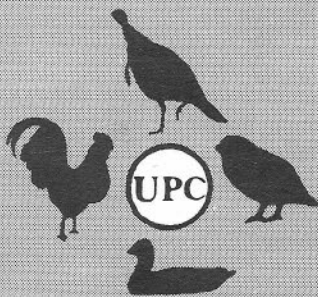


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## Action Alert

### **Foes of Live Animal Markets in San Francisco Win First Round:**

### **Immediate Action is Urgently Needed**

*Please read the following account carefully.*

The San Francisco Animal Welfare and Control Commission voted 7 to 3, with one abstention, on November 14th, to recommend to the SF Board of Supervisors a ban on the sale of live birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians in San Francisco. (For background see the previous – Fall – issue of *PoultryPress*, p. 7.) In SF's Chinatown, chickens, ducks, quails, doves, pheasants, turtles, fish, and other living creatures are packed in filthy containers without food or water; frogs are skinned alive; live turtles' shells are ripped off their backs; live birds are stuffed into plastic bags with twist ties. The Chinatown vendors' cruelty was boasted in a recent SF newspaper article: "It's no concern of mine whether the animal has any pains or not."

The Chinatown merchants are rapidly organizing opposition to the proposed ban with shouts of racism and "culture." Because of the politics, San Francisco will probably not pass anything other than the mildest and most unenforceable "welfare" legislation, if that.

For this reason, a law firm in San Francisco has offered to bring a law suit at a substantially reduced fee on behalf of local citizens against the live animal markets, based on the fact that **California State law prohibits a business which sells food from keeping live animals on its premises, and merchants in San Francisco continuously violate this law.** To bring suit, the **Law Offices of Miller and Miller** need a legal fund of \$5,000.00. Miller and Miller attorney, Baron L. Miller, stated in a letter dated November 14, 1996, that a suit can be filed "if each of us who is opposed to live animal sales will make a contribution. If the law suit is successful, then we would be entitled to ask the court to order the businesses we sue to pay the attorney's fees and the contributors could be reimbursed."

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# Protestors Target Live Poultry Market in NJ

VegOut, a Manhattan-based activist group, picketed Marzigliano's Live Poultry Market in New Jersey on November 10th. The group translated UPC's brochure, *Live Poultry Markets*, into Spanish. "No one was throwing the literature away," said VegOut president and protest organizer, Carol Moon. When a local newspaper article stressed Marzigliano's stale quotes about how "all our stuff is fresh" and "things will never change," she challenged: "When I looked through the door at Mr. Marzigliano's 'fresh merchandise,' I knew my argument was solid. Cages were stacked three high, filled with frantic, overcrowded birds, nearly all of them missing most of their feathers. In the corner of one of the front cages was a heap of white - a dead chicken - which stayed there the entire

afternoon. In the cage next to it were two chickens so near to death they must surely have ended up in the garbage. Ironically, I can't have a healthy, happy chicken in my backyard, but Mr. Marzigliano can have cages filled with miserable, sick-looking victims shipped in weekly."

## What Can I Do?

- Protest live poultry markets. UPC's information brochures will soon be available in Spanish as well as in English.
- Don't let media naysayers define *your* event. Write strong, concise letters to the editor before and immediately after your Public Action for Animals to set the record straight and amplify *your* issues to the public.

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## What Can I Do?

- Please write to: The San Francisco Board of Supervisors, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 308, San Francisco, CA 94102. Note on your letter: cc entire Board, so it will go to all Board members. Ask them to investigate seriously and without delay the issues of animal cruelty, public health, and environmental impacts raised by live animal markets in San Francisco.

