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Liqin Cao and Franklin Wade tabling for UPC at the 2023 Lancaster VegFest.

The Problem with “Humanely Raised” Poultry and Eggs

By Karen Davis, PhD, President,
United Poultry Concerns

On June 13, 2023, the animal advocacy organization Direct Action Everywhere (DxE) rescued and reported their removal of nineteen chickens from trucks delivering the 6-week old birds to a slaughterhouse in Sonoma County owned by Petaluma Poultry, a subsidiary of Perdue Farms. Petaluma Poultry markets its chickens as “free-range” and “organic” under brand names like Rocky and Rosie.

A report covering several investigations of Petaluma Poultry published by DxE the same day of June 13th shows scenes of sick, crippled, dying and dead chickens living in filth and being treated by workers with extreme cruelty. The report includes veterinary diagnoses of Petaluma Poultry chickens from several locations infected with zoonotic bacteria, transmissible to humans, in their blood and other body parts.

Petaluma Poultry is not an isolated case in an otherwise truthful industry targeting customers willing and able to pay high prices for “humanely-raised” chickens as opposed to “factory-farmed” birds.

Los Angeles-based Jidori Chicken provides yet another example of misleadingly marketed chickens “raised free range, humanely, at small farms in California.” From 2020 to 2022, slaughterhouse investigators for Slaughter-Free Network documented “some of the worst animal abuse and filthy conditions we’ve ever seen,” in what surely must violate California’s sanitary and animal cruelty statutes.

U.S. egg producers, like poultry meat producers, have similarly been shown by investigators to misrepresent how the hens, whose high-priced eggs they market as humane, free-range, and organic, are actually housed and treated.

An example is Nellie’s Free Range Eggs. Owned by the New Hampshire-based company, Pete and Gerry’s Organics, Nellie’s Eggs, which can cost up to \$8 a dozen, are labeled “Certified Humane.” In 2019, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals filed a lawsuit alleging that Nellie’s Eggs falsely depicts hens ranging on open pastures and being cuddled by children, when in fact, Nellie’s hens are crammed inside long confinement sheds holding 20,000 hens per shed with little more than a square foot of living space for each hen.

In 2009, I became involved with a farm called Black Eagle, which portrayed itself as “the largest organic, free-range, egg producer in the state of Virginia.” The farm president said the hens had “places to roost inside, exposure to natural light and air, and access to the outside with an average of five feet of space per bird within a fenced yard.”

Meanwhile, that same year, documents obtained by an attorney in the course of investigating a complaint about malnourished dogs at Black Eagle Farm revealed an absentee owner, unpaid bills, malnourished pigs and sheep. Unexpectedly, a veterinarian with the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services discovered a building with 25,000 hens, described in her report as “thin to emaciated,” with many dead and dying birds on the floor. Farm personnel told her the hens had been unfed for seven days in November, five days in December, and for two straight weeks earlier in the year.

Lest it be thought that the conditions I’m describing are rare or are no longer practiced by the majority of alternative egg producers, I must point out that, while some businesses may treat their hens better, investigations of alternative poultry and egg farms typically reveal practices and attitudes that do not meet consumer expectations – expectations that are cultivated not only by the companies and retailers they do business with, but also by animal welfarists who employ “humane” farming language that glosses over the facts with nebulous assertions and omissions. Omissions include, but are not limited to, showing hens foraging in a field while never showing them being grabbed upside down by their legs and thrown into gas-killing carts or transport crates. More often than not, the difference between “humane” farms and factory farms is moot.

In part the deception arises from the popular notion that free-range, cage-free, and organic farming is essentially a collection of small, local enterprises, distinct from industrialized operations like, say, Tyson Foods and Perdue Farms in the meat industry, or Cal-Maine and Rose Acres in the egg industry.

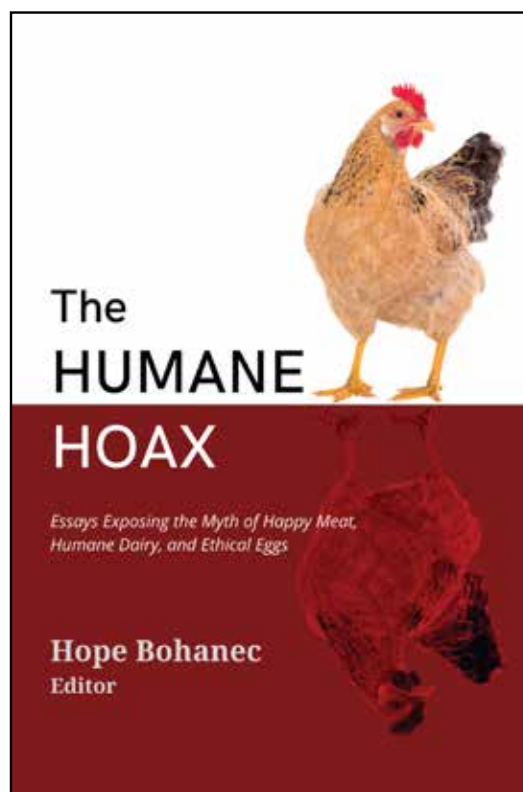
But as a 2019 report on the organic food industry in *The Washington Post* explains, contrary to the pristine

image of organic egg production, “many conventional egg producers have organic subsidiaries that operate on a vast scale, 100,000 laying hens housed in a huge building, their federally mandated access to outdoor space winkingly fulfilled by screened porches.”

The fact is that constricting and diminishing the life of animals is built into raising them for food. Their own food is chosen; their social, familial, and physical environment is controlled; their reproductive organs and activities are manipulated; and how long they live is determined by humans. They can be abused and killed at will based on economic “necessity.” An example in poultry and egg production is the routine culling – removal from the flock for killing – of birds who are not gaining weight fast enough or laying enough eggs. Whatever compassion a person may initially feel for birds slated for commercialization, once they become a business, the business mentality takes over.

The business mentality prioritizes a commitment to soothing rhetoric over harsh reality, **a shielding of the customer from the practical facts of animal farming with palliative platitudes and pretenses.** All agribusiness companies claim “high animal welfare standards.” But at best, it is only by comparison with the worst conditions and practices of industrialized animal farming that any commercial animal farm can claim to be “humane.” – *Karen Davis*

For a scathing look at many more of the vital issues presented in this article by a range of superb contributors, including yours truly, see the new book *The Humane Hoax: Essays Exposing the Myth of Happy Meat, Humane Dairy, and Ethical Eggs*, edited by Hope Bohanec and published in 2023 by Lantern Publishing and Media. Order now from www.lanternpm.org/book/the-humane-hoax.



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“Sarah Undefeated,” a poem by Nancy Correa

The first time she inhaled fresh air was overwhelming
she almost stopped breathing yet
she continued inhaling the sweet air redolent
with the promise of verdant spaces crawling life
she was so frail what few feathers she had
fell out making lazy twirls in the dust motes
she slept breathed breathed and slept her porous
bones recovering from laying egg after stolen egg
one day the promise of grass dirt and sun were too enticing
she finally stood – a thin dancer lost in her equilibrium
dancing past memories of stacked cages ammonia laden air
deceased friends she moved ahead parting the speckled light
letting the sun shine on her for the first time

Sarah Undefeated



2008 UPC Sanctuary Photo by Davida G. Breier

New Podcast Series! Thinking Like A Chicken – News & Views!



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"I want to influence people to perceive chickens and turkeys in their own right, apart from the categorical traps in which they are typically held captive." – Karen Davis

Karen Davis, PhD, President of United Poultry Concerns, has launched an informative podcast series of 10-minute episodes featuring life from a chicken's point of view. *If you were just "poultry" to most people, what would you want them to learn, say, think, and do about you?*

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"Hi Karen, I read the transcript of your latest podcast. I take this opportunity to tell you something which I wanted to tell you since a long time: I do admire your insights, your courage and your determination." – Paola Cavalieri (Italian philosopher, most known for her work arguing for extension of human rights to the other animals.)

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RESCUING “LAYERS”

By Doll Stanley

Grenada, Mississippi • March 1995

If only I were a writer who could evoke imagery that would seat you on this side of my eyes. I had been to town for supplies. Before I even turned the ignition off, my husband, Louis, stepped out the door and was beside my truck. “Do you want to save some chickens?” he said. “Because I’ve been out there. They’ve already started killing and there’s only about four hundred left.”

We set out. Louis told me that earlier in the week the egg plant had pulled 300,000 chickens to be trucked to slaughter at the Tyson plant in Arkansas. During the pull many hens escaped their battery cages, or were loose. Hurried hands pulling them three or four to a hand had lost the grip on many.

We watched vigilantly to be certain we did not pass the road we were to turn on to get to the plant. We found it. As we drew near the first house (there are about 18), I could see the light of two flashlights. Louis rolled the window down, “Where’s _____ [our informant]?” A voice yelled back, “He’s in the fourth house down.” We had let him think we loved eggs and chickens. He figured, what the heck, the chickens were just going to be trashed.

We found our informant. Without words we simply set to work. Louis asked me to move our truck to the end of the building we were working while he began the search. I rushed through the dark building as quietly as possible. I did not want to alarm the hens. I hurriedly started the truck and headed for the other side of the plant. Most of the buildings I passed gave evidence of death. The ones with open doors showed some scattering of dead hens. As I rounded the corner I saw a larger pile and the next corner astounded me. A dump truck piled as high as would allow without pouring bodies over the sides stood readied to deliver the multi-thousands of hens to what Louis was told was a dog food company.

Back with Louis, I transferred hens he was reaching on the tops of the cages to our truck. Then I started a search of the floors and pits, and we separated. The first hens I found had huddled together in a section of the wall that protruded to accommodate electrical equipment. I feared hurting their legs, but if I did not

carry them two to each hand I would lose one or more of them. I left my flashlight so that I could rush them to the back of my camper-covered pick-up. The building seemed a mile long. I rushed back to search for more. Again I found a group of four hens, only this time one panicked as I picked up her neighbor, and she ran into the pit. I could not save her. I would not see her again. I would only lie awake that night knowing that her scream would fall on uncaring ears as she struggled to escape her death. I tell myself it just goes that way, you’re not responsible for not having saved her, but it doesn’t matter. It’s not about ego, not because I enjoy beating myself up, but simply because she could have been saved, she will always be a reflection in my mind.

Now we were working the pits. Almost beyond my reach, hens stood as if not breathing to avoid being noticed. Nearly featherless and covered in excrement, each precious creature I could reach I pulled to my side. I whispered words that at least comforted me, “We’re here, we’re going to save you. Don’t be afraid, little angel.”

Somehow I felt we had just arrived and that we would be there all night if need be, when Louis approached and said we must leave in order to save the chickens we already had in the truck. They were panicking and it was clear they would suffocate each other if we did not soon move them to where they could be spread out and calmed.

As I turned to be witness to the brutal death of another hen, I dared not spare myself her struggle. While Louis and I had removed birds to our truck the workers continued their methodical and callous extermination. This bird had her head wrenched to her right side between the thumb and index finger of our informant as he held her body with his other hand. She screamed and he tossed her still writhing body to the edge of the pile he was mounting at the east end of the building. As he pulled another hen from the pit I rushed forward and took her from his hands. I knew we would lose the other hens if we did not leave and that at that point I had crossed the line in our informant’s mind from simple gatherer to subtle accuser.

I hurried to the truck and once inside focused on saving the hens who still fluttered and voiced their fear. When we arrived home, we backed the truck up to our

fenced-in hen house. I passed the hens gently to Louis and he lay them on the ground; the ground they had never before touched. Counting as I passed the hens along, I finally gloated, “78! We saved 78.”

I didn't speak my heart, a heart laden with sorrow for the hens left behind. I was so grateful to have a husband who would act as Louis had. It was unfair to bemoan what we could not achieve. Understandably, abuses I suffered as a child were mirrored in my feelings of hopelessness for the hens who were left behind. There would be no back-up, no cavalry. They would die unmercifully, pulled from the dark waste pits they had sought for safety.

Humane Slaughter Act, what a joke. Necessary evil, there is NO SUCH THING. There is simply a social code that insures that the public not see or hear of “the unpleasant side of business” and that images of happy spokeschickens appear in every arena of advertising. Try to ask a TV station that regularly transmits violence to air a documentary on what really is going on down on the farm. It won't happen.

UPDATE: March 29, 1995

It will be a week today since we rescued 78 “spent laying” hens. Yesterday one of the hens lay down by the water provided for her and relaxed her wings. I

prepared a small animal taxi with soft bedding, attached a container with food and water, and placed her in the warm utility building which is home to our small rescued animals. I stroked her and tried to warm her comb and feet. Then I left her to the calm she needed. This morning I found her dead.

I grieved, and wanted to share my grief; but I didn't. I did not want to hear, “She's better off now. She won't suffer anymore.” While we say these things to console ourselves, and it is true she is not suffering, she died needlessly. She lived a miserable life and she died a miserable death. She was cold and covered with excrement when we found her in the waste pit beneath the battery cages. Her body temperature had dropped and she had not recovered.

The six days she had in the fresh air and sun were not days spent flexing her feet and stretching her wings. These days were likely hazy. Yes, she was warm, food was available to her and she ate and drank, but she died last night after a very, very long short life of suffering, And It's Not Okay. May she burn in the forefront of our minds; may we resolve to expose her life and death.

Written immediately following the burial.

Doll Stanley is coordinator of the Mid-South Office of In Defense of Animals, in Grenada, Mississippi.



The Price of Eggs - Hen Found Dead in Egg Farm Manure Pit,
2020 Photo by Tamara Kenneally Photography

How Can We Promote Respect For Chickens?

He felt her beating heart and soft feathers and flesh as a revelation of her reality as a fellow creature, no longer “something to eat.”



Weaver Brothers Egg Farm in Versailles, Ohio.

Photo: Mercy For Animals

The Idea Of “Chicken” As Food As Opposed To Chickens As Sentient Beings With Agency Is Deeply Ingrained In Our Culture. How Do We Change Hearts And Minds?

I believe we change hearts and minds by helping people to perceive chickens and relate to them as individuals who, when they are not mistreated, are full of observable vitality, desires and interests in their own right. I seek to educate people about chickens I have known by writing and talking about them and by sharing photographs and videos and by inviting people to visit our sanctuary and meet our chickens. My essay “The Social Life of Chickens” has inspired many readers to tell me how much it awakened them to the personalities and feelings and individuality of chickens. A man once told me that when he rescued a hen for the first time and held her in his arms, he felt her beating

heart and soft feathers and flesh as a revelation of her reality as a fellow creature, no longer “something to eat.”

In honor of International Respect for Chickens Day, May 4th, **Species Unite**, a media outlet designed to transition the world off animal products with well-researched solutions, published a wide-ranging Interview with me on April 30, 2023, curated by bestselling author Anjali Banerjee, on “How Can We Promote Respect For Chickens?” This is one of the many topics we covered. The Interview can be read on Species Unite and on our website page, “Thinking Like a Chicken,” at www.upc-online.org/thinking. – Karen Davis, UPC President

Our Big Beautiful Transit Ads in Atlanta & Washington, DC Urge Chicken-Free!

United Poultry Concerns is delighted to share with you photos of our OutFront Outdoor Media posters displayed in 17 bus shelters in Atlanta, Georgia and 17 Bike Share locations in Washington, DC through the entire month of May in honor of our annual International Respect for Chickens Day May 4/month of May campaign.

Begun in 2005 to celebrate chickens throughout the world and protest their use in farming operations, and in all violent enterprises including cockfighting and laboratory experiments, International Respect for Chickens Day urges activists to do a special COMPASSIONATE ACTION for chickens in May and – needless to say – every day! We gratefully accept tax-deductible donations to support our Outdoor Media posters in selected cities each year. \$30,000 per city for one month brings our message to thousands of people – in May on behalf of Chickens, in November on behalf of Turkeys!



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Help Us Shut Down Oberlin Public Library's CRUEL Chick Hatching Events!

*Action Alert Courtesy of Victoria Hart,
Ohio Animal Rights Activist*

In honor of May's **International Respect for Chickens Month**, we began efforts to shut down a cruelly exploitative chick hatching event at Oberlin Public Library (OPL) in Oberlin, Ohio – a town known for its historic fight for abolition, equality, sensitivity, and inclusivity.

The library arranged this event through Ohio State University's Extension Program and is made available to all public libraries in Lorain County, Ohio. Eggs for this program come from Meyer Hatchery, in Polk, Ohio. See www.meyerhatchery.com.

This year's chick-hatching event at the library began in late April, 2023. David Fausnaugh, the new Library Director, is the person responsible for deciding to have chick-hatching events at the library. These free public events are for the community's entertainment (in the guise of "education"), in the hope of prompting monetary donations and/or new memberships from visitors who find the event appealing and thus worth continuing.

The chick-hatching event stretched into May 2023, and on May 4, United Poultry Concerns' **International Respect for Chickens Day**, a group of local activists protested outside the library. In response, the library covertly ended the event prematurely, trying to avoid further negative attention. By that time, it was known that one egg out of the eleven featured "didn't make it," and at least two hatched chicks were visibly ill. Most disturbing was the fact that one tiny brown chick with splayed legs was separated from the others, trapped inside a makeshift room divider inside a comfortless metal cage. This weak, sickly chick was seen suffering in distress and misery and died not long after. It is suspected that the sick chicks were denied proper medical care, contrary to Mr. Fausnaugh's claim when questioned about it.

The activists have continued their protests, calling the Oberlin Public Library's chick hatching event CRUEL and SHAMEFUL based on the following:



1.) At this year's chick-hatching event, eleven eggs were placed inside a comfortless Styrofoam incubator machine. Those eleven eggs were from mother hens who were exploited for their egg producing capabilities, had their eggs stolen from them, and were undoubtedly distressed and frustrated when their strong brooding instincts were thwarted.

2.) Newly hatched chicks peeped and searched about for their absent mothers, instinctively seeking her safety, nurturing, and guidance. The incubator they were trapped in bore no resemblance whatsoever to a welcoming, protective mother hen they so desperately needed.

3.) While trapped inside the incubator, and later when placed in a metal cage, the chicks trampled and pecked at each other in their barren enclosure, were handled by staff, and were poked at by visitors. The chicks were forced to endure bright lights, strange sounds/voices, and other intrusive conditions as both staff and visitors hovered over the unnatural spectacle throughout the library's open hours. This constantly disrupted the chicks' sleep, a crucial need for baby chicks. These continuous interruptions could be seen on a livestream of the event at the OPL's YouTube channel.

4.) The eggs came from "America's industry-leading hatchery" – Meyer Hatchery in Polk, Ohio – a hatchery offering "more than 160 breeds of poultry including chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, guineas, and game birds." Apart from those they will sell, hatcheries destroy male chicks as soon as they are born. Hatcheries also destroy any sick or otherwise unwanted female chicks. Gruesome "standard practices" for murdering hatchery





chicks include gassing, suffocation in plastic bags, or shredding chicks alive in macerators. In some cases, unwanted chicks are electrocuted.

5.) In 2022, the library had their first chick-hatching program. One of the librarians volunteered to take the chicks home with her once the event ended. She was permitted to do so, and off they went. But later, as the chicks grew a bit older, the librarian discovered that 5 out of the surviving 6 chicks turned out to be males who were growing into roosters. Not wanting “annoying” roosters, she tried finding homes for them, but was unsuccessful. She then took the 5 male chicks to a farm that would “take care of them.” Upon learning this, an activist asked the librarian if that farm was a sanctuary and was told the farm was “a place that processes roosters.” (Like so many others who “keep” chickens in order to steal their eggs, she felt that since the roosters wouldn’t be profitable, their lives didn’t matter.)

This year, Mr. Fausnaugh allowed this same librarian to take home all of the surviving chicks when the chick-hatching event abruptly ended. ***Both Mr. Fausnaugh and the librarian refused to release the chicks to farmed animal sanctuaries that activists had lined up.***

Mr. Fausnaugh is claiming that he personally didn’t see any animal cruelty. Along with this, he has mentioned that the library received a greater amount of positive feedback from the community versus vocal protest from a small group of activists. It is because of this overall positive feedback that Mr. Fausnaugh is

unwilling to “definitively” say whether he’ll be renewing the chick-hatching event in the future. ***What we are asking is that he state in writing that he will NOT renew OSU’s chick-hatching program NOR decide to have other library programs featuring animals dead or alive.***

Chick-hatching programs are CRUEL lessons, but thankfully, kind alternatives are available that do not exploit animals. United Poultry Concerns puts out a helpful 16-page booklet titled ***Hatching Good Lessons: Alternatives To School Hatching Projects***; available in print and online at www.upc-online.org/hatching/alternatives.html.

(NOTE: Mr. Fausnaugh and his staff have already been given copies of this booklet. As yet, there has been no response.)

What Can I Do?

PLEASE help us end Oberlin Public Library’s chick-hatching events once and for all by contacting Mr. Fausnaugh with a message of support for our efforts to shut down this program. Your action could help convince Mr. Fausnaugh that the program is not worth renewing.

Call David Fausnaugh, Oberlin Public Library’s Director at 440-775-4790

And/or EMAIL him at

dfausnaugh@oberlinlibrary.org

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***Oberlin Public Library, 65 Main Street,
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“Animal Liberation Now”: Nothing to Crow About

By Karen Davis, PhD, President,
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I see two interpretations of the title of utilitarian philosopher Peter Singer’s updated 1975 book *Animal Liberation* to which “Now” has been added to the 2023 version: One is a clarion call to Action for Animals – Animal Liberation Now! The other is a description of Singer’s reduction of “Liberation” to mean “just treat the animals a little nicer” (at least oratorically). Especially with respect to farmed animals, if his media interviews reflect the book, a more apt title would be *Animal De-Liberation Now*.

While his new book is said to include updates on the advancing technological assaults on farmed animals and recent cognitive science on certain animals hitherto deemed insentient, his current “recommendations” in media interviews suggest that his own advocacy for animals has not advanced since 1975 and has in fact deteriorated.

Here is an example from a May 21, 2023 interview in *The Guardian*:

Q. Conscientious omnivores oppose factory farming but continue to eat animal products from farmers who treat their animals well and don’t subject them to suffering. Do they get a pass?

A. Honestly, I can’t show that they are wrong. Assume that the cows wouldn’t have existed if they weren’t going to be sold for their meat and the conscientious omnivores investigate how their food is produced, and can be confident that the animals really do have good lives and are killed painlessly and without suffering – then I think they do get a pass. They’re allies in the movement against factory farming, and a world of conscientious omnivores would produce much less meat and dairy products, with vastly less suffering.

Who are these “conscious omnivores” exactly, and what, specifically, does “treat their animals well” mean? The “conscious omnivore,” on whom most have modeled themselves, is Michael Pollan – no moral hero whatsoever, more of sadist and a mean-spirited ignoramus, where farmed animals are concerned.

In a chatty piece titled “Michael Pollan and Ruth Reichl Hash out the Food Revolution,” published in *Smithsonian Magazine*, May 28, 2013, we read for example:

Michael Pollan: “I think now I could raise a pig and kill a pig for food. I didn’t feel a sense of attachment. Clearly a pig is a very intelligent animal, but I think I could probably do that. I raised chickens, and worried that I wouldn’t be able to kill them, but by the time they were mature, I couldn’t wait to kill them. They were ruining my garden, abusing one another, making a tremendous mess. Meat birds are not like hens. Their brains have been bred right out of them, they’re really nasty and stupid. And every other critter for miles around was coming after them. I lost one to a raccoon, one to a fox, one to an owl—all in the course of a week. In the end I couldn’t wait to do the deed, because otherwise, somebody else was going to get the meat.”

I replied to this pompous commentary in a letter to *Smithsonian* published July 10, 2013:

“Chickens bred for the meat industry are not stupid and nasty. These birds have been bred to be too heavy to run or fly, as their wild relatives do. This doesn’t mean that they are unintelligent or mean, but that people have incapacitated the birds’ natural physical abilities and frustrated their instincts. Even if chickens manipulated for meat production were stupid, blaming them for their defenseless predicament is cruel.”

Contrary to Peter Singer’s pie in the sky, there is no such thing as “animals killed painlessly and without suffering” on a farm. There never was, isn’t now, never will be. What farm have you heard of that gives a painkilling medication to the animals before sticking a knife in their throats? Or that medicates them or provides veterinary care and treatment when one of the farm’s chickens or goats or pigs gets sick? Can’t think of any?

Do we who call ourselves animal advocates consider people who kill animals for the human palate and for

profit “our allies”?

Peter said in a recent opinion that he doesn't see how we can get rid of global capitalism, yet he suggests we can somehow get rid of global animal factory farming – a pinnacle of global capitalism! Think about it: Even if the current human population of 8 billion and climbing could be reduced to 4 billion, and the current 100 billion land animals slaughtered for food each year could be reduced to 50 billion, factory farming would still be necessary to supply the masses with cheap meat, dairy and eggs. Ask yourself how much land human beings would be willing to sacrifice so that millions and billions of chickens, turkeys, ducks, cows, pigs, and goats could live free-range. How many real estate developers would yield their business to that?

Stop Factory Farming! This call means nothing as long as the majority of people consume animals, cheese and eggs, even if they scale back somewhat. Let us face it: All animal farming is factory farming. If an animal is brought into the world to be a slave, a piece of property, a piece of merchandise, a commodity, a being whose purpose in having been brought to life is to become DEAD as expeditiously and cheaply as possible, that animal is a factory-farmed animal owned by a factory

farm or factory farmer. Just consider that an entire hen is hatched strictly to churn out eggs and then be killed. An entire chicken is forced to exist only to become pieces of meat. And if, indeed, the chicken or turkey, say, is enjoying a happy life, how does morality justify killing him or her years before he or she would have otherwise lived and thrived? This is not euthanasia. This is cold-blooded killing. This is raw economics, not ethics or empathy or respect for the life and feelings of a fellow creature who wants to live and is not ready to die. (“But you're gonna die, chicken, because *my* bottom line is more important than *your* life.”)

What I am urging by posing these few, simple yet vital questions is that people who honestly care about animals think about what they are subscribing to before deciding upon Peter Singer's vision of “animal liberation.” Hopefully they will have second thoughts and decide we owe more – much more – to our fellow beings in chains than this low, uninspired bar of “liberation.”

For those interested in my detailed look at Peter Singer's philosophy of animal liberation, see “What Happened to Peter Singer?” posted on UPC's website.– *Karen Davis*



We met at Henry Spira's Round Table meeting on factory farming and animal experimentation held at the New York Academy of Sciences, in New York City, June 1, 1991. Left to right: Karen Davis, Bernie Unti, Linda Parascandola, Peter Singer, Unidentified Person, and Mark Parascandola.

Photo: Courtesy of United Poultry Concerns

Freddaflower Memorial & Appreciation Fund

The pain of losing them is the price we pay for the privilege of knowing them and sharing their lives . . .

We thank those people who have contributed to our work with recent donations *In Loving Memory and in Honor and Appreciation* of the following beloved family members and friends, both those who have passed away and those who are with us.

Dear UPC, it is an honor and a great privilege to donate to UPC's Freddaflower Memorial & Appreciation Fund! This donation is in loving memory of Peace Kitty, a very special creature of God who taught me about the power of selflessness and conviction. Thank you most sincerely for all you do to help the birds and promote veganism. In kindness and deep appreciation. – *Victoria Hart*

Dear UPC, I'm sending this donation in honor of these three beautiful roosters who were left to die in a cage in the sun at the local auction on May 6. They had been in a cage on the ground in the shade, where I dropped feed in for them to eat off the grass to distract them from being restless and pecking one another, because they were crowded. The holes on one side of the cage were large enough for them to get their heads through, so I set a water bowl on the outside and saw at least one drink. We had to leave, but made sure they were still in shade before we left.



Fast forward an hour or so, and we came back to see who needed water before we went home. I caught a glimpse of a man carrying several roosters by their legs. He came out from behind the dumpster empty-handed, and I hurried to look in. Two were obviously dead, and one had barely a glint of light in his eye. I ran after the man to ask what happened. He said he'd had them in a cage (and apparently forgot to shade them). I saw many others in cages on his pickup, but only got a glimpse. He said he was "going to water them."

I ran back to the dumpster, hoping to save the one who might be still alive, but he too was dead. By this time the pickup had disappeared. I got photos and reported what happened to the auction owner. I asked that an announcement be made each week to the effect that buyers be sure to shade animals in their pickups.

She said it wouldn't make any difference – "people can do whatever they want with any animal they buy."

I'm determined that these unfortunate roosters not be forgotten! It's very likely they would've been killed later anyway, but dying trapped in hot sun is a particularly miserable way to die. I wrote a tribute for them and am sharing it with you, along with this heartbreaking photo. I don't know what else I can do to honor them. – *Barbara Moffit*

In honor of my Mother Patricia Burmaster. Thank you for all the mother hens! – *Laura Staples*

The enclosed donation to UPC is for the occasion of my wife's (Jamie Kordack) 58th birthday on June 12. – *Sincerely, Vincent M. Kordack*

In honor of my mother, Cynthia Cruser, who greatly admires your work. – *Hope Cruser*

This donation is in honor of Sheila Ross. Thanks so much! – *Maxine Borowsky Junge and Benjamin Junge*



Mattie

In memory of Mattie, who was loved and lived with us for 14 years after being rescued from the street by a friend. – *Franklin Wade & Liqin Cao*

This gift is in honor of my birthday and is from Facebook friends who donated to my birthday fundraiser for UPC. – *Ronnie Steinau*

My donation is in honor of Ronnie Steinau's Birthday. – *Marcia Kudlow*

This Donation is in Memory of Frankincense, Rockie Roo's Friend. I was saddened to hear of Frankincense's passing. Some things, it seems, we can never get over. . . – *Rita Lemongello*

In honor of Nero, Fredericka, Julie, Nathaniel, Leonard, and Bertha, remembered forever and sadly missed. – *Paul Deane*

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Vegan Recipe Corner

Vegan Lasagne

Recipe from Tofu Cookery (slightly modified)

Have ready:

4 cups Marinara pasta sauce
Ricotta-Style Filling

Cook and drain:

½ lb. lasagne noodles

Ricotta-Style Filling

Process in a food processor to a fine grainy texture like ricotta cheese:

- 1 ½ lbs. firm tofu
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp. fresh chopped basil or 2 tsp. dried basil
- 2 tsp. maple syrup
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 clove garlic or ½ tsp. garlic powder

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. Start making layers in a 9' x 13' pan, starting with a thin layer of marinara sauce (about 1 cup), then a layer of cooked noodles, then a layer of one third of the Ricotta-Style Filling.
3. Continue in the same order: 1 cup marinara sauce, cooked noodles, 1/3 Ricotta-Style Filling, 1 cup marinara sauce, cooked noodles.
4. Place the remaining Ricotta-Style Filling on the noodles in dollops and drizzle the remaining marina sauce on top. Optional: Sprinkle vegan cheese on top.
5. Bake for about 30 minutes

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Photo by Liqin Cao

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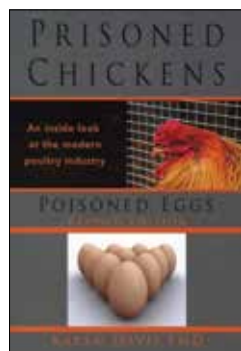
**Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs:
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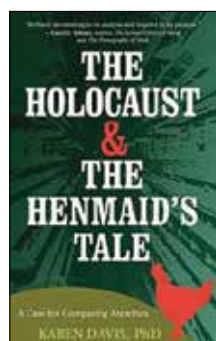
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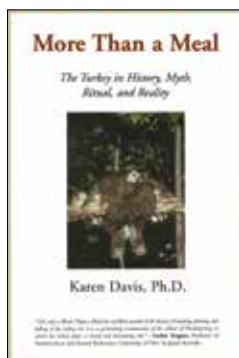
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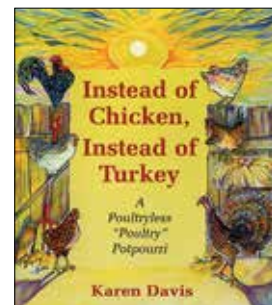
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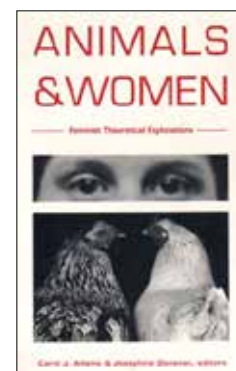
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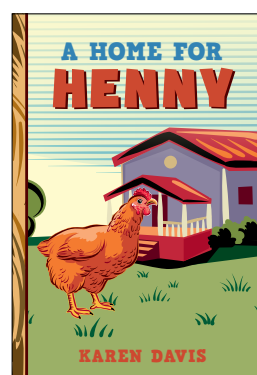
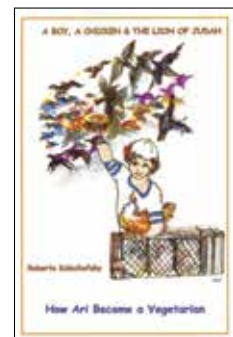
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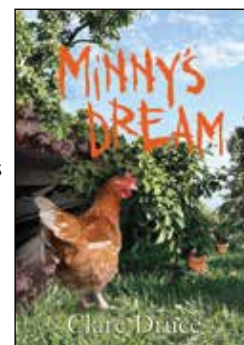
Dave is a quirky monster from another planet who loves chickens and all animals on Earth. He encourages people to share his love and not eat any

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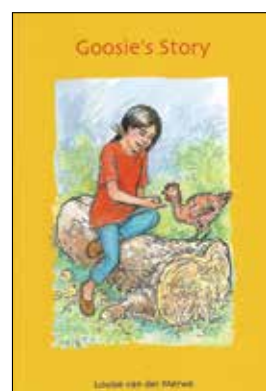
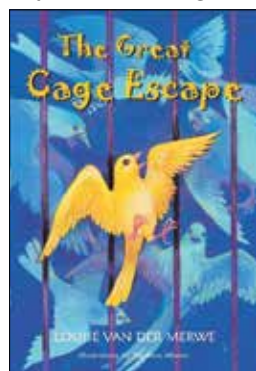
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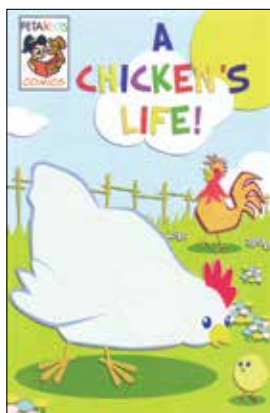
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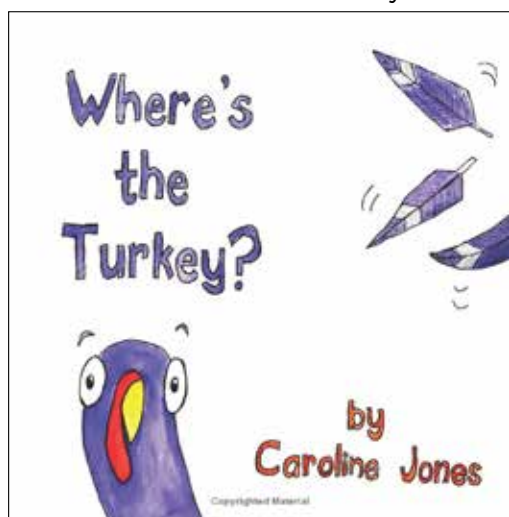
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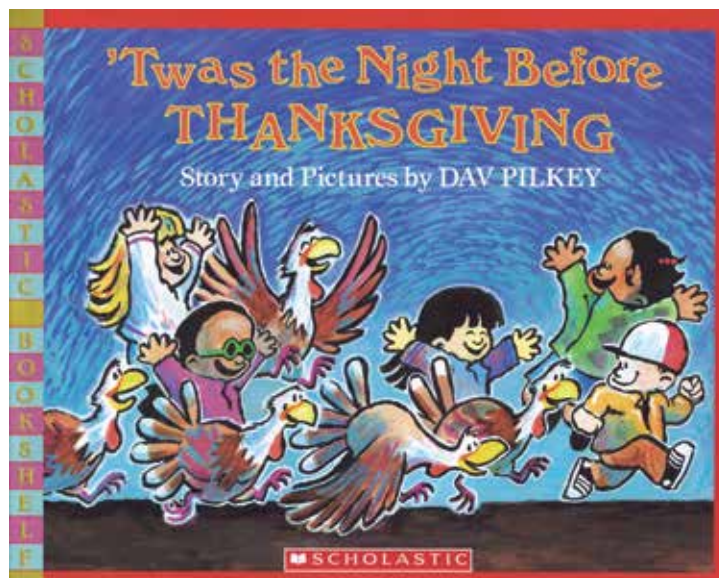
Where's the Turkey?, by Caroline Jones, is a charming and adorable book for young children. The child is engaged in a journey, with visual clues in the illustrations, toward discovering where the turkey is, which is not on the table. Young children love the "look-and-find" challenge page by page. I recommend this book most highly. It illustrates a Happy Thanksgiving with the whole family and a delicious Thanksgiving feast for which the turkeys themselves can give thanks for enjoying the day in their own happy "turkey" way. \$6.99

– Karen Davis, United Poultry Concerns

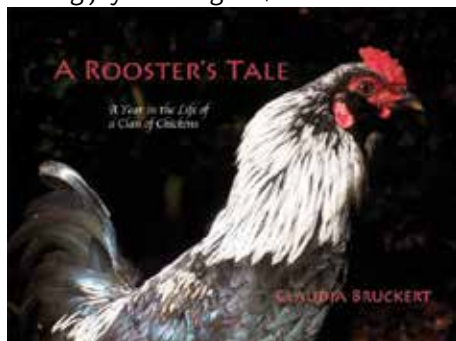
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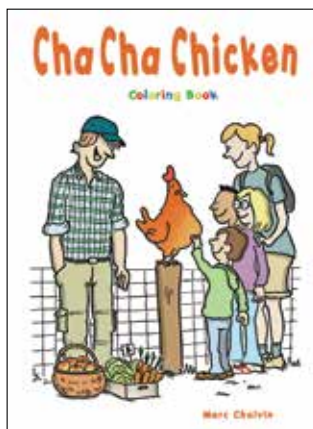
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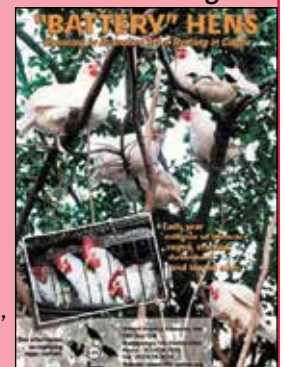


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