor. Chicken-wire walls should be covered with plastic or other insulation during the winter in cold latitudes. The weather-proof roof should slope so as not to collect water and be made of a material that does not collect and hold heat. Roof and sides enclosed with galvanized mesh or chicken wire should go down at least 2 feet in the ground. Dig a trench around the coop and put the wire 2 feet in the trench. Refill the trench with soil to keep out burrowing predators. Or rest a pressure-treated wood frame on a ground-level base of 2 concrete blocks (16-inch depth) below the frame. The coop should be sunny and airy (but not drafty) and have cozy dim areas where the hens can quietly lay their eggs. Hens prefer a nesting place or nest box in the southeast corner of the coop. Four hens can comfortably share a nest.

It is difficult to predator-proof a yard other than by checking on your chickens frequently. If you hear a clamor, run outside as fast as you can. An outdoor daytime pen should be surrounded by a 6 to 8 foot fence (to keep the bantams from flying over it) and a good set of sidewalls to hang

Coop doors and ramps

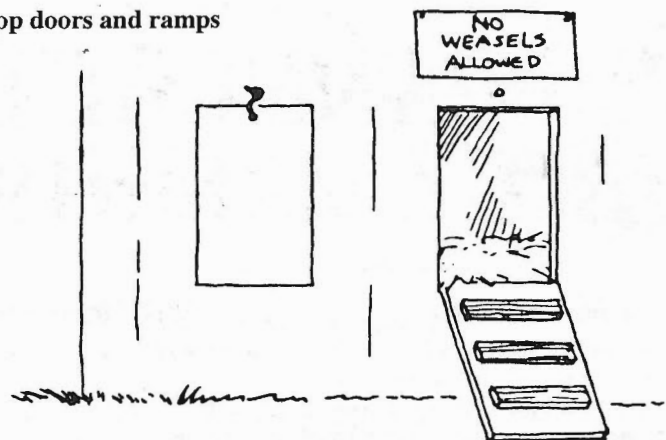


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poultry netting on to cover the pen for protection from hawks or owls.

Tender loving care

Though chickens are naturally hardy, and can live up to 16 years, they can develop respiratory infections and other ailments that demand the same high-quality veterinary care that you give to your companion dog or cat. The heavy "broiler" chickens are prone to heart and lung problems and to heat stress, crippling, and early death as a result of artificial manipulation for rapid and excessive weight gain. The so-called "egg-type" hens are susceptible to problems associated with laying, including oviduct tumors. When your chickens know that you love and respect them, they will want to be with you as well as enjoying themselves on their own. They'll sit on the porch in the evening and they'll contentedly preen themselves standing next to you, sure signs that they feel at home.

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ANNUAL REPORT for 1994

To Our Members,

On behalf of United Poultry Concerns, I would like to thank each and every one of you very much for your strong and continuing support on behalf of our dedicated effort to create a more just and compassionate world for chickens and other domestic fowl. Thanks to your support in 1994, UPC:

- persuaded Bob Evans Farms to replace the "International Chicken Flying Contest" with a humane form of entertainment at their annual October festival.
- persuaded The Coca-Cola Company to issue a policy statement against sponsoring or promoting cockfighting events in Latin America.
- persuaded American Airlines to remove foie gras from its International Duty Free catalog by June 1995.
- initiated a vigorous letter-writing campaign to replace the annual "Turkey Olympics" in New Preston, CT with a humane form of Thanksgiving entertainment.
- launched the international protest campaign against the "rooster pull," a horrible tourist entertainment in New Mexico based on the dismemberment of live roosters before spectators.
- organized successful public education protests with strong media coverage at the Townsends chicken slaughterhouse in Millsboro, DE; the Delmarva Chicken Festival in Dover, DE; the National Turkey Federation conference in Williamsburg, VA; and the United Game Fowl Breeders Association in Richmond, VA.
- published the first information brochure in the United States on ostriches and emus; a brochure against chicken-flying contests; a Fact Sheet on the effect of intensive

1994 Financial Report

Revenues	\$42,043
Public Support	40,534
Sales	1,410
Interest	99
Expenses	\$32,693
Education	25,275
Management	5,785
Fundraising/Admin	1,633
Net Assets/Fund Balance ...	\$21,144

poultry production, "Fouling the Environment."