- Please make this precedent-setting lawsuit a reality by making your checks payable to Miller and Miller Clients' Trust Account. Miller and Miller has assured us in writing that "If we are unable to establish the fund, your money will be refunded to you." Inquiries are welcome and should be directed to: **Baron L. Miller, Law Offices of Miller and Miller, Fox Plaza, 1390 Market Street, Suite 1204, San Francisco, CA 94102-5306. Ph: 415-522-0500; fax: 0513.**

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# Huge Successful Protest Against Turkey Olympics

## Four Activists Arrested!

*"The furor surrounding the event has grown over the past three years as it has become targeted by national animal rights groups, particularly United Poultry Concerns."*

— The Litchfield County Times, November 29, 1996

On Sunday, November 24th, 50 protesters from all over the Northeast, representing all ages and walks of life, converged at the "turkey olympics" at the Inn at Lake Waramaug in New Preston, Connecticut. This sordid show forces turkeys, dressed in costumes based on images of human violence, sex, and disgusting food habits, to perform humiliating antics — "Olympics-style races and jumping contests" — for drunk spectators.

Around 1 p.m., just before the event was to start, Jerry Vlasak and Shawn Kolpak placed a large Buick across the middle of the road and strapped themselves to an iron bar welded underneath. The car's title identified its owner as "Tofu Tom Turkey." The men were pulled out with firemen's tools and arrested for breach of peace for blocking the road and interfering with police activity for having chained themselves to the car. Two more activists, Vernon Flynn and Christine Rogowski, were arrested on charges of breach of peace. (As if the 'turkey olympics' had anything to do with peace!)

The next day, according to the front-page story in the Waterbury Republican-American, "In an unusual courtroom scene, all four, including Waterbury Hospital surgeon Jerry Vlasak, were released from their shackles after promising to return to court Dec. 13. They refused the right to be represented by an attorney and pledged to remain in jail and to go without food as long as they were held on any bond."

"We are going to ask for a jury trial and plead our innocence," Mr. Vlasak said following his release on Monday. "We use trials to make it even a bigger thing than it already is. We want to change things, and a trial can bring attention to what needs to be changed."

Pam Ferdin, the trauma nurse who organized the protest, said the four who spent the night in lockup are political prisoners on a mission. "Where there is pain and suffering, we share those feelings," she said. "We were taken aback by the enjoyment of humiliating these turkeys. The birds are confused and afraid."

A protester told The New Milford Times, "Should the promoters of this inhumane event wish to run it again next year, we protesters will be back tenfold."

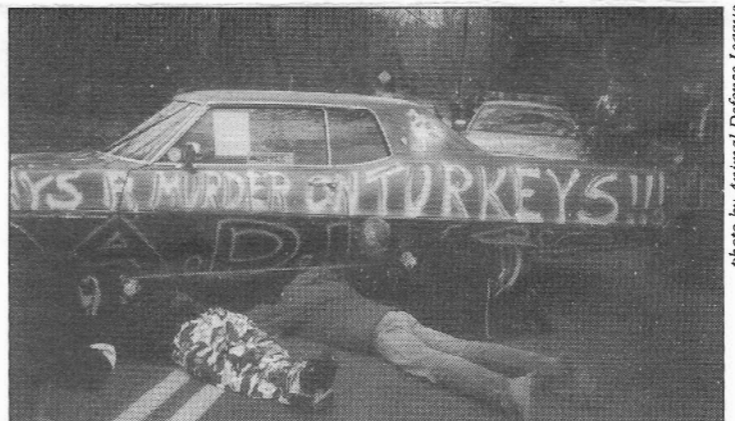


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## What Can I Do?

Tell the Inn at Lake Waramaug to cancel the "turkey olympics." Their show is stale, cruel, stupid, and dirty. Send your letters — but do not stoop to their low level! — to the Inn at 107 North Shore Road, New Preston, CT 06777 (ph: 203-868-0563). Independent video of the protest and blockade is available. For information, call 1-800-691-9775.

*"It really was a magic moral moment to see the courage."*

— Pam Ferdin, UPC Activist, Protest Coordinator

## Action Alert

**YOUR LETTERS ARE  
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# Swedish Battery Hen Ban in Danger!

In 1988, the Swedish Parliament voted to prohibit keeping hens for egg production in cages, with a 10 year phase-out. The ban is to become effective on January 1, 1999. However, it is being threatened by heavy lobbying from battery hen egg producers and the fact that they have refused to make plans to change to a non-cage system. At most, only 15% of Swedish egg laying hens are in non-caged housing.

While the new Swedish Minister of Agriculture, Annika Ahnberg, had a record of animal welfare initiatives when she was a member of Parliament, she now is weakening in favor of a "modified cage" and postponement of the ban. This would be a disaster not only for Swedish hens and the Swedish animal protection movement, but for the United States and the world, as we look to Sweden to set standards for our own campaigns to outlaw battery cages.

Battery cages must be banned. As Dr. Lesley Rogers states in *The Development of Brain and Behaviour in the Chicken* (1995), "In no way can

these living conditions meet the demands of a complex nervous system designed to form a multitude of memories and to make complex decisions."

## What Can I Do?

- Contact Mrs. Annika Ahnberg, Minister of Agriculture, Jordbruksdepartementet, 103- 33 Stockholm, Sweden (fax: 011 468 20 64 96; E-mail: [regeringen@ab.gov.se](mailto:regeringen@ab.gov.se) or [annika.ahnberg@agriculture.ministry.se](mailto:annika.ahnberg@agriculture.ministry.se)).

### Demand that

- 1) The battery cage ban must be enforced.
- 2) Modified cages are not an acceptable alternative to conventional cages and must not be permitted.
- 3) Sweden must stand by the decision of Parliament in 1988. Otherwise, the impact of Sweden's supposedly high animal welfare standards in policy-making on animal welfare issues in international politics will be lost.

- Send your comments also to Mr. Olaf Hultgren, The Commerce Dept., Swedish Embassy, 1501 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005 (ph: 202-467-2600; fax: 2699).

For more information, contact the Swedish Society Against Painful Experiments on Animals, Box 2005, S-125 02 Alvsjo, Sweden (ph: 011 468 749 20 40; fax: 011 468 749 20 02).

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# UPC Holds Vigil for Turkeys at Maryland Slaughter Farm

“As families with children drove in to pick up their annual holiday birds, the protesters unfurled a banner reading: ‘Why have a beheaded turkey with dead wings and leg stumps for dinner? Discover new traditions.’ They carried kosher vegetarian candles, not lighted because of blustery winds, and posters of turkeys being slaughtered and artificially inseminated . . . .

“This plant is representative of the kind of mass murder that is taking place all over this country as a way of preparing for Thanksgiving day,’ Davis said. ‘We want to instigate some remorse and reflection in people about this.’ ”

— from *The Washington Post*,  
“Protesters Say No Thanks  
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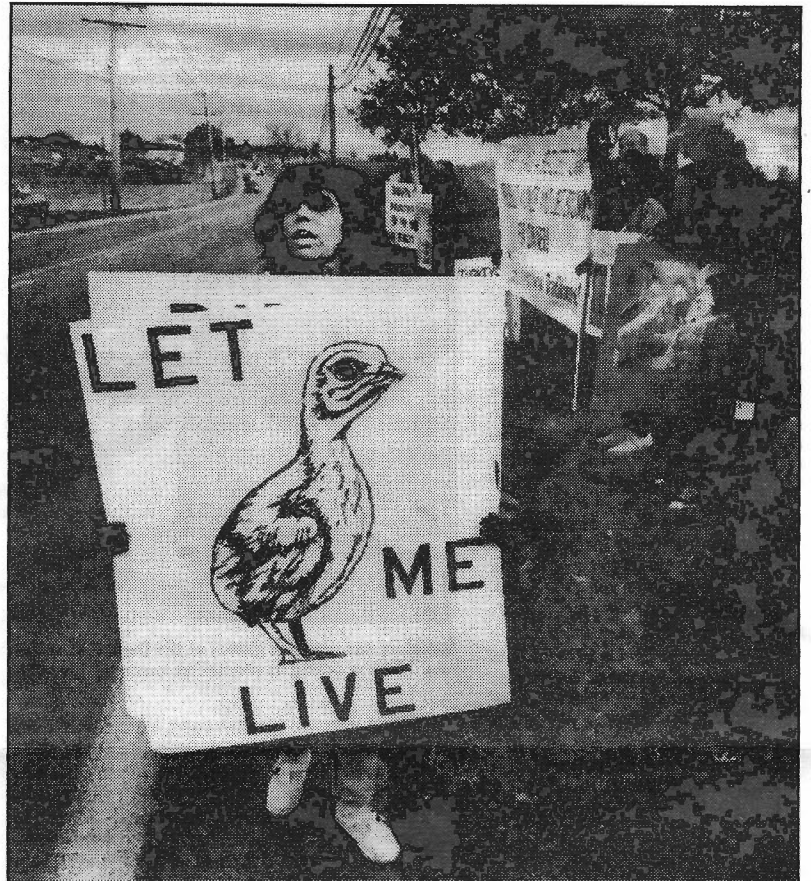


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## CA Activists Charged with Felony at Poultry Slaughter Plant

**“We blockaded for almost four hours.”**

**— Hope Purplehorse, SPAR**

On Wednesday, December 18th, eight Sonoma People for Animal Rights (SPAR) were arrested and jailed for 3 days in Sonoma County Jail in Santa Rosa, California on felony conspiracy and misdemeanor trespassing charges for blocking entrances to the Fulton Poultry Processing Plant by perching atop a 14-foot tripod and chaining themselves to 700-lb. barrels. The jailed activists declared a hunger strike. Several dozen supporters slept on the front steps of the jail Wednesday night to await arraignment of the prisoners, whose bail was set at \$1,000 each. “The felony charge is absurd,” said Crescenzo

Vellucci, executive director of the Activist Civil Liberties Committee (ACLC), based in Sacramento. “The only conspiracy is that of those who wish to limit our right to free speech and assembly. Activists went to the slaughterhouse to protest the inhumane conditions and horrible killing methods there.”

The conspiracy felony charge was subsequently dropped down to misdemeanor trespassing. For more information, contact Cres Vellucci, ACLC, P.O. Box 19515, Sacramento, CA 95819 (ph: 916-452-7179); Larry Weiss, ACLC attorney (ph: 707-576-1415); Hope Purplehorse, SPAR (ph: 707-874-2996).



# Staging a Successful Protest



Illustration by Nigel Burroughs

by Louise Kahle

**O**ne hot summer day, as I drove up a busy highway in Florida, I noticed an elderly man at the stoplight. He was seated in a cheap aluminum lawn chair with a table, lemonade, and a sign that simply said, "Don't buy a car here. They sold me a lemon." One brave soul in the blazing sun, alone but bursting with conviction. I will never forget that man. More importantly, I will never buy a car from that dealer.

An animal rights activist takes action. Advocates cannot just say they care about animals. They must do something to right a wrong. They must protest strongly in order to prevent animal abuse in the future. A successful protest has three components:

## Preparation The Event Itself The Follow-Up

**1.** Before any protest, ask, "What do we want to accomplish?" Every protester should know the facts and be prepared to present data accurately to the media. Be an educated activist and give our movement meaning. Plan a creative strategy. The media enjoy confrontation and pizzazz! They like sharp-witted, substantive sight-and-sound-bites. Would YOU want to film a bunch of listless people holding boring signs? Get you point across with knowledge, humor, seriousness, and panache. Contact all media prior to the event. Re-confirm your media contacts. Educate them *before* the protest.

We have only ourselves to blame if the media do not understand WHY we are protesting. Delegate specific tasks to committed activists. Caring about animals means doing something effective about their pain.

**2.** At the protest, have a camera and a video

camcorder. Be on time! Never arrive after the press. Dress creatively. Use colorful bright outfits and/or theme outfits on solid black. Chant. Use that blowhorn. Bring leaflets and pass them out. Don't be afraid to walk up to people and build a rapport with them. Educate. Create a disturbance and synchronize it with the media. NEVER chastise a fellow protester at any event. Discuss differences after the protest.

Have a leader talk to the media. Pick someone who speaks well and makes a great appearance on TV. Get passersby involved in the protest. Elicit their response. Let them know why you are so upset. Get them on YOUR side. Begin your protest. Stay organized. End with a summation. Just like any business project. Keep everyone motivated and on target.

**3.** After the protest, follow up with letters and phone calls to the protest target. Ask for a written promise to end the abusive practice forever. Accept nothing less. The animals cannot afford compromise. Activists must instill an element of fear in order to have the opposition respect you. Who cares if they like ya? Be a force to be reckoned with. Thank your troops. A victory feels good, so celebrate. Write down ways to improve the next protest and share comments.

Remember: animal activism is a business. You must sell the public and media on truth which is sometimes unbearable to face. Slick advertising has rewarded consumers by allowing them to avoid pain as commercial ventures prosper at the expense of animals. Be brave in your fight and be strong for the animals always and in all ways.

*Louise Kahle is the owner of Louise's People Model & Talent Agency in St. Petersburg, Florida. She is an active member of The Animal Rights Foundation of Florida and United Poultry Concerns.*

# The Ethics of Genetic Engineering and the Futuristic Fate of Domestic Fowl

by Karen Davis, Ph.D.

*Summary of a paper presented at  
The Ethics of Genetic Engineering and Animal Patents Conference,  
University of Wisconsin, Oct. 12, 1996,  
Sponsored by The Alliance for Animals\**

**Background.** For thousands of years human beings have manipulated the bodies and family life of birds for their flesh, eggs, and other characteristics. The genetic engineering of birds to produce food and practice science is an extension of this tradition. In the past, humans manipulated birds and other animals using tools specifically designed and otherwise available for the purpose. Contrary to some assertions, historical evidence does not show that previous societies practiced ethical restraint in their treatment of nonhuman animals. An example of the past can be seen in the ritual sacrifice of chickens and other animals as an integral part of traditional religious and sporting ceremonies by many cultures throughout the world. Neither the past nor contemporary cultures can be taken as models for a just and compassionate future with other species.

The treatment of chickens, turkeys, and other domestic fowl in historical and modern society leads logically to genetic engineering. The treatment of poultry in the past was cruel, even excluding cock-fighting, cock-throwing (burying chickens in the ground up to their necks and stoning them to death), and other sadistic sports against birds. In the European Age of Enlightenment, turkeys were slowly bled to death suspended head down from the ceiling, fowls – turkeys, ducks, chickens, and geese – were routinely force-fed in the procedure called “cramming,” and thousands were crowded together for slaughter in London cellars and attics well into the 19th century. In the 20th century, the mechanized environment, mutilations, starvation procedures, artificial insemination, and methodology of mass-murdering billions of birds for food and sci-

ence make a congenial environment for genetic engineering to flourish in.

Chickens and turkeys are foraging birds unsuited to the life we impose on them in order to satisfy human wants in the modern world. An example is the forced rapid growth of their bodies for meat production, causing them to incur severe skeletal and metabolic pathologies. Yet, a major thrust of genetic engineering is to increase their abnormal growth rate even more for the meat industry.

**Aspects of Genetic Engineering of Avian Species.** Three major aspects of genetic engineering are (1) the promises held out by proponents and practitioners, (2) the laboratory protocols that are designed to manipulate birds genetically and to test various hypotheses, and (3) the technical and practical problems that have been identified by genetic engineers of avian species.

*Promises* include the completion of a chicken genetic map for the food industry; manipulation of growth characteristics in poultry for meat production; conferring of resistance to certain economically important diseases such as avian leukosis and Marek's disease (a viral cancer of the chicken's nervous system resulting from the concentrated confinement of “too many feathers”); modification of hens' eggs for lower cholesterol and the inclusion of foreign proteins for the pharmaceutical industry; modification of broiler chickens for flavor; and tailoring of chickens' muscle tissue for microwave ovens.

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*Protocols* include microinjecting foreign DNA into embryos to be cultured through hatching *in vitro*; using retroviral vectors to introduce recombinant genes into chick embryos before and during incubation; microinjecting DNA into the germinal disc of chick zygotes from artificially-inseminated hens; microinjecting the subgerminal cavity of unin-cubated chick embryos to produce transgenic chickens using vectors based on a system that infects avian cells but not mammal cells with chronic virus; and freezing and thawing of embryonic cells taken from one group of birds and inserted into another as part of a program to create a stock of genetic resources for future agricultural use.

*Problems* include the inaccessibility of the newly fertilized avian egg to direct injection of DNA into the embryo to produce germline transformations; inability to identify primordial germ cells until after the embryo has already begun to undergo cell division; poor understanding of the developmental capabilities and regulatory growth mechanisms in birds, preventing control over the relationship between somatic and germline chimeras; "side effects," including high death rate, short life span, biological weakness, and pathology syndromes such as lymphoid leukosis in transgenic birds; and debilitation of blastodermal cells as they are frozen and thawed (the process known as "cryopreservation"). Other problems cited by proponents include long, laborious breeding programs and uncertainty about regulatory agencies, animal advocates, and consumers.

Ethical Considerations and the Futuristic Fate of Domestic Fowl. Ethical protest against the genetic engineering of animals has focused mainly on the violation of species integrity. Some attention has also been given to the suffering of individual animals, and a moral repugnance has been shown against defining animals as patentable "manufactures and compositions of matter."

Animals used in genetic engineering are degraded into body parts, pieces of information, and other kinds of fragments and are thus further degraded from the historical low status of nonhuman animals as human property without value and claims in their own right. Genetic engineering carries traditional human attitudes and practices technically further, but does not break moral continuity either with a past in which nonhuman animals have repeatedly been denied a soul or some other vaunted human quality, or a past in which they have had the misfortune to be regarded as "sacred" and accordingly sacrificed by and for humans in all kinds of horrible ways. Such division is a major flaw of the modern environmental movement, which has distinguished

between "sacred" wild animals and "profane" domestic animals, particularly "farm animals," who have been scapegoated in place of humans for the crime of biological debilitation and environmental despoliation.

The 95 percent of animals abused in the United States and the world are farm animals. These animals have been morally abandoned by our culture and treated with greater contempt and neglect than all other classes of animals, despite the fact that, morally, we owe more, not less, to those beings whose birthrights and earthrights we have so thoroughly stripped away. Farm animals have now joined, and been joined by, the genetically-engineered animals.

A major ethical problem confronting genetically engineered animals is the view that, as such, they are inherently inferior to "natural" animals. In this view, the misery of a genetically-engineered hen is not as "real" as the misery we impose on a "normal" hen. Our tendency to blame our victims for the doom we bring to them invites us to glide evilly into the mentality of the genetic engineer who told a symposium regarding the birds who hatch in his laboratory with no sign of the desired change: "We simply throw them away."

A question is whether chickens and other domestic fowl have a future worth living in their encounter with the human species, and whether we can reverse our drive to eliminate not only diversity and autonomy, but joy and happiness in other creatures. Jack Rudloe, a marine biologist, writes, "If there's anything to reincarnation and a recycling of souls, with the decreasing biodiversity on this planet and daily loss of endangered species, the only place one will be able to go if they get recycled into another lifetime is into another human or a farm animal." This sums up the futuristic fate of domestic fowl, a fate much worse than extinction.

## What Can I Do?

Tell your two Senators and your House Representative that you oppose genetic engineering of animals and animal patenting and that you do not want your taxes used to fund genetic engineering experiments on animals. Contact The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510; The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_, United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

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## Where chickens come home to roost

by Janet Rathner  
Staff Writer

If chickens could talk, the stories they would tell. But since they can't talk, the stories come from possibly their greatest friend — Karen Davis of the Potomac area.

Davis tells stories of chickens spending their lives in cages so cramped their feathers fall out leaving them bald, covered with bruises and dirty.

Of broiler hens bred and fed to grow to abnormal size and so top-heavy they fall over when they try to walk. Of being loaded with thousands of others onto trucks headed for the slaughter house. They arrive there hungry, because chickens are not fed in their final hours, Davis says. They're grabbed by one leg, hung upside down, rendered immobile, and their throats slit.

The terror eventually ends when the birds are dropped into a scald tank and the ones who haven't done so already, finally die.

"It's a violent process. A lot die of heat suffocation. I watched the process in Richmond in 1992 at a [chicken processing] plant," said Davis, who lives in the Seneca area.

Chickens may not be able to talk, but they do have a voice.

Davis is the founder and president of United Poultry Concerns, a 7,000-member, nonprofit organization that addresses the use of poultry in food production, science, education and entertainment.

It's an all-consuming cause for Davis, who gave up her career as a University of Maryland college professor to become a full-time vegetarian Mother Hen. Davis runs the group out of her small rented house that sits off a dirt road on three wooded acres.

She shares her home with her college professor husband, Allan Cate and 28 rescued chickens, each with its own personal tale of trauma.

Take "Glippie," a large white rooster —

refugee from a Bob Evans Farm International Chicken Flying Meet in Gallipolis, Ohio.

"Chickens are put in dark boxes and hoisted up. They don't want to fly, so they're pushed out with a toilet plunger. This is presented as family fun," said Davis explaining "Glippie's" ordeal. "Glippie was forced to jump out. I got him. He was three months old and he looked ill. A Bob Evans employee gave him to me for \$10."

Bob Evans no longer hosts chicken flying meets. A company spokesperson cited declining public interest, but Davis believes United Poultry Concerns protests at the events helped the company reach that decision.

Other members of the Davis brood include the end results of school egg hatching projects.

"One of our major campaigns is to replace these projects," said Davis pointing to a rooster recently acquired from Germantown Elementary School. "There's no place for the chickens to go. They're sick and deformed. They get sent back to the farm and they're killed. The children aren't told this. It's disillusioning."

And then there's "Dora," who loves to sit in Davis's lap, and "Ethel" and "Charity," who enjoy roosting under the bushes beside Davis' house. They are three of the 16 broiler hens who came to Davis following last summer's tractor-trailer accident in Springfield, Va. An 18-wheeler carrying 5,000 chickens headed for a slaughter house overturned on Interstate 95 scattering squawking, frightened poultry everywhere.

The chickens who survived the crash sat in their crates for hours in a hot parking lot until arrangements could be made to send them on their way to becoming buffalo wings and chicken tenders.

That's when United Poultry Concerns members arrived. They wanted to rescue the birds, who Davis says were now dying of thirst and heat exposure. The activists were denied their request, but ultimately succeeded in spiriting a few hens to Davis' Seneca sanctuary.

"I wish we'd had a better plan. We should have rescued more," said Davis. "I keep picturing in my mind all those people standing around and those crates and crates of chickens. It was hot as hell, and those birds sat out there for 12 hours."

Davis credits her concern for poultry to "Viva," an abandoned chicken who was liv-



photo by Linda Spillers — courtesy of Gazette Newspapers

ing in an old coop behind the house in Seneca when she and her husband moved in 12 years ago.

"Her feet and legs were deformed," said Davis, who remembers the hen had difficulty walking. She was subsequently told by a vet that "Viva" had a congenital abnormality typically found in birds bred for food.

"Viva" eventually had to be euthanized. Her plight led Davis, already involved in animal activism, to focus on poultry. She has since written numerous articles about the subject, published a vegetarian cookbook, and testified before Congress about humane slaughtering methods, although she says that's a subject the group would rather stay away from.

"I don't believe it's possible that commercial goals and humane slaughter are compatible," said Davis, who was recently arrested for protesting an ostrich race and food festival being held at the Prince William County Fair in Manassas, Va.

She says she would prefer humans forsake their carnivorous cravings altogether, but she says she knows her work is cut out for her.

"We have a better chance of bringing vegetarianism to the world in 1,000 years than we do humane slaughter," Davis said.

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# Valerie, a Heartwarming Story

Harpswell, Maine – When Janet Bonney found her chicken in February 1995, the hen lay hard as ice on the ground under the porch. She took the stiff body inside and tried to fit it into a shoebox for burial, but the legs wouldn't bend. So she laid it on a heater and used a hot water bottle. The body slowly thawed as she tried to bend the legs into the casket.



and asked us to come in and warm the hearts of the patients. We went to 16 rooms and there were smiles everywhere."

How has Valerie responded to being a celebrity heartthrob?

"You can see from her picture how scraggly she looked before she 'died.' She's back in full feather now, but what a difference! She is now Queen. The pecking order

Suddenly, thump! Janet bent down and heard a little breath. Fifteen seconds later, another breath. She began giving the hen CPR – three or four thumps on the hen's chest and mouth-to-beak resuscitation. For three hours she warmed and nursed the patient, until finally, "the quickened chicken stood and clucked."

"I renamed her Valerie, for her valor," Janet told reporters who flocked to the scene.

And now? Janet wrote to UPC in December: "My famous chicken Valerie is still drawing a crowd. I did an interview for a station in Baltimore, MD this fall, and her story was chosen to be on 'The Best of David Brinkley.' The local hospital called several weeks ago

in the hen house has changed. She's bigger and fatter than any of the others, her blue-black feathers shine iridescently in the sunshine, she struts around very possessively and with celebrity self-assurance, and even her voice, which once was high and squeaky, is now mellow, low, and mature. A friend who is into animal psychology asked if she was going 'down the tunnel' the day I worked so hard to save her, and Valerie's answer was, 'Yes, but I knew I was to come back and spread the message of caring and love around the world.' "

*Janet Bonney can be reached at Box 90, RR 1, South Harpswell, Maine 04079 (ph: 207-725-4388).*

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

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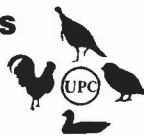
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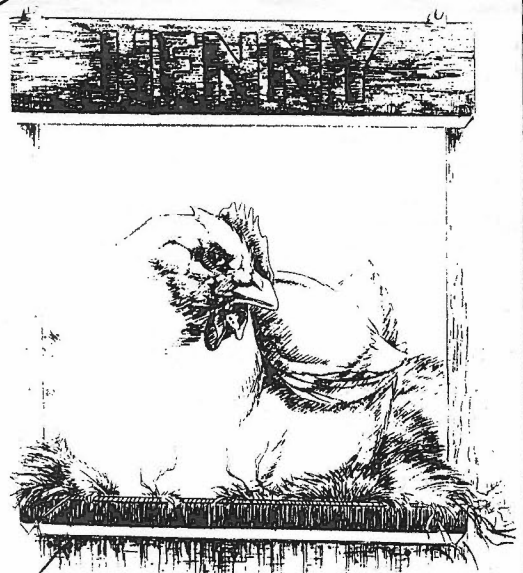
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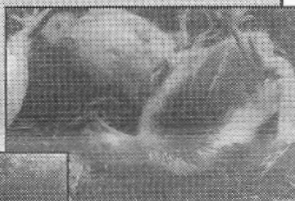


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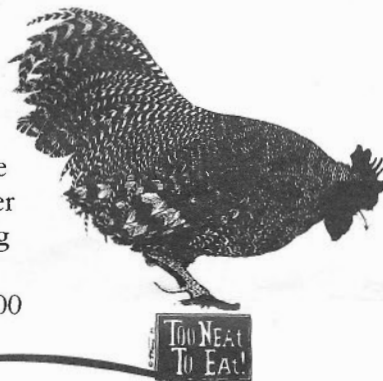
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