



# Poultry Press

*Promoting the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl*

## UPC Complaint Prompts Shutdown of Cleveland Poultry Slaughter Market

*All 214 West Side "Poultry" Out Of There!*

*"We have people ready to come up, get the chickens, and distribute them to sanctuaries around the area where they will lead long and happy lives."*

**– UPC President Karen Davis quoted in "Chickens bound for pot will get to fly the coop" by Michael Sangiacomo, *The Plain Dealer*, May 2, 2001**

*"If you could have seen how scared they were when we first opened their cages. But when we stroked them and held them they nestled their little heads against our chests. As a vanload of chickens drove away to their new home in Connecticut, their little faces were all lined up looking out the back of the van. It broke my heart seeing those little faces."*

**– Beverly Whalen**

On Saturday April 28, WOIO-TV in Cleveland, Ohio announced that West Side Poultry, a local slaughter shop, was being shut down for multiple health violations. Action resulted from United Poultry Concerns' January complaint to *The Plain Dealer* followed by our letter to the Cleveland Department of Public Health. We requested an immediate investigation of West Side Poultry. Why? As reported in *The Plain Dealer*, "Attila Balogh, a vegetarian, went to the market to buy chicken entrails as a last-ditch effort to get his dying cat to eat." According to Mr. Balogh, "I walked in the door and I was disgusted. The smell was so horrible. I don't know how people could stand it. There were dozens of chickens jammed into cages, chirping really loud, that looked extremely neglected. How could animals live in those filthy conditions?" Balogh told his friend, Beverly Whalen of Eastlake [Ohio], who informed Cleveland health officials and United Poultry

Concerns. Health inspectors checked and approved the business, but returned a second time, which led to the shutdown."

United Poultry Concerns asked the City of Cleveland to allow us to place the market's 214 chickens, guinea fowl, ducks, and rabbits in permanent homes and sanctuaries. The City agreed. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, UPC representative Mary-Kate Grover and her daughter Bryony of Burke, Virginia drove to Cleveland where she and a Cleveland resident liberated the first group of birds and all the rabbits: 27 ducks, 4 rabbits, 41 chickens, and 1 guinea fowl left under the supervision of the Health Department surrounded by TV cameras and the press. UPC now has 40 new chickens including 11 new roosters! Some are fluffy little white or brown chickens called Silkies. Others bear the stamp of a cockfighting background. Several chickens arrived lame and ill, and one hen walks on one good leg but has only the stump of her right leg. These chickens are now receiving the care and love they need at our sanctuary, crowing and clucking at this very moment!

On May 6, UPC rescuers Franklin Wade, Liqin Cao, and Mike Radzvilowicz drove from Maryland and Connecticut to complete our removal of the rest of the birds. Oohmahnee Farm directors took many of the birds back to their Pennsylvania sanctuary. Mike took 46 chickens to live at his home in Connecticut, and Cleveland area resident Donna Robb adopted several hens.

UPC wishes to thank people from around the country who emailed to us their willingness to provide homes for as many birds and rabbits as they could. We thank the people mentioned above who drove long distances to rescue the birds and to represent UPC in overseeing the birds' safe removal according to our agreement with the

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# FREDDA FLOWER MEMORIAL FUND

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



photo by Susan Rayfield

Dear UPC,

*I want to let you know how happy my sister and I were to be able to bring Boris and Florence to your sanctuary. It's a wonderful feeling to know that they will live out their lives so happy and well cared for.*

Florence is doing fine, but on February 14<sup>th</sup>, we had our veterinarian come to the sanctuary and put Boris to sleep due to his inability to walk anymore. He was not more than 2 years old, but as a male turkey rescued from the meat industry, he became too heavy for his legs to support him, and he suffered. We miss him very much and would like to share with our members the poem that his gracious rescuers and sponsors, Marie Gleason and Terry Kleeman, wrote in his memory.

## BORIS

You never really got to see  
The real turkey inside of me.  
The one with a body my frame could have supported  
The one with feet where my toes weren't aborted.  
The one who could eat his food with a beak  
Like a real bird and not a geek.  
The one who wanted to have a mate  
But was too large to propagate.  
My life had one saving grace  
And it was Karen Davis's place.  
Yes, a human too was she  
But one who took care of me.  
I only knew fear and pain  
Now happiness did remain.  
Thank you Karen for giving me the chance  
To spread my feathers and do a turkey prance.  
In my last year, I almost got to be  
The real turkey inside of me.