- introduced the powerful new video showing the horrendous cruelty of factory farm egg production, **Raw Footage, Raw Pain: Inside a Battery Hen Operation** by Dave Crawford.
- launched a national campaign to replace chick hatching projects with humane alternatives in the classroom. UPC published and distributed a model resource catalog for educators, the first and only one of its kind in the United States, **Replacing School Hatching Projects: Alternative Resources & How to Order Them**.
- extended our campaign against the debeaking of poultry in food production by placing a vivid sequence of display advertisements in **WildBird** magazine and in **The Diamondback** student newspaper at the University of Maryland, College Park.
- adopted eleven homeless chickens into our sanctuary as well as placing many abandoned and abused chickens, turkeys, and ducks in permanent homes around the country.
- published numerous letters-to-the-editor and op-ed articles including

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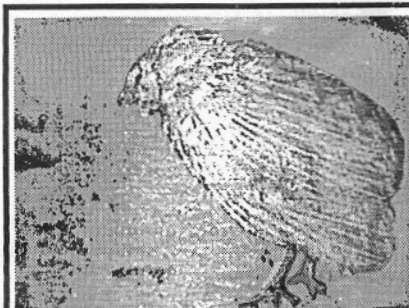
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publications in **The New York Times**, **The Christian Science Monitor**, **The Washington Post**, and **Dear Abby**.

- provided a wealth of information and assistance in immediate response to thousands of requests from educators, parents, animal activists, public interest groups, students, and the media throughout the year.



Taken from the videotape: a suffering, dying hen at Boulder Valley Poultry Farms

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Turkey Shoot Exposed by Undercover Video Sting!

By **Steve Hindi**

Chicago Animal Rights Coalition (CHARC)

During our years of fighting pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania, we have heard rumors of Schuylkill County "turkey shoots." The rumor was that in PA, the local sickos shot live, captive turkeys. It all sounded too crazy to be true. However, considering the area, we had to investigate. Activists from Illinois, PA, and New York came together for the June 11 undercover operation. The result was hours of videotape evidence exposing an unimaginable act of cruelty and cowardice.

About 100 turkey hens were brought to the Lone Pine Sportsmen's Club just outside Middleport. Each fully conscious bird had her legs put in a wooden stock to prevent her escape. Once immobilized, each bird was roughly dumped on top of a tire. Four turkeys were placed in a line at 75 yards, and four more 100 yards from the firing line. The shooters paid \$5 for two shots.

The videotape reveals the sounds of many gunshots taken at the birds. Bullets slamming into the ground in front of the turkeys showered dirt in their faces. The cowards often used assault weapons and guns that could bring down an elephant. Sometimes the turkeys panicked; other times they

froze in fear. When a bird was suddenly hit she would either struggle violently or suffer quietly with her bound legs as her life drained out. Then the shooters came out to chop the heads off the dead and dying birds. The videotape shows one woman "trapper," whose job was to load the turkeys in the tires and remove them after they were shot, casually hacking the neck of a shot live turkey with a hatchet.



photo by Jeri Metz

What Can I Do?

- Tell PA's Gov. Tom Ridge that this sick cruelty is now public and that it should be prosecuted under the PA anti-cruelty law. Tell him you will not vacation in "Transylvania" until the turkey shoot and the pigeon shoot have been permanently banned. Contact Governor Tom Ridge, State Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Ph: 717/787-2500. Fax 717/783-1396.

- Contact the PA Tourism Bureau at 1-800-847-4872 (a free call) and tell them you will not spend a dime in PA until the turkey shoot and the pigeon shoot are history.
- A live turkey shoot is scheduled to be held on Sunday October 15. Please join us for a hard-core on-site protest. For information contact Doug Dove in PA (717/865-6121); Steve Hindi in Chicago (708/208-0120; 708/552-7872); Karen Davis in MD (301/948-2406).

Protest Army Poison Experiments

The U.S. army has issued a job announcement for "qualified sources to provide pathological support services" to poison rodents, pigs, sheep, ferrets, and chickens. These animals will be systematically tortured and killed in "inhalation, dermal [skin] and oral toxicity studies . . . to provide a greater understanding of the toxicological [poisonous] effects of potential chemical munitions [chemical weapons and ammunition] at the tissue/cellular level. Effort must be conducted within the guidelines set forth in 'Good laboratory practice (GLP) for nonclinical laboratory studies, FDA' (CFR, ref. 21, part 58, April 1990)." The job contract is for 3 years.

What Can I Do?

- Protest this military cruelty to the innocent victims of human violence. Tell the army to use our tax dollars to study ways of bringing beauty and peace to the world. Contact: John Hughes, Contract Specialist. U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command, Procurement, Directorate. Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5423 (ph: 410/671-2449). Write/call also: Gary D. Nordman, Contracting Officer (same address; ph: 410/671-3821).

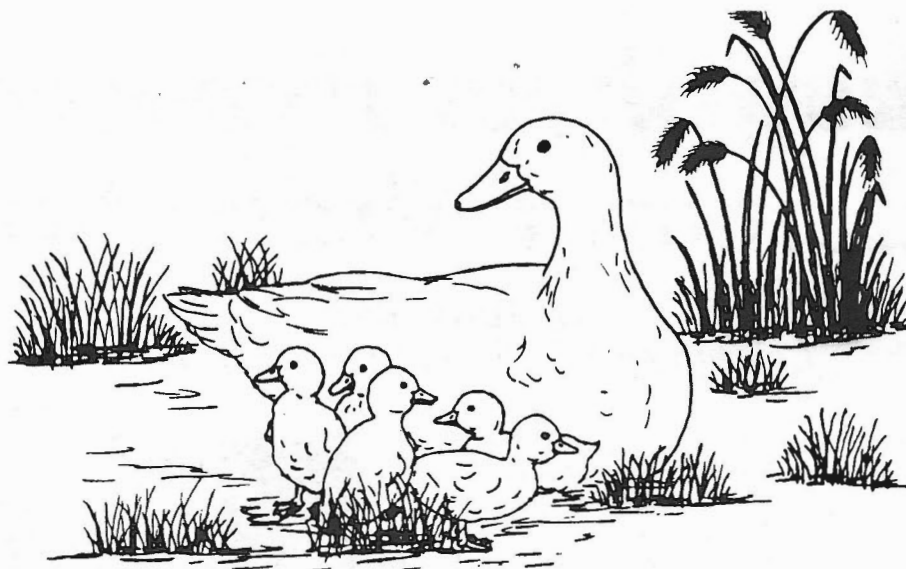


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Protest Death Trap for Ducklings

A picturesque 3-foot deep lagoon in the middle of Marina Village, a housing community in Alameda, California, is a mother duck's worst nightmare. The 4.5-acre lagoon is home to hundreds of ducks. Its edge is a straight one-foot drop down to the water. Baby ducklings, unable to fly, cannot get out of the water. When their mothers go on shore and call for their little ones to follow, the ducklings try and try, but cannot escape. Continuously swimming, hundreds of ducklings have developed hypothermia (subnormal body temperature) within an hour because of their thin plumage, and then drowned, since a dam was built 5 years ago. "Every duckling who goes in there eventually gets waterlogged and drowns," states Karen Benzel, a Marina Village resident, wildlife rehabilitator, and head of the Waterfowl Preservation Committee, a group of concerned homeowners at Marina Village.

The dam blocks off the only escape route. Ducklings, who cannot fly until they are 8 weeks old, can't get over the 12-inch wall from water to shore. After a series of meetings with concerned residents, the Marina Village Homeowners Association agreed to place 4 ramps for the birds to climb up on, but these did not solve the problem because they are only 4 inches wide and are at a 45-degree angle from the water, which is too narrow and steep for a duckling.

The installation of simple rock ramps or other duckling-friendly escape routes leading from water to shore would solve the problem. The Waterfowl Preservation Committee has formally requested permission to install the ramps at their own expense, but both the Marina Village management and the Homeowners Association have refused, blaming "predators" and "natural selection" for the drownings.

What Can I Do?

■ Write a polite letter to:

Mr. Rich Noble
Noble Community Management
Marina Village
P.O. Box 1216
Alameda, CA 94501
ph: 510/865-3003

Mr. Jim Grubb
President
Marina Village Homeowners Association
P.O. Box 1216
Alameda, CA 94501

Point out that the Waterfowl Preservation Committee is prepared to pay for, construct, and install the ramps. It won't cost the management a cent and it will stop the preventable suffering and death of baby ducks. Ask them please to send you a written reply.

Action Alert from Karen Benzel (510/814-7227).

Animal Place: Where Magical Things Happen

By **Kim Sturla**

Illustrated by **Eric Sakach**

1994. Softcover. 44 pages.
Order from UPC \$9 + \$2 S&H.

Animal Place, 3448 Laguna Creek
Trail, Vacaville, CA 95688
(707-449-4814)

Reviewed by **Karen Davis, PhD**

What makes Kate finally accept spending her weekend with “a bunch of stupid animals” is her Mom promising her a stop at Hamburger Universe on the way home. So how come, two days later, the little girl skips the Saturn cheeseburger and tells her Dad and brother Joe, “I’ll just have some fries”?

Can a cow really enlighten a child’s universe and put her on another planet? In *Animal Place: Where Magical Things Happen*, this happens. Though ironically it is Joe who can’t wait to visit the exciting refuge for dogs, cats, cows, chickens, pigs and the rest of the gang, it is stubborn Kate who has the illuminating experience. Her mentor—“this enormous beast with two large eyes the color of chocolate and bordered with eyelashes as long as her fingers”—is Jesse, the cow.

Like all the other animals at Animal Place, Jesse has a special story inside her. And while pouting Kate is “careful not to listen too closely, for fear she might get interested,” she absorbs the fragments of information about each animal imparted by her Aunt Kim and Uncle Ned as she and

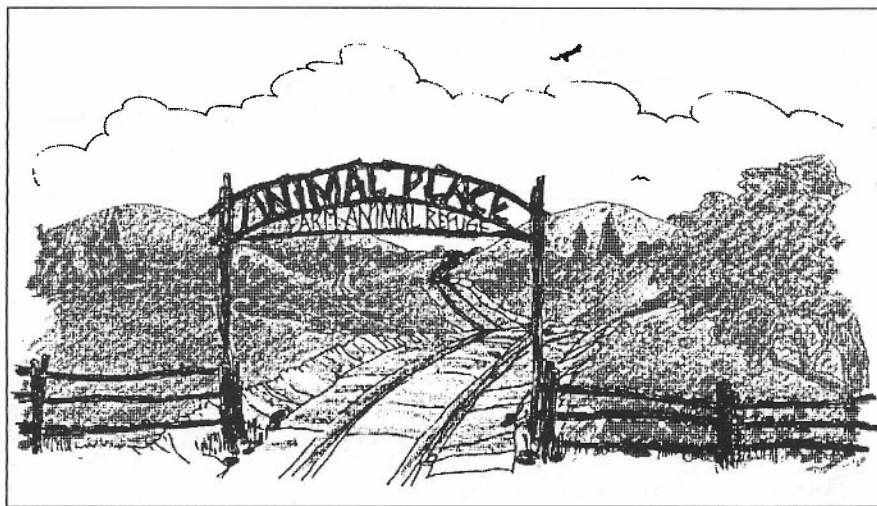


illustration by Eric Sakach

Joe tour this refuge filled with “green grass and more animals than they ever believed possible—all roaming around peacefully.” Most importantly, Kate is subconsciously touched by a cow who, blessed with luck and courage, had managed to jump out of the truck taking her to slaughter when she was a calf.

This enchanting story is based on a real Animal Place, a nonprofit sanctuary for abused and unwanted farm animals co-founded by the author, Kim Sturla, director of The Fund for Animals office in Vacaville, CA, and Nedim Buyukmihci, a professor of veterinary ophthalmology at the University of California, Davis. The book is wonderfully illustrated in black & white and in color by Eric Sakach. It includes a glossary of key terms like “refuge” and “protect” and

a biographical sketch and photo of each animal featured in the story—Jesse the cow, Betty the chicken, Venus the pot-bellied pig, and the others.

For like Kate’s dream, this fiction is firmly rooted in reality. It shows, as does Jim Mason’s book *An Unnatural Order* (1993), that while humans may not have their fellow animals consciously in mind very often in today’s world, “nevertheless they are wired into some of the basic circuits of our brains. They are still alive, well, and kicking at the deepest levels of our consciousness.” *Animal Place* is for children; *An Unnatural Order* is for adults. However, both books beckon irresistibly to those who intelligently desire to know and to cherish, instead of stupidly banishing and abusing, their next of kin.

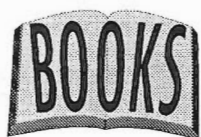
Saved from Santeria

Responding to a police call for help about a dangerous dog in July, the Washington Humane Society (Wash. D.C.) discovered three chickens and a pigeon living in tiny, filth-encrusted cages awaiting their fate as part of a Santeria ritual. None of the birds had

food or water and the basement was littered with feathers and blood. The emaciated pigeon had to be euthanized on the spot. The three hens were removed from their horrid prison cells. Soon after, riding in the back of a Honda, they headed for UPC to join

23 other happy chickens spending their days foraging, socializing, and enjoying life. The first thing Amy, Iris, and Rose did on arrival was to clean and refresh themselves with a vigorous dustbath. The roosters rejoiced at the sight of Amy, Iris, and Rose!

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By Karen Davis

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By Nigel Burroughs

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By Clare Druce

Introduction by Richard Adams

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"Raw Footage, Raw Pain"

This powerful new 12-min. video takes you inside Boulder Valley Egg Farms in Colorado. Shows piles of dead chickens, chickens with open sores, chickens dying in a closed wing. Sensitive produced and narrated by Dave Crawford. \$18.00

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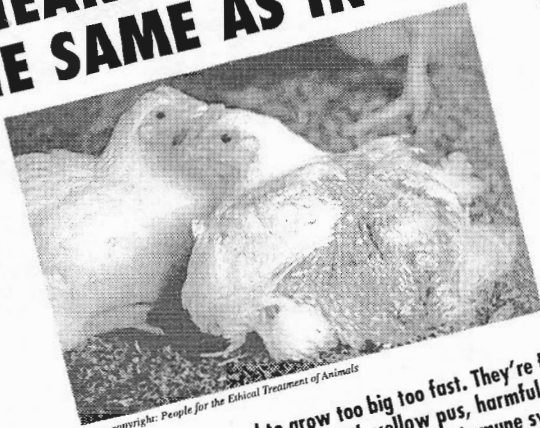


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Today's chickens are forced to grow too big too fast. They're forced to live in filth. They go to slaughter with yellow pus, harmful bacteria, heart and lung disease, tumors, crippled legs, sick immune systems, and more. Millions of dollars are spent hiding these facts from you. Why put dead birds in your food anyway?

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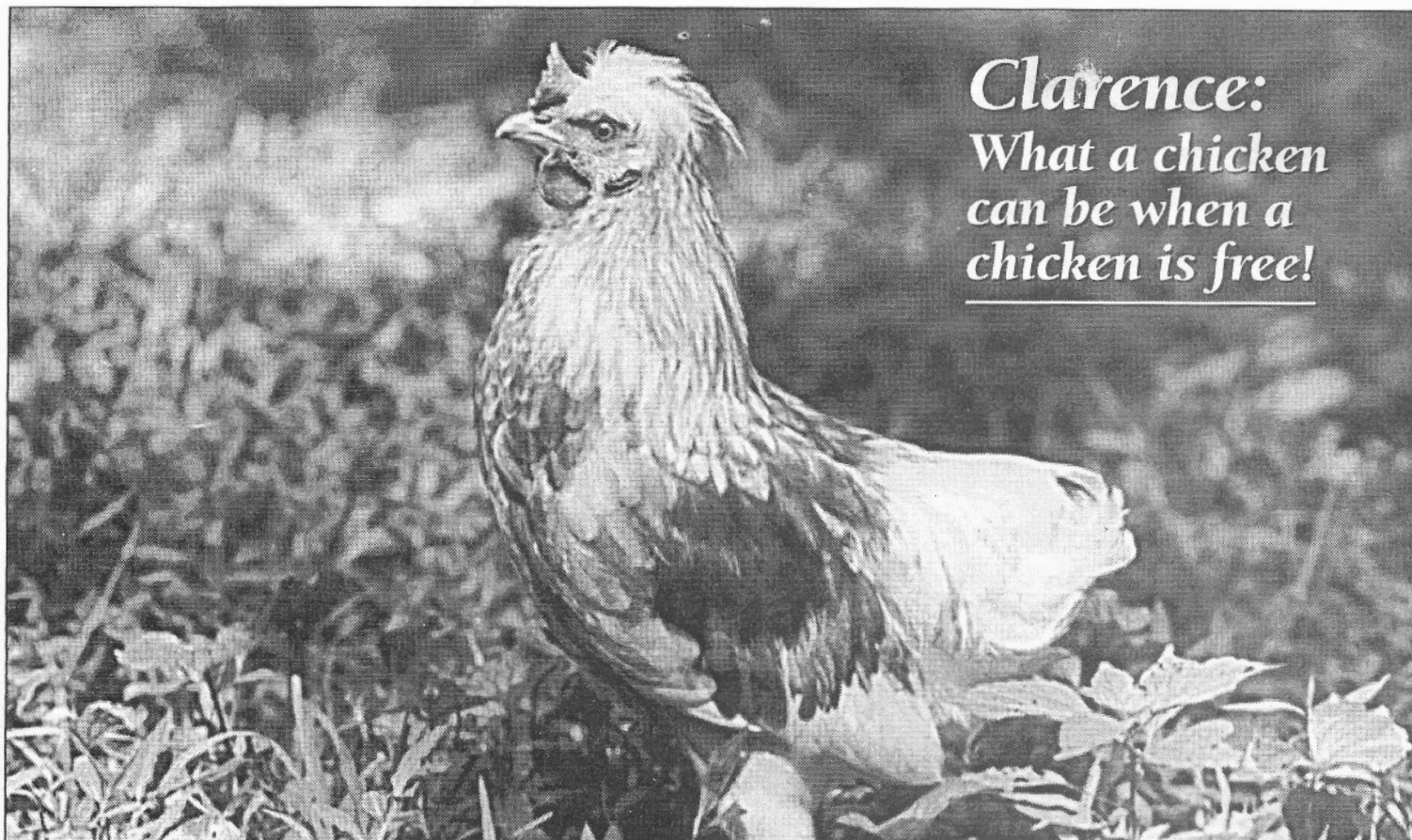


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