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California Bill to Ban Forced Molting: Update

Poultry Scientist Calls Forced Molting "Completely Inhumane"; The Washington Post Shows "Cracks in the Egg Industry"

Unfortunately, the California Assembly Bill to Ban the Forced Molting of "Laying" Hens (AB 2141) was killed by the Assembly Agriculture Committee. However, this groundbreaking bill, sponsored by Assemblyman Ted Lempert (D/Palo Alto), was the first bill in the United States that would have banned the practice of starving hens to manipulate the economics of egg production, and it won't be the last. Poultry specialist Dr. Ian Duncan, from the University of Guelph in Ontario, flew to Sacramento as the guest of United Poultry Concerns and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, to testify on behalf of AB 2141. Dr. Duncan called forced molting "completely inhumane."

AB 2141 received tremendous support from individuals and organizations in California and around the country. *Thank you!*

The following organizations sent letters of endorsement (48 in all): Action Volunteers for Animals, Alley Cat Allies, American Humane Association, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Animal Activists of Central Florida, Animal Emancipation, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Animal People, Animal Place, Animal Protection Institute, Animal Rights International, Ark Trust, Asians for Humans, Animals & Nature, Association of Veterinarians for Animal

Rights (Co-sponsor), CA Citizens for Health Freedom, CA Federation for Animal Legislation, CA Lobby for Animal Welfare, Center for Animal Protection and Education, Center for Science in the



From left to right, back row: Karen Davis, Ph.D., President, United Poultry Concerns; Paula Kislak, DVM, Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights; Assemblyman Ted Lempert; Ian J.H. Duncan, Ph.D., Professor of Poultry Ethology, University of Guelph; Laurie Siperstein-Cook, DVM, Avian Specialist; Linda Barr, Legislative Assistant. Front: Linda Blair, Golden Globe-winning actress and lifelong human and animal rights activist.

Public Interest, Coalition for Healthy and Humane Business Practices, Committee for Children, Consumers Union, Contra Costa Humane Society, Doris Day Animal League, Farm Animal Reform Movement, Farm Sanctuary, Food Animal Concerns Trust, Fund for Animals, Government Accountability Project, Humane Education Network, Illinois PAC, In Defense of Animals, Jews for Animal Rights, Orange County People for Animals, People Against Companion Animal Slaughter, People for the Ethical Treatment of Ani-

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PLEASE JOIN CITIZENS AGAINST THE CARNEGIE CHICK HATCHERY*

"Carnegie, with its vast resources, can easily come up with something worthwhile to replace the pitiful sight of baby birds struggling to emerge from their shells without the help that a mother hen provides. What kind of a lesson is that?"

— Karen Davis, President, United Poultry Concerns, News Release, April 17, 2000.

As many of you know, the Carnegie Science Center installed a chick hatchery as part of its new children's amusement park-style science program in February. Upon learning about the plan, United Poultry Concerns quickly joined forces with Animal Advocates of Pittsburgh to try to stop the hatchery before it opened, but we were unsuccessful.

We are determined to close down the hatchery. Following our national Action Alert (thanks to all of you who wrote to the Center's director opposing the hatchery!), UPC and Animal Advocates prepared an information brochure, "Citizens Against the Carnegie Chick Hatchery: Unnatural * Cruel * Misleading." Thousands of these brochures have already been handed out to people throughout the Pittsburgh area, explaining that the Center will produce at least 2000 unwanted motherless chicks every year in a society that already kills millions of unwanted animals every year in pounds and shelters. The Center takes no responsibility for these chicks once they leave the Center. If we oppose pet overpopulation, we cannot condone the production of an endless stream of baby animals, which encourages people to produce even more baby animals.

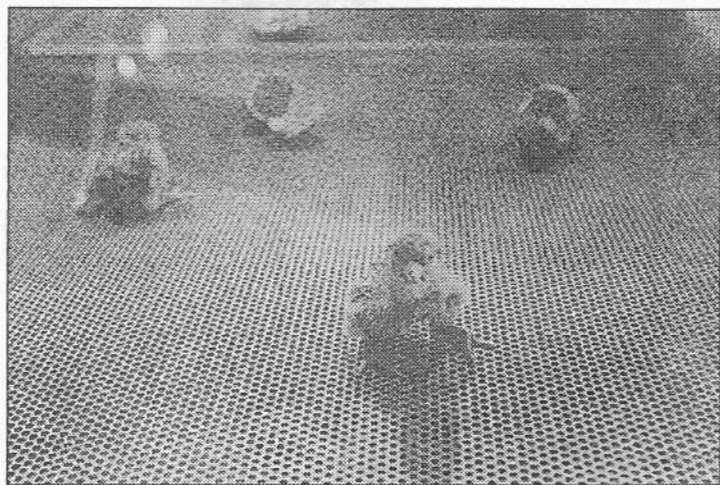


photo by Joe Appel/Tribune-Review

The view is bleak for victims of the Carnegie Science Center.

* Citizens Against the Carnegie Chick Hatchery is a coalition of local and animal protection groups including United Poultry Concerns, Animal Advocates, Inc. of Pittsburgh, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Mobilization for animals (Western PA Chapter), and Friends of animals-University of Pittsburgh.

"What Can I Do?"

Help end the suffering of the chicks at the Science Center by calling the Center's Director, Seddon
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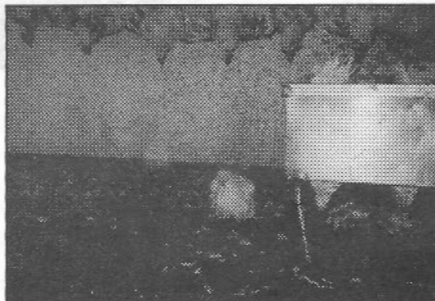
HUMANE SLAUGHTER?

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

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"Undercover footage [**HUMANE SLAUGHTER**] of a poultry slaughterhouse in Los Angeles shows chickens having their throats manually cut . . . and then being stuffed alive into bleeding holes in an idle manner by the employees. Blood-soaked chickens with partially cut throats try vainly to lift themselves out of the troughs into which more bleeding and writhing birds are casually flung before being picked up and shackled. Bleeding, flapping chickens fall off the line onto the floor — no one pays any attention."

— Karen Davis, "The Death," Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry, p. 114.



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Bennington, at 412-237-3400. Ask him to replace the hatchery with a humane alternative. Please write a short letter to Mr. Bennington and to the Center's Marketing Director, Mark Trumbull, and express your objections to the mechanical hatchery exhibit. Mr. Bennington and Mr.

Trumbull can both be reached at:
Carnegie Science Center
One Allegheny Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Fax: 412-237-3375
benningtons@csc.clpgh.org
(hardcopy letters are best)

Even if you already wrote a letter, please write again. Persistent public outcry is critical.

Earth Day Protest, Candlelight Vigil Opposes Carnegie Chick Hatchery

On April 22, United Poultry Concerns and Animal Advocates of

Pittsburgh held an all-day protest in front of the Carnegie Science Center. Armed with candles, banners, signs, press kits, and handout



Photo by Jessica Fomalont

Protestors at the Carnegie Science Center.

literature, 50 protestors urged the elimination of the hatchery, a cruel mockery of Earth Day. Our protest received excellent TV news coverage on NBC that night, and Reuters wrote an article stating that "Animal rights activists have branded the exhibit as a tourist gimmick that artificially produces orphan chicks never to feel the protection of a mother's wing."

According to Reuters, "It's conveying a negative message because children are not seeing the real needs these birds have," said Karen Davis, of United Poultry Concerns. . . . "They need their mothers. The mother hen's behavior is entirely caring and nurturing," she said."

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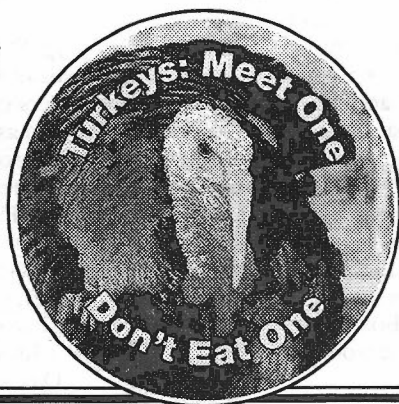
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Washington Post article a first!

AB 2141 launched a front-page article in the Sunday, April 30 edition of *The Washington Post*. "Cracks in the Egg Industry: Criticism Mounts to End Forced Molting Practice," by Marc Kaufman, stated that "The practice of forced molting has been the subject of a little-known but passionate debate [that] has begun to draw increased attention. . . . [I]ncreasingly, health researchers, animal rights activists and now legislators are challenging the practice."

United Poultry Concerns set the wheels in motion for this landmark article back in November, with a News Release to Mr. Kaufman about forced molting. Thereafter, UPC provided information to him including documents we obtained through Freedom of Information Requests to the US Department of Agriculture.

While Mr. Kaufman could have reported solely on the fact that forced molting increases *Salmonella* in eggs, he responded to our urgings to stress the inhumaneness of depriving hens of all food for 5 to 14+ days. Mr. Kaufman flew to California and met with Assemblyman Lempert, who called forced molting a "horrible cruelty." He interviewed Teri Barnato, Executive Director of the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights (AVAR), who took him on a tour of several battery-hen complexes, which he had never seen before and where he took the photos that accompany his article in *The Washington Post*.

"Cracks in the Egg Industry" is the first major coverage ever to appear in the United States, and probably the world, regarding the practice of forced molting, which is banned on welfare grounds in the UK and the European Union.

United Egg Producers Recognizes Growing Resistance to Cruel Egg Industry Practices

United Egg Producers (UEP is the US egg industry trade group) has formed an animal welfare advisory committee to deal with the "new activism" that is threatening standard industry practices. Committee Chair Dr. Jeffrey Armstrong told the committee that "three priorities" – battery cages, forced molting, and debeaking – must be reconsidered in the light of growing public resistance to these practices.

Armstrong, head of the animal sciences department at Purdue University, said "disadvantages" of cages include "crowding and suppressed social behavior" of the caged hens.

Armstrong told the committee that the industry needs to focus on providing enough room for all hens to get easily to

food and water, to preen themselves, and to sit at the same time.

Although Dr. Armstrong sent a letter on behalf of the UEP committee to CA Assemblyman Lempert opposing the bill to ban forced molting, the letter also states: "WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT FEED RESTRICTION OR WITHDRAWAL TO INDUCE A MOLT SHOULD BE CONTINUED. . . . BEHAVIORAL AND IMMUNE SYSTEM MEASURES INDICATE THAT THE WELFARE OF THE HEN IS COMPROMISED WHEN FEED WITHDRAWAL OR RESTRICTION IS USED TO INDUCE A MOLT."

The UEP Animal Welfare Advisory Committee sounded warnings to the US egg industry:

- Campaigns have been mounted by United Poultry Concerns and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights to ban forced molting, including our petition to the FDA and thousands of letters being received by United Egg Producers.

- A ban on battery cages in the European Union (by the year 2012) has encouraged US animal rights activists to target the US government and marketplace more aggressively.

- Animal rights activists "are doing a better job" at getting their message before the general public and into schools.

- A bill (AB 2141) to ban forced molting was introduced in the California legislature this year.

- McDonald's Corp. is writing animal welfare guidelines for suppliers of animal-derived products including poultry and eggs.

- For the past 2 years, the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights has introduced resolutions to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) urging the AVMA to oppose forced molting.

"What Can I Do?"

- United Poultry Concerns urges all activist to keep up the pressure. Al Pope, president of United Egg Producers, told *The Washington Post* that even if the egg industry does not want to give up forced molting, "WE MAY NOT HAVE MUCH CHOICE." Urge United Egg Producers to eliminate forced molting, debeaking, and battery cages. Tell UEP that you are responding to the accumulating bad publicity about the cruelty and inhumaneness of the US egg industry.

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Website: www.unitedegg.org

- **Contact** the corporate offices of your local supermarkets and grocery stores (store managers can provide you with the store's corporate office address) and ask whether their eggs come from hens who have been (a) force molted, (b) caged, or (c) debeaked. Make copies of the Questionnaire on page 5 of this newsletter and mail it to them. Please send replies to United Poultry Concerns.

Two major food chains to start out with:

Safeway Inc.
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Pleasanton, CA 94566

Jack Greenberg, CEO
McDonald's Corporation
1 Kroc Drive
Oak Park, IL 60523

AB 2142 produced a full-page ad in the *Los Angeles Times* on Friday, April 28, "How to Defuse a Time Bomb: If you see an egg, move away from it immediately!" The ad, paid for by Animal Legislative Action Network and PETA, introduced thousands of readers to the cruel practice of starving hens for profit.

TO THE SUPPLIERS OF EGGS & EGG PRODUCTS

I am a responsible consumer concerned about how hens used for egg production are being treated on the farm. Would you please complete this form and return it to me as soon as possible in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope? Thank you.

Name of Company _____

Address & Zip _____

CEO/Owner/Manager _____

We supply eggs to the following supermarket/restaurant trade _____

I. LIVING CONDITIONS

1. Do your birds live in cages? _____ If so, how many hens are in each cage? _____

How much living space – square inches – does each hen have? _____

2. Do your hens have dustbathing areas? _____ Do your hens have perches? _____

3. What is your company doing to upgrade the hens' living conditions in order to improve their welfare? _____

II. FORCED MOLTING

1. Are your birds force-molted? _____ If so, for how many days do they go without food? _____

How many times do you normally molt a single flock? _____

2. What steps is your company taking to eliminate forced molting? _____

III. DEBEAKING (Beak Trimming)

1. Are your hens debeaked? _____ If so, at what age? _____

How many times? _____

2. What steps is your company taking to eliminate debeaking? _____

Signed,

Signature

Title

Date

HEN ABUSER CHARGED WITH CRUELTY

First Egg Farmer in Washington State History Charged With Animal Cruelty for Starving Hens to Death

Snohomish County, Washington – Based on videotape and photographic evidence and necropsies of starved hens supplied by Pasado's Safe Haven of Monroe, WA, Keith Amberson, owner of Amberson Egg farm in Lake Stevens, will be the first egg farmer in Washington State history charged with cruelty for starving his hens to death. The Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney's Office stated on June 6, 2000, that Second Degree Cruelty

Charges were filed (first degree requires proof of intentional harm) against Keith Amberson, who allowed thousands of hens to die – twice. 1000 hens were rescued by Pasado's Safe Haven, which conducted the investigation. Although 125 of the hens died after the rescue, 250 were placed with the Humane Farming Association, and 250 hens were placed with Farm Sanctuary, both in California. The remaining hens will live out their lives in peace at Pasado's Safe Haven.

The charges against Keith Amberson carry a maximum fine of one year in jail and up to a \$5000 fine. Amberson's arraignment is set for June 21. United Poultry Concerns wishes to congratulate Pasado's Safe Haven for its magnificent investigation, which made front-page headlines in *The Seattle Times*, and to thank UPC members who urged the prosecuting attorney to prosecute Keith Amberson (*PoultryPress*, Summer 1999, p. 6). It worked!



photos by Paul Nahey

UPC protestors demonstrate outside a KFC restaurant in suburban Maryland in February.

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We welcome inquiries.

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UPC Position Statement on the "Rights" of Poultry Workers and "Improving" Animal-Abusing Employment

The letter below represents United Poultry Concerns' position on the role of the animal advocacy movement towards the work-related complaints and demands by poultry industry workers, and, by extension, all workers whose employment consists of animal abuse, whether it be catching parrots for the pet trade or beating up elephants for the circus. The letter was written in response to the inclusion of the Reverend Jim Lewis as a speaker at the Fifth Annual Pace Law School Animals and the Law Conference on April 8, 2000. Rev. Lewis is a member of

the Delmarva Poultry Justice Alliance, which seeks to improve the working conditions and economic status of the men and women who raise, catch, truck, and slaughter chickens for a living.

Our position is that when opportunities arise for animal advocates to support other social justice movements on behalf of common goals that do not compromise the goal of animal protection and animal rights, this can be beneficial. But we cannot ally ourselves with those who would make cruel work more comfortable.

An Open Letter to the Fifth Annual Pace Law School Animals and the Law Conference

From Karen Davis, Ph.D., President, United Poultry Concerns

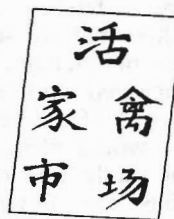
April 8, 2000

On behalf of United Poultry Concerns, I would like to express our concern that the animal advocacy community would support employment that constitutes animal abuse. In particular, we are concerned that animal advocates would support making it more comfortable for people to work for the poultry industry. While we support social justice, we recognize that not all social justice interests are compatible and that not all jobs can be ethically supported. The unpleasantness of a job for a worker does not of itself entitle that job to be benefited. Some work is not fit to do. Raising animals for slaughter, rounding them up for slaughter, transporting, and killing them – the entire bundle of violent, cruel, abusive jobs that constitute the poultry industry cannot logically be supported by animal or peace advocates.

However underpaid, poultry industry employees are neither legal property nor slaves, whereas the birds are both. Workers' choices may be limited, but people with limited choices leave jobs all the time for reasons that are far less compelling than why a person should get out of the poultry industry instead of demanding better pay to abuse birds for a living. Poultry industry employees are not children but consenting adults, and while they may be victimized by Perdue and Tyson, etc., they themselves violently and directly victimize animals. The fact that they do not object to such work as long as they get sufficiently paid to do it shows the insensitivity and lack of empathy such work produces.

United Poultry Concerns opposes any alliance that animal advocates would make with individuals or groups that support and perpetuate animal abusing employment. Commitment to a worthwhile life for humans and nonhuman animals means supporting morally responsible occupations, not cruel and unconscionable ones, like working for the poultry industry. Making it more lucrative and "dignified" for people to mistreat animals is a misguided approach for animal advocates to take. It is a betrayal of our mission and a betrayal of the birds and other animals whom our species has already desolated and deprived of everything but misery, horror, and murder. Helping people to feel and be more comfortable in a cruel and abusive occupation does not help them. It would be wrong for the animal advocacy community to facilitate the illusion that it does.

"LIVE POULTRY MARKETS" NOW IN 3 LANGUAGES ENGLISH! SPANISH! CHINESE!



UPC's brochure, *Live Poultry Markets*, is available in Spanish and Chinese as well as English. We wish to thank Marion Zinowski and Liqin Cao for their translations. If you are in an area that has a live animal/poultry market, please order our brochures and distribute them. Live poultry markets are cruel and a major source of avian influenza virus.

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VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ADOPTS ROOSTER AS MASCOT

"The chicken makes us unique."

Last year United Poultry Concerns received a charming article about a rooster chosen to be the mascot at the new Nicol Volunteer Fire Department in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. This fire department's mascot "isn't your typical dalmatian," *The Tuscaloosa News* announced in a front-page article, by Emilio Sahurie, on January 7, 1999. "We are proud of the chicken," said station chief Allan Sullivan. "This is the home of the dalmatian chicken."

Interested to find out how the handsome black & white rooster on the front page was doing, we recently called Nicol's assistant fire chief, Gaston Wilson, who was pleased to say that Allan Jr. – named after fire chief Allan Sullivan – is prospering and is still the department's mascot. "He's living in protective custody with several other chickens nearby," Mr. Wilson explained.

Mr. Wilson and Emilio Sahurie, the *Tuscaloosa News* reporter who wrote the story, were delighted to learn that we wanted to tell our readers about the Nicol Volunteer Fire Department's wonderful and unique Firebird, Allan Jr. Mr. Sahurie asked that we send him a copy of our newsletter in which the article appeared, and Mr. Wilson asked for a copy of the newsletter and also if we would please include a request for badly needed firefighting supplies. The all-volunteer department welcomes everything from hoses and nozzles to bandages and burn medicine.

You may send inquiries and supplies, in the name of "Allan Jr.," to the Nicol Volunteer Fire Department, 14105 Old Lock #15 Road, Tuscaloosa, AL 35406 (ph:

205-349-5560).

"NATIONAL RESPECT THE CHICKEN DAY" A BIG SUCCESS

Last year when famed *Le Show* host (and star of *The Simpsons*) Harry Shearer thoughtlessly suggested to his NPR listeners that chickens might not feel pain, he instantly heard back from his UPC fans assuring him otherwise. Not only did Mr.



photo by Neil Brake/The Tuscaloosa News
Allan Jr. with his namesake, fire chief Allan Sullivan.

Shearer read our dissenting letters on the air, he proclaimed Sunday, May 14, 2000 – Mother's Day – **National Respect the Chicken Day**. It was a great success. Mr. Shearer received so much mail on behalf of chickens, he said it was well above the usual amount he receives on other issues.

We are grateful to Harry Shearer for turning a thoughtless moment into a tribute to these wonderful birds and delighted that he chose Mother's Day to celebrate them. Hens through the ages have been justifiably praised as archetypes of motherhood, and roosters have been properly hailed for their protective fatherly role. In *Letters from an American Farmer*, a study of American Colonial society published in 1782, St. John de Crevecoeur wrote about chickens, "I never see an egg brought to my table but I feel penetrated with the wonderful change it would have undergone but for my gluttony; it might have been a gentle, useful hen leading

her chickens with a care and vigilance which speaks shame to many women. A cock perhaps, arrayed with the most majestic plumes, tender to its mate, bold, courageous, endowed with an astonishing instinct, with thoughts, with memory, and every distinguishing characteristic of the reason of man."

UPC would like to thank UPC member Helene Schwartz for spearheading this successful Action. Please thank Harry Shearer and encourage him to declare **National Respect the Chicken Day** an Annual Mother's Day Event – even Father's Day!

Harry Shearer
Le Show-KCRW
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Santa Monica, CA 90405
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the chickens of Coop 17 hatch a plot to escape from the clutches of the menacing Mrs. Tweedy (Richardson) before she does them in. Rocky and Ginger lead their fellow chickens in a Great

Escape from the murderous farmers and their coop of doom.

Visit the *Chicken Run* website at www.reel.com/chickenrun. And don't forget to see the show!

*As of this writing in early June, UPC has not seen this movie. We hope it is as good as write-ups indicate.

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Speakers: Lorri Bauston, Co-director, Farm Sanctuary
Jim Brewer & Dale Riffle, Directors, PIGS, a Sanctuary
Terry Cummings, Co-Director, Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary
Karen Davis, Director, United Poultry Concerns
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September 17 – United Poultry Concerns
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Sunday September 17, 9 AM – 2 PM

Registration fee: \$50.00 per person, pre-paid
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Please note: Hotel reservations received after Friday, September 1, 2000 will be accepted on a space available basis. All room cancellations must be received by the Hilton Reservations Department 24 hours prior to September 16, 2000 for a room refund.

BOOK REVIEW

BEN AUSTRIAN, ARTIST

By Geoffrey D. Austrian

Laurys Station, PA: Garrigues House Publishers, 610-261-0133.

ISBN: 0-9620844-8-4

Hardback with color reprints of paintings. 120 pages. \$45. Orders of 5 or more copies \$27.

Reviewed by Karen Davis, Ph.D.

Ben Austrian, Artist is "the first biography of the artist whose painting of a newborn chick became the celebrated trademark of Bon Ami Cleanser nearly a century ago." Author Geoffrey D. Austrian wrote this book about his great uncle, Ben Austrian (1870-1921), after viewing a 1990 exhibit of the artist's works at the Reading, PA Public Museum & Art Gallery.

I first started using Bon Ami Cleanser back in the 1980s, on learning that Bon Ami was not tested on animals. Its trademark is a newborn chick who "hasn't scratched yet." This trademark became all the more meaningful to me after I started United Poultry Concerns in 1990. However, I had no idea that the Bon Ami chick was the brain child of the admired turn-of-the-century artist from Reading, PA, Ben Austrian.

I learned this recently, when Geoffrey Austrian sent me a review copy of his book *Ben Austrian, Artist*, accompanied by a letter in which he wrote, "I was delighted to learn of your organization since my father's uncle, Ben Austrian, had a life-long love affair with chickens and spent his career painting their portraits. His best-known one of a newborn chick, 'Hasn't Scratched Yet,' became the trademark of the Bon Ami Company 100 years ago. Ben's parents sent him to the family farm because he was a sickly youngster. While there, he became fascinated with a hen leading her chicks down from a haymow."

Ben Austrian, Artist tells the story of this self-taught artist's struggle to escape from the family's steam laundry business, and "make a success in my art or die in the attempt." His mother supported her son's vocation, allowing him to sell the business and in other ways encouraging him, which may partly account for Ben's loving depictions of mother hens and their chicks in painting after painting, based on his direct observations of these birds in his studio coop and elsewhere. "I paint chickens because I love them," he told a newspaper reporter in 1900.

Ben's love for hens and chicks shows in his paintings, of which twelve appear in this book along with a full-page black & white photograph, "Ben Austrian Painting Hen on Chair." His paintings of chickens (and other animals including rabbits, dogs, kittens, and quail) were both sentimental and realistic, and they sold well. For some reason, he seldom or never painted roosters.

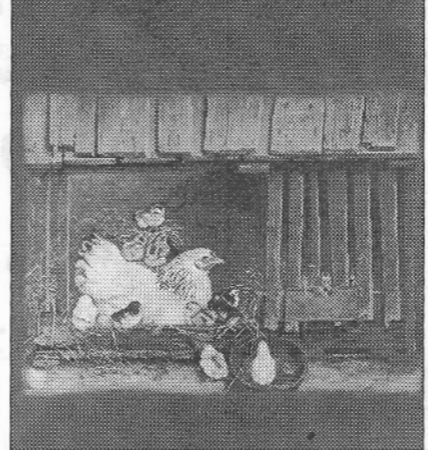
Unfortunately, although Austrian was an "animal-loving artist, who probably never hunted for anything more than a paint brush," he began doing "game trophy paintings for masculine dens" in 1896. These "door-sized" oil paintings show dead birds and other animals strung up together following a day's hunt. In one painting that appears in the book, for example, 23 ducks painted from frozen models – mallards, pintails, widgeons and a spoonbill – hang against a barn door. For such images of carnage, Austrian was praised as "the most realistic portrayer of feather life ever known."

Utterly dispiriting as these trophy paintings are, they and the accompanying story show a side of American life at a time when sport hunters were killing everything in sight in keeping with the notion that, as *Life* magazine still proclaimed as late as 1937, "Fun with a gun is the constitutional right of every American" (Dec. 6, 1937).

As the carnage of the poultry industry occurs on a scale that dwarfs all hunt-

BEN AUSTRIAN, ARTIST

GEOFFREY D. AUSTRIAN



ing, this book may convince those who have not yet washed the blood of chickens out of their diet to do so now. Ben Austrian's chickens are more than "icons of a fast-receding agricultural age" that was never romantic anyway. They remind us of the crime against the family life of chickens embodied in every bite of a hen's egg and a chicken's breast. We may gasp at the discrepancy between Ben Austrian's loving portraits of living birds and his willing depiction of so many wantonly killed ones, but this inconsistency occurs in essence every time that an "animal lover" sinks a knife in a feathered friend.

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Annual Report for 1999

United Poultry Concerns holds that the treatment of chickens and other domestic fowl in food production, science, education, entertainment, and human companionship situations has a significant effect upon human, nonhuman, and environmental welfare. We seek to make the public aware of the ways poultry are treated and to advance the compassionate and respectful treatment of chickens and other domestic fowl. We are grateful to our supporters for enabling us to fulfill our mission in 1999.

In 1999, United Poultry Concerns:

- Held a press conference during the International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta, Georgia on January 20 to highlight forced molting abuse. Speakers included Karen Davis, PhD, president of United Poultry Concerns, and Roger Caras, president of the ASPCA. We called upon egg producers to end the forced molting of hens, citing the link between starving the birds and disease. Our press conference was reported in *New Scientist* ("Rotten eggs," Jan. 30), which noted that our claims are backed by USDA-sponsored studies.

- Persuaded the Special Military Active Retired Club (S*M*A*R*T) to cancel the chicken-flying contest they had planned for their 1999 military social in Shawnee, Oklahoma in April. Not only did S*M*A*R*T cancel the contest; they graciously wrote a letter to UPC in support of our concerns.

- Held an information table and leafleted thousands of people at the White House Easter Egg Roll in Washington DC on April 5 with our handout, "Where Do Eggs Come From."

- Circulated sign-on petitions and initiated a nationwide letter-writing campaign to United Egg Producers and US Poultry & Egg Association urging the elimination of forced molting. As a result, "several thousand" requests to stop this starvation practice were reported by

United Egg Producers in the April 5 issue of *Feedstuffs* and in the May-June issue of *Poultry & Egg Marketing*.

- Published a letter in the March issue of *The New Yorker* opposing reinstatement of the "ticktacktoe chicken" – a succession of hens forced over the years to live in a Chinatown arcade machine and "play games" with arcade goers. UPC placed the last of these sad hens, Lily, in a loving home in Massachusetts upon her release to a UPC member in 1998.

- Published op-ed articles on forced molting and the plight of turkeys in major newspapers around the country including *The Chicago Tribune* (March 31) and *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (Thanksgiving Day).

- Sat on the executive committee and successfully helped to raise money to erect the beautiful memorial statue, by Norman M. Greene, in honor of Takoma Park, Md's deeply beloved and much missed free-ranging rooster, Roscoe, who was killed by a car in February after having been cherished and protected by the community for 10 years.

- Held our 9th Annual Mourning Vigil for Chickens in Crisfield, Md at the Delmarva Chicken Festival on June 19.

- Under the direction of UPC website administrator Franklin Wade and UPC activists Liqin Cao and Jamey West, UPC conducted 37 separate leafletings and protest demonstrations in the Washington DC Metropolitan Area.

- Sponsored the first national Forum on Direct Action for Animals June 26-27, at our headquarters in Machipongo, Va. Activist leaders, including the heroic battery-hen rescuer from Australia, Patty Mark, shared their expertise and experience concerning direct action interventions, strategies, and goals. For a summary of this historic conference, see UPC's website: www.upc-online.org.

- Held a "Direct Action for Chickens" on Monday, June 28, following our 2-day conference, outside the Perdue chicken slaughter plant in Accomack, Va. After rescuing two young chickens from the highway who had fallen off trucks earlier that morning on the way to the slaughterhouse (they died in our arms), we exhibited their bruised faces and wounded bodies before news

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Goosie's Story

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GOOSIE'S STORY



LOUISE VAN DER MERWE

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media cameras at our Noon Rally at the courthouse in Eastville, Va. The purpose of our rally was to protest the illegal erection of a Perdue chicken complex in Northampton County, where UPC is located. (The lawsuit by realtor David Kabler to stop the Perdue complex failed last year despite UPC's and other county residents' objections.)

- Conducted a successful exhibit table at the Takoma Park Street Festival on Oct. 3, and at the Eastern Shore Birding Festival in Cape Charles, Va, October 9 & 10 with our message about chickens: "The Call of the Wild is In Their Hearts Too!"

- Participated in the conventions held by the Maryland Association of Science Teachers (Oct. 22), the Virginia Association of Science Teachers (Nov. 5-6), and the National Science Teachers Association (Boston, March 25-28).

- Hosted several exciting Thanksgiving events including our successful Vigil for Turkeys in Bethesda, Maryland, organized by UPC member Jamey West on November 19; our 10th annual Thanksgiving open house at our headquarters in Machipongo, Va on November 20; and our protest demonstration outside the White House against the Presidential "turkey pardoning" ceremony on November 24. We urged with our banners and signs "Don't Gobble Me!" and "Turkeys: Meet One, Don't Eat One."

And more...

- United Poultry Concerns was the focus of a major 4-page feature article, "**For The Birds**," by Tamara Jones, in *The Washington Post Sunday Style* Section, November 14. The article, with photos by Frank Johnston, provided an in-depth look at United Poultry Concerns and its founder-president, Dr. Karen Davis, educating readers around the world about the work of United Poultry Concerns, including our chicken sanctuary and our many campaigns to fight poultry abuse and promote a compassionate lifestyle. The article spawned a

feature article in the Salisbury, Md *Daily Times* on November 28, "For the love of the birds," and a television documentary about United Poultry Concerns on the Brazilian Idea Television program, *America, America*, in December. "**For The Birds**" won the Fourteenth Annual Ark Trust Genesis Award for **Outstanding National Newspaper Feature in 1999**.

- Stopped a 20-year long "Chick Hormone Lab" at a major midwestern school district in response to parents' and students' complaints about the cruelty that were being ignored by school administrators. Following UPC correspondence and a meeting with the school science coordinator, the school district agreed to remove the "Chick Hormone Lab" from the curriculum if UPC and the local group we worked with agreed not to name them. We agreed.

- Stopped plans by Perdue Farms to hold a "Masterpieces in Chicken" children's art show at the David Beitzel Gallery in NYC which was to have been hosted by movie actor Danny Glover in early January 2000. In "Bad to the Bone," *The New York Times* reported on December 21 that David Beitzel said United Poultry Concerns "caused such a ruckus" that he "put an end to it."

And more...

Animal Welfare Conference Participation

- UPC President Karen Davis represented United Poultry Concerns at the US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety Councils in Washington, DC, providing oral and written testimony concerning the link between forced molting and *Salmonella* food poisoning. In addition, UPC President Karen Davis actively participated in the following forums: Symposium on Poultry Management and Production, sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association in New Orleans on July 11, 1999; Special Meeting on Potential Projects in Relation to Farm Animal Welfare, NYC, September 26; and Conference on Food Animal Husbandry and the

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New Millennium: Ethical, Environmental, and Societal Impacts, University of Pennsylvania, November 5.

Animal Rights Presentations

• UPC President Karen Davis presented talks at the following compassion-oriented events: Florida Voices for Animals' "Vegetarian Dinner in Tampa, February 21; In Defense of Animals' World Laboratory Animals Day Rally in New York City, April 22; People for Animal Rights' "Ushering Compassion Into the Next Millennium Symposium" in Kansas City, MO, October 30; and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Service in Salisbury, Md, on November 14.

Serving the Animal Advocacy Community

• UPC President Karen Davis was elected to the Summit for the Animals Executive Committee for 1999-2000. Our Committee planned the program for the Summit for the Animals meeting, April 20-May 1, in

United Poultry Concerns 1999 Financial Report

Revenues	\$121,858.00
Public Support	123,253.00
Interest Income	1,120.00
Other Revenue (Speakers Fees)	288.00
Gross Loss from Sales of Inventory	-2,803.00
(Free Literature Distribution)	
Expenses	\$111,226.00
Programs and Education	80,005.00
Organizational Management	17,116.00
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Books

• UPC introduced the battery hen's own true story, *Goosie's Story*, by South African writer Louise van der Merwe, to American readers, and the Book Publishing Company published a New Edition, including many new recipes, of Karen Davis's best-selling cookbook *Instead of Chicken, Instead of Turkey: A Poultryless "Poultry" Potpourri*.

• In 1999, United Poultry

Concerns established our new headquarters in Machipongo, Va, following our relocation in September 1998. We built and renovated chicken houses and fences, and ran our sanctuary, including the adoption of new chickens, while continuing to do all of the things – and more! – listed above. We were pleased to work successfully with other animal protection organizations on a variety of issues. We are most grateful for having had the opportunity, which continues unabated, to work closely with the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights to eliminate the inhumane egg industry practice of starving hens for profit, known as forced molting.

• United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent chicken sanctuary, education center, and referral service at our headquarters at 12325 Seaside Road, Machipongo, Virginia 23405. UPC's website administration office, headed by Franklin Wade, is located in Bethesda, Maryland. Our website address is www.upc-online.org.

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

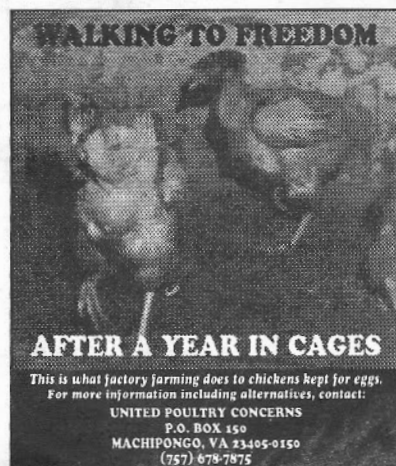
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BOOKS



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- "School Hatching Projects: A Poor Lesson for Children"
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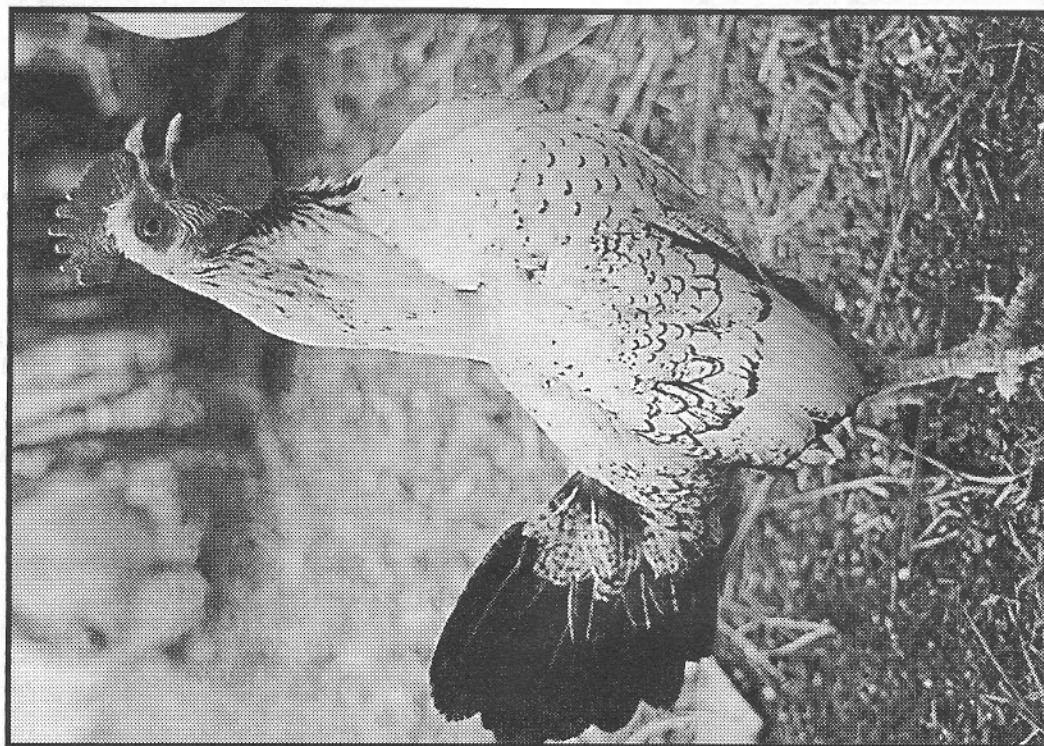


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