Love Boris

## Karen Davis' New Book **MORE THAN A MEAL** *Coming Soon!*

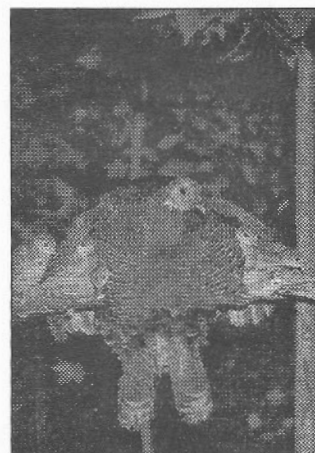
Karen Davis, Ph.D.  
**More than a Meal**  
*The Turkey in History, Myth,  
Ritual, and Reality*

1-930051-88-3  
\$20.00 paperback  
November 2001  
Lantern Books

This scholarly and authoritative book examines the cultural and literal history, as well as the natural history and biological needs and concerns of turkeys. Davis explores how turkeys came to be seen as birds who were not only the epitome of failure or stupidity but also the suitable centerpiece of the celebration of freedom in America itself—Thanksgiving. She examines the many varieties of turkeys and uncovers the methods by which millions of turkeys are raised and slaughtered on farms around America today compared to the family farms of the past.

Davis takes us back to European folklore about turkeys, the myths, fairytales, and downright lies told about turkeys and their habits and habitats. She shows how turkeys in the wild have complex lives and family units, and how they were an integral part of Native American and continental cultures and landscape before the Europeans arrived.

Finally, Davis draws larger conclusions about our paradoxical, complex, and "bestial" relationships not just with turkeys, but with all birds, and thus with all other animals. She examines how our treatment of animals shapes our other values about ourselves, our relationship with other human beings, and our attitude toward the land, nation, and the world.



## Ban Cockfighting Bills: Your Letters are Needed ASAP!

Both the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives have introduced strong bills to ban the interstate transport of live birds for cockfighting. Senator Wayne Allard of Colorado reintroduced S. 345, and Representative Collin Peterson of Minnesota reintroduced a companion bill under a new number: HB 1155. At the end of April, S. 345 had 41 cosponsors and HB 1155 had 146 cosponsors. A ban on interstate transport of birds intended for cockfighting will aid law enforcement and curb what Senator John Ensign of Nevada calls "a cruel, sick and barbaric sport." Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, Chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, supports the legislation.

### "What Can I Do?"

Find out whether your State Senators are cosponsors of S. 345 and whether your House Representative is a cosponsor of HB 1155. If so, thank them for their support. If your Senator(s) or House Representative is not yet a cosponsor, urge him/her to cosponsor the bill to ban the interstate transport of birds intended for cockfighting. In addition, call or write to Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and politely urge him to support S. 345 and allow the

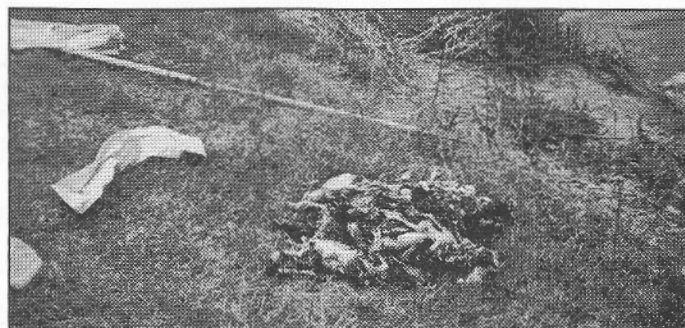


photo by Linda Howard

Senate to vote on this bill immediately. Senator Lott is blocking passage of S. 345, which has overwhelming Senate support. His office phone number is 202-224-6253.

#### Contact:

Your House Representative: The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contact:

Your two Senators: The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_

To learn who your House Representative and Senators are, and what district you are in if you don't know, call the 24-hour Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121, or go to [www.hsus.org](http://www.hsus.org) or [www.fund.org](http://www.fund.org).

## Birds, Rats, and Mice Need Your Help ASAP!

**Problem:** Although the U.S. Department of Agriculture has finally agreed to extend its regulatory oversight to birds, rats, and mice, the biomedical community has rallied to prevent this regulation. Researchers are lobbying Congress to stop the Department of Agriculture from covering birds, rats, and mice. Congress needs to hear from animal advocates immediately.

### "What Can I Do?"

Please write to your two Senators and to your House Representative and tell them:

- Do not weaken the Animal Welfare Act. The Act is virtually the only legal accountability there is for animal experimenters.
- Public sentiment overwhelmingly supports the inclusion of birds, rats and mice as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's regulatory responsibilities.
- Birds, rats, and mice constitute 95 percent of the animals used in research. One reason these animals are the primary animals used is that, to date, researchers have been free to abuse these animals with impunity. This is also why birds, rats, and mice are the primary animals used in cruel student science programs. (In theory the U.S. Public Health Office is supposed to offer some sort of "protection.")

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For more information contact the American Anti-Vivisection Society: 215-887-0816.

### Bills Killed

Unfortunately, bills introduced in the States of Washington and Illinois that would have banned the forced molting (starvation for profit) of hens used for egg production in those states were killed by the agriculture committees to which they were referred. We thank everyone who urged their state representatives to support these bills in response to our Action Alerts in the Spring issue of *PoultryPress*. Support for the legislation was expressed by both state legislatures and both bills were the basis of strong education campaigns. Similar legislation is expected to be reintroduced in the near future, so be ready!

# AVOIDING BURNOUT

## How Does One Survive Dealing Day After Day with a Cruel Industry?

by Karen Davis, PhD

*The original version of this slightly revised article appeared in the St. Louis Animal Rights Team's Newsletter, START Speaking Out, Fall 2000. To learn more, visit their website at [www.enviroweb.org/start](http://www.enviroweb.org/start). Email: [start@envirolink.org](mailto:start@envirolink.org)*

Several years after we met as hunt saboteurs in the mid 1980s, I had a conversation with Norman Phelps of The Fund For Animals, who told me, "Ten years ago when I started doing this, I thought we'd end sport hunting in no time. I thought reason would prevail. It seemed so obvious." In 1994 Peter Singer, the author of the book *Animal Liberation* which launched the modern animal advocacy movement in 1975, said in an interview that in the early 1970s, when the book was written, "My expectations ranged all the way from having mass support for goals such as getting rid of factory farming, which seems to me to be absolutely indefensible. But that hasn't come" (*Speaking Out for Animals*, Kim Stallwood, ed. 2001).

Decades later, our campaigns against factory farming and sport hunting continue, along with all of our movement's other campaigns on behalf of nonhuman animals. We stopped the Hegins Pigeon Shoot, but the number of chickens being slaughtered every day in the United States has risen from 25 million to 35 million. We've reduced the number of chimpanzees in the laboratory but the numbers of birds, rats, and mice being used are astronomical, and the genetic engineering of animals is in its global infancy. The movie *Chicken Run* has an animal rights message, but the moviemakers joined forces with Burger King.

It's easy for an animal activist to become consumed by rage and despair, to grow exhausted and burn out confronted with the horror, each and every day, of our species' relentless assault on other species. It's important not to let this happen. While I have never burned out, I did drop out once before returning to the movement for good. Back in 1974, I joined a tour to Grindstone Island in the Gulf of St Lawrence designed to show islanders that tourism was a better way to make money from baby harp seals than killing them for their fur. What I saw there caused me to withdraw from further activity for animals for nearly ten years.

One spring day in the early 1980s, I walked across Lafayette Park in Washington DC in response to a newspaper ad for "World Laboratory Animals Day." As I looked at pictures of animal victims of head transplants and burn experiments, I pledged that I would never again abandon animals to the iniquity of our species because "I couldn't bear it."

At a workshop I gave last summer at the North American Vegetarian Society Summerfest on burnout, we identified three major causes of the exhaustion that threatens all of us in this movement: the endless omnipresence of animal suffering caused by humans, public resistance to our message, and letdown by other activists. We start out full of energy, we picture victory and a crowd of protesters at every demonstration, we envision reason and compassion taking charge of people's lives, and then reality erodes our dream.

I have a motto I once saw pinned on a wall at the University of

Maryland, attributed to a 19th-century European revolutionary whose name I've forgotten: "Pessimism of the Intellect, Optimism of the Will." This expresses my basic attitude towards the work I do. My attitude is not "If I didn't think we'd win, I'd quit," to which I would say, "Then quit." Working for animal rights isn't a football game or a beauty contest. It's working to modify our species' attitudes and behavior at a deep level, to develop a different set of genes.

Of course I want to win. I want animals to win, but I realize that working full-time to achieve this goal is no guarantee of success, because the forces out there might be too strong to overcome. I value Colman McCarthy's advice which he gave in an interview in *The Animals' Agenda* a few years ago. To the question "Do you think we'll succeed?" he said, "Don't worry about being successful, just be faithful."

While we do not have full control over whether we'll succeed in the fight for animal rights, we do have full control over whether we are, and will remain, faithful. If we are not faithful we will not succeed. Faithfulness is not about having faith but about keeping it.

Our chicken sanctuary will always protect me from burning out, because I could never abandon the birds whom I have come to know and love, and who need me to fight for them. Alice Walker spoke for me when she wrote after watching a hen shepherd her chicks across a road in Bali, now that I have absolutely seen a chicken I can never not know (and thus be responsible for) chickens. This is the positive, obligatory sense of "once you've seen one chicken, you've seen them all." The morality of perception prescribes there is no turning back.

Activists often say that what burns them out the most is the defecation of local activists, including all those "Sorry, I can't make it to the demo after all" last minute phone calls. When you burn out or don't show up, you encourage others to burn out or get lazy with you. You let animals and your colleagues down. Here again the activist who is working to hold the grassroots group together can take heart. "Walt Whitman said, 'We two form a multitude.'" Animal activist Pamelyn Ferdin wrote about being a lone animal rights protester, "It's better to have one person out there, than no one (although it really irks me when I can't find a few more people to protest with me). Obviously the more people the better; but don't stay home because you can't find anybody to go with you. All you need is a huge, graphic photo and a good caption on poster board."

A committed activist who won't burn out needs three important things: facts, confidence, and passion. When we know our subject and can articulate our issues, our confidence grows along with our credibility, and we become stronger and more effective every time we speak. But facts by themselves may not be persuasive. If we lack or fail to convey passion for our subject, we will have a hard time getting people's attention. Arthur Koestler, who fought successfully to abolish capital punishment in England (it took fifteen years, from 1955 - 1970), said in his Preface to his book, *Reflections on Hanging*, "My intention was to write it [the book] in a cool and

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## ANIMAL EQUALITY: LANGUAGE AND LIBERATION

By Joan Dunayer (Forward by Carol J. Adams)  
Hardcover, 283 pages  
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*Review by Patrice Jones, Co-Director, Eastern Shore  
Chicken Sanctuary, and Jones and Jones Literary Services*

People use language to express thoughts and feelings. Few people are aware, however, of the degree to which language actually shapes our thoughts and feelings. The words we read and hear color our thoughts and feelings about the information denoted by those words. At the same time, the vocabulary available to us and the structure of the language we speak delimit what we are able to express and even what we are able to think.

Joan Dunayer's new book, *Animal Equality: Language and Liberation* (\$25, Ryce Publishing), explores many of the ways in which American language practices concerning nonhuman animals contribute to the perpetuation of the abuse of nonhuman animals. Dunayer's book is both descriptive and prescriptive. In chapters concerning hunting, sportfishing, zoos and aquariums, vivisection, and the animal-based food industries, Dunayer provides a plethora of examples of deceptive language practices which obscure, minimize, or deny the abuse of animals. In chapters on "pronoun politics" and categorization, as well as in her section on style guidelines, Dunayer prescribes more accurate and empathic language usage.

This multifaceted book might be utilized in any number of ways by an animal liberation activist. For example, having read the chapter on sportfishing, one might use the examples therein to challenge the language usage of newspaper articles concerning that topic. In all of the chapters concerning specific types of abuses of animals, Dunayer provides a great deal of basic factual information in the course of refuting common deceptive language practices. Those chapters are therefore very appropriate for those new to the movement or those who are not yet aware of the extent of the deprivation and mistreatment endured by animals in various human-engineered circumstances.

With regard to chickens, Dunayer concentrates primarily on the language used by the humans involved in their enslavement, mutilation, and murder. Speaking of hens squeezed into cages so tightly that they can barely move, one factory owner said "They hardly have to move to get food or water," thus implying that such accommodations are luxurious. Those involved in the mutilation of birds by slicing a hot blade through their beaks typically call the operation "beak trimming," as if it were the equivalent of clipping one's nails. Such language practices help those involved in the meat and egg industries to hide what they are doing from themselves. Other practices, such as calling egg factories by such names as "Happy Hen Egg Ranch," help to deceive consumers.

More general linguistic practices described by Dunayer impact human perceptions of chickens, thereby making the abuse of chickens more easy. For example, Dunayer describes the many ways in which common language practices draw a thick line between human and nonhuman animals. This inhibits our ability to empathize with animals, making it easier for us to hurt them.

Another common linguistic practice described by Dunayer is the use of 'animal' metaphors to denote negative characteristics in humans. As Dunayer notes, words associated with hens are used in a sexist manner to ascribe negative characteristics to women. The connection is significant, since both hens and human women historically have been subjugated so that their reproductive capacities could be exploited. Both have been seen as valuable only when fertile and both have been denigrated and discarded in old age.

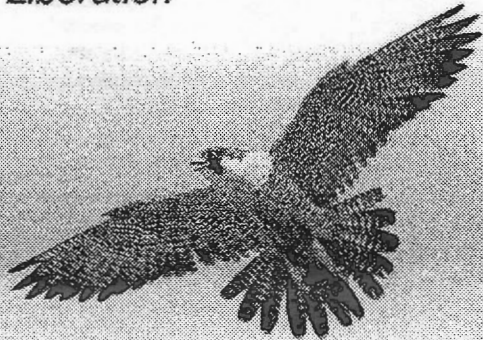
Dunayer's book is the first to concentrate on the linguistic aspects of the abuse of nonhuman animals. Like all first treatments, this book raises as many questions as it answers. For example, cognitive psychologists (using consenting human subjects) have found that, faced with a disagreement between language and belief (or between behavior and belief), people will change one or the other in order to relieve the tension brought about by the dissonance. But, whether people change their belief or their behavior depends upon other factors, such as the degree of profit or loss involved in each choice. Most often, people change their language or beliefs to fit their behavior rather than vice versa. What are the implications of this for Dunayer's program of language change? Beyond modeling appropriate language usage ourselves, what else do we need to do to bring about the changes envisioned by Dunayer? What can the research concerning rhetorical strategies tell us about the effectiveness of different linguistic tactics or the counterattacks we are likely to face? Does the history of how languages change over time tell us anything about how to consciously stimulate such change? One hopes that, in future, another scholar (or perhaps Dunayer herself) will answer these and other questions in order to craft a practical program of strategies to challenge the deceptive practices Dunayer has so well identified and described.

Dunayer notes that "words can foster oppression or liberation, deception or truth" and that is certainly true. Going further, Dunayer asserts that "speciesism can't survive without lies" and that "honest words will grant [nonhuman animals] the freedom and respect that are rightfully theirs." That is probably overly hopeful. In human animals, cognition, emotion, and behavior are complexly interrelated. Language is only one of many variables influencing cognition while cognition is only one of many variables influencing behavior. Given all of the other variables which support the ongoing abuse of nonhuman animals, it seems unlikely that changes in language alone will grant freedom to animals.

While changes in linguistic practices will not in themselves bring about animal liberation, such changes certainly must be an element of the animal liberation movement. In other words, changes in language are necessary but not sufficient to bring an end to human exploitation and abuse of nonhuman animals. Precisely because such changes will be necessary, Dunayer's book represents an important contribution to the struggle for animal liberation.

### ANIMAL EQUALITY

#### Language and Liberation



JOAN DUNAYER

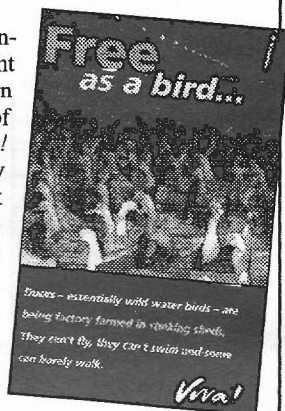
Foreword by Carol J. Adams

## UPC Protests Flesh – Oops “Fresh” – Fields’ Sale of Dead Ducks in Washington DC

“Don’t Be a Sinner, Ducks are Not Dinner”  
 “Get Quacking, Go Veg” “Please Let Me Live”  
 “I Want to Swim in a Pond, Not in Your Soup”  
 “I Mate for Life, Not for Your Knife”  
 “Ducks are Divine, Go Veggie This Time”

—Songs by Katya, UPC duck rescued from DC slaughter market.

Seven dedicated UPC activists demonstrated for two hours on a cold Sunday night at the Tenley Circle Fresh Fields on February 11<sup>th</sup>. We handed out hundreds of the excellent brochure produced by Viva! “Free as a bird,” to an overwhelmingly receptive crowd. Our poster of a duck imploring “Please Don’t Eat Me” led one man to say, “I’m certainly not going to eat ducks anymore.” Many vouched that ducks would never again be their dinner. For “Free as a bird,” Action Alerts, and membership information contact Lauren Sullivan, director at [Vivausa@earth-link.net](mailto:Vivausa@earth-link.net) or go to [info!vivausa.org](http://info!vivausa.org), or call 404-315-8881. Or write to Viva! PO Box 49023, Atlanta, GA 30359.



## Big Chicken in the Sky Rains Out Egg Roll, Not UPC

For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row United Poultry Concerns had an information table and passed out “What’s Wrong With Eggs—Everything” to tons of people at the White House Easter Egg Roll on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Rain didn’t stop us, and plenty of parents were there with their kids, to whom we handed out our song written to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star.”

*Chicken, chicken, why aren't you  
 With your mother hen so true?  
 Pecking, playing, running around  
 Taking sunbaths on the ground.  
 Chicken, chicken, why aren't you  
 With your mother hen so true?*

*Chicken, chicken, why aren't you  
 With your sisters and brothers, too?  
 Scratching, running, having fun,  
 Taking dustbaths in the sun.  
 Chicken, chicken, why aren't you  
 With your sisters and brothers, too?*

*Chicken, chicken, baby bird  
 May your cheeping cries be heard,  
 Hushed and soothed by those who see  
 We are all one family.  
 Chicken, chicken, why aren't you  
 With your mother hen so true?*

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 Lyrics by Karen Davis.

## Denver County Judge Sentences DJ for Cruelty to Hen

*Throwing a Hen out a Window is Illegal, Carries Penalty, Judge Tells Steven Meade*

“Lots of things are titillating, but cruelty is cool only to the sick at heart. Meade is now a convicted criminal awaiting sentence. His crime isn’t a romantic one either, but the meanest sort of viciousness to a small female bird.”

— From UPC president Karen Davis’s letter published in 5280 Magazine, Denver, CO, April/May 2001.

On January 31, the Denver County District Attorney’s Office successfully prosecuted KBPI radio announcer Steven Meade (“Willie B”) for cruelty to animals for making a station intern drop a hen twice from studio balconies to broadcast her suffering and possible death on the air. A 6-member jury convicted Meade of cruelty to animals for his sadistic stunt. On Monday, March 12, Denver County Court Judge, the Honorable Alfred Harrell, sentenced Steven Meade as follows:

One year supervised probation with the following conditions:

- 100 hours useful public service for any group or organization that benefits animals.
- 24 one hour individualized counseling sessions with “Ani-Care Model of Treatment,” a Colorado program specifically designed for perpetrators of animal abuse.
- \$400 surcharge to be paid into the Colorado Animal Protection Fund.
- \$500 fine.
- \$91 statutory Court fees and costs.
- No new offences.
- 60 days Denver Jail suspended on the condition that he comply with all the terms and conditions of probation.

In a letter to Judge Harrell of February 26, 2001, United Poultry Concerns president Karen Davis recommended that in addition to a substantive fine to Colorado’s Animal Cruelty Prevention Fund and 200 hours of community service, Meade be ordered to issue a public statement of apology for his cruelty to the hen, who has since been named Angel. Davis expressed her belief that Meade selected a living creature to drop from a balcony precisely because he knew that to do so would inflict suffering, and to inflame cruel impulses in a type of audience he wished not only to amuse but to expand.

In the Spring issue of *PoultryPress*, United Poultry Concerns urged people to tell radio station KBPI-FM to fire Steven Meade. Contact: Bob Trigilio, Program Director, KBPI-FM, 1380 Lawrence, Suite 1300, Denver, CO 80204.

United Poultry Concerns congratulates and thanks prosecuting attorney Diane Balkin for successfully convicting Steven Meade of cruelty to animals. United Poultry Concerns is grateful to prosecutor Balkin for requesting our assistance in presenting evidence that chickens suffer and in making recommendations for Meade’s sentencing. Diane Balkin welcomes questions from our readers, members and supporters at [dxh@denverda.org](mailto:dxh@denverda.org), or by calling 720-913-9098, or by writing to her at the Office of the District Attorney, 303 West Colfax Avenue, Suite 1300, Denver, CO 80204.

## United Poultry Concerns Joins Global Safe Food Alliance & News Conference

*Public Citizen Forges the Alliance to put food industry and federal government on notice*

On April 23, 17 groups representing consumer, animal protection, whistleblower, environmental, and faith-based concerns held a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington DC to announce the formation of a new coalition that will focus on food safety, animal protection, and planetary responsibility. **United Poultry Concerns president Karen Davis** told a room full of press and government staff including FDA, USDA, Fox News Channel, CNBC, ABC Radio, Food Chemical News, Maryland Public Television, and Epress.ca (Canada's online video news portal) how deplorably chickens, turkeys and ducks are treated from

birth to death including the fact that these 98 percent of farmed animals are excluded from the federal humane slaughter act, that they are tortured to death with electric shocks every day in U.S. slaughter plants, and that the starvation of hens for profit by the U.S. egg industry, the practice known as forced molting in which food is withheld from hens for 10 to 14 days, is a primary cause of Salmonella in the hens and their eggs.

"Our strength is in our diversity," said Wenonah Hauter, director of Public Citizen's Environmental Program. United Poultry Concerns brings to the Alliance the plight of poultry and vegetarian advocacy. UPC's definition of "humane farming" is nonanimal-based farming and our definition of "food" excludes animal products, UPC's president told the gathering. Other speakers were Gene Bauston of Farm Sanctuary, Felicia Nestor of the Government Accountability Project, and Christine Stevens of the Animal Welfare Institute. Statements were read from Dr. Samuel Epstein, Chairman of the Cancer Prevention Coalition, and Brother David Andrews of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. For more information about the Alliance contact Wenonah Hauter of Public Citizen at 202-454-5150 or [whauter@citizen.org](mailto:whauter@citizen.org).

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detached manner, but it came to naught: indignation and pity kept seeping in. This is perhaps just as well, for capital punishment is not merely a problem of statistics and expediency, but also of morality and feeling. Fair pleading requires that one's facts and figures should be right, that one should not distort or quote out of context; it does not exclude having one's heart and spleen in it."

I believe this completely and hope I am living up to this measure. We should rage against the dying of the light in every animal's eyes that results from human cruelty and abuse. The thing is to transform that pity and rage into one's case for animal rights. It's hard to burn out once we see ourselves as advocates with a case to put before the public. As in Charles Dickens' Bleak House, the case will be strung out long after we are dead. What matters is making the most of the opportunity of being on the right side, win or lose, while we are living.

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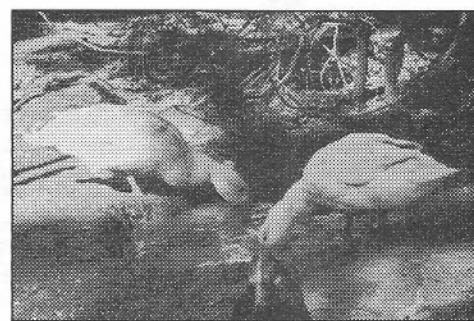
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# CHILDREN'S BOOK CELEBRATES CHICKEN KILLING AS BOYISH MISCHIEF

## Protest to Publisher & Others

**Book Title:** *TOM*  
**Author & Illustrator:** Tomie dePaola  
**Publisher:** Penguin Putnam  
**Target Audience:** Kindergarten & Elementary School Children  
**First Published** 1993. **Republished** 1997

**Contact:**

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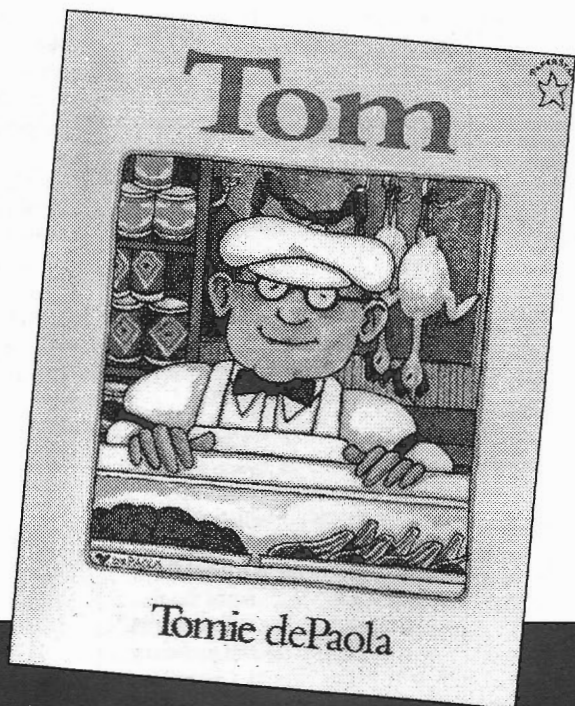
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*Tom* centers on the relationship between a boy named Tommy and his grandfather whom he is named after. The two of them do different things together until the action moves to the grandfather's butcher shop, butcher table, and the killing of chickens at the shop. The cover of *Tom* shows the grandfather smiling at his meat counter with a row of defeathered chickens hanging upside down in shackles with their faces still on in the background. In the book, the grandfather is shown in his back room chopping up chickens while others he has killed hang upside down in shackles. The grandfather hands Tommy a dead chicken's head to bury in the ground to grow a "chicken bush." Then the grandfather teaches Tommy to scare his classmates and teacher with dead chickens' feet. Several pages show Tommy perfecting this tactic. He paints the claws' toe nails bright red.

In response to United Poultry Concerns' complaint, Penguin Putnam replied on April 5, 2001, "we received many starred reviews citing the book's way of 'reinforcing the bond between generations' and praising the author for championing 'the special relationship he had with his grandfather.'" And, Tommy "was sent to the principal's office as punishment" for his "prank."

*Tom* is an irresponsible book with a desensitizing message. It  
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*"Grandfather:*

*'See that little white string thing? It's called a tendon. If you pull it, the chicken foot opens and closes. Try it.'*

*"Tommy tried. It was scary, but it made him giggle. Tom put two chicken feet in a bag and tied it with string."*

## MARKET SHUT DOWN

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City's Health Department. Our very special thanks to Mike Sangiacomo of *The Plain Dealer* for his interest in this story, and to Beverly Whalen, who notified UPC about West Side Poultry in January, fostering our successful campaign which we worked on together. We not only rattled some cages, we emptied them.

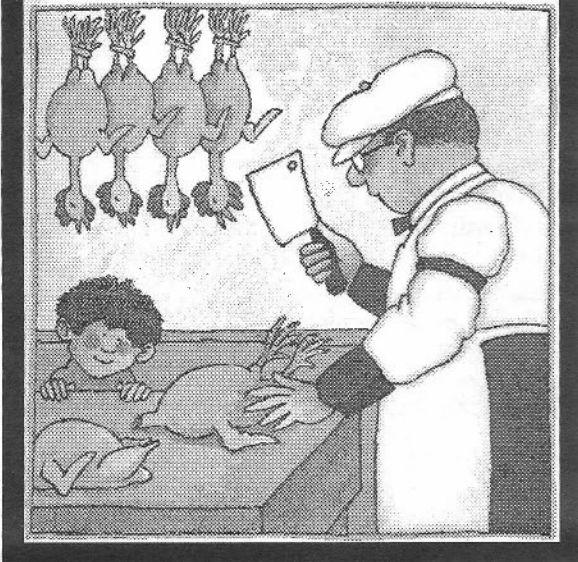
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treats chicken killing and butchering animals as humorous. Scaring women and girls with body parts is presented as hilarious. Tommy is sent to the principal's office for his "prank," not for the cruel and

Sometimes when Tommy was there, Mrs. Novak brought in the chickens that his grandfather would sell. Their feathers were all plucked, but their heads and feet were still on. Tom would take his cleaver and WHOP—off came a head. WHOP—WHOP—off came the feet.



sadistic delight he exhibits. This book gets away with its machismo and inhumaneness by being placed in a "cultural diversity-old world charm" perspective. The theme of "boys will be boys" is presented as integral to family humor, "male bonding," and a cute old grandfather. *Tom* is unfit for children. It teaches that it's cool to be cruel

without any comparable teaching about what animal slaughter truly entails or how "girls" feel being taunted by fresh little boys. At the end grandfather and grandson are "wink[ing]" and "think[ing]" of something else to do."

## "What Can I Do?"

- Write to Penguin Putnam (see contact information above) and politely request that *Tom* be removed from its booklist immediately.

- Express your concerns to *Our Children*, the official publication of the National PTA, which addresses education from preschool through grade 12, including how to create safe and nurturing environments.

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Assistant to the President  
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- If you have a child in school, see if *Tom* is on the library shelf and if so, request that it be removed. The book is both sexist and speciesist.

Please request written replies from everyone you write to. Please keep your own letter short, firm, professional, and to the point. Thank you for helping to get rid of *Tom*.

## Md. Gov. Glendening Goes Almost Vegetarian

### Chickens Fed Cattle Brains Causes Concern

The Baltimore *Sun* reported April 21 that Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening's "mostly vegetarian meals" have given the governor a "svelte profile," but the poultry industry opposes the Maryland governor's personal health plan. "Quietly, for about two years now, the governor has abstained from meat and poultry." His doctors advised his new healthier diet, but Maryland chicken companies want him to eat chickens until he has a heart attack or stroke. The governor's diet is "not good for the market, or for sales," says Carole Morison, a Perdue chicken farmer and executive director of the Delmarva Poultry Justice Alliance. However, she agrees that meat and poultry are "not very healthy," and says that the feed Perdue gives her contains animal byproducts and antibiotics, and who knows what else: "It kinda makes me wonder if he [Glendening] knows something we don't know."

The Maryland poultry industry already hates Glendening for having instituted environmental policies to curb its destruction of the Chesapeake Bay with daily mountains of poultry litter. In 1998, Glendening signed into law regulations restricting use of poultry litter on cropland after *Pfiesteria piscicida*, a one-celled toxic microbe

linked to the abundant excess of poultry manure on the Eastern Shore, was discovered eating holes in fish and causing neurological injury in people using the Bay. Currently, the poultry industry is experiencing declining exports and low prices along with new environmental clampdowns.

The Delmarva Peninsula, comprising Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia on the Chesapeake Bay, an area also known as the Eastern Shore, produces a million tons of poultry manure a year, according to *The Washington Post*, Oct. 3, 1997. This manure is called "litter" because it is the main thing the birds bed in from the time they are born—a mixture of fecal droppings, antibiotic residues, heavy metals, cysts, larvae, decaying carcasses, sawdust, ground up chicken heads, USDA condemned slaughter products, and the mammalian nervous system tissue responsible for Mad Cow Disease. Poultry litter is used as crop fertilizer and is fed to cattle. On April 17, 2001, Reuters reported that the Food & Drug Administration is considering "whether feeding chicken litter to cattle poses any risk of transmitting the deadly mad cow disease." FDA rules enacted in 1997 prohibit feeding cattle or sheep brain tissue protein from their own slaughtered bodies, but they can be fed chicken litter. Is this a problem? Some wonder whether chickens fed "brain food" prohibited for cattle could then recycle the banned material back to cattle who are fed their litter. "The abnormal proteins believed to cause mad cow disease have proven resilient, and it is unknown whether a chicken's digestive tract could kill them," says Dr. Stephen Sundlof, director of the Food & Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Medicine.

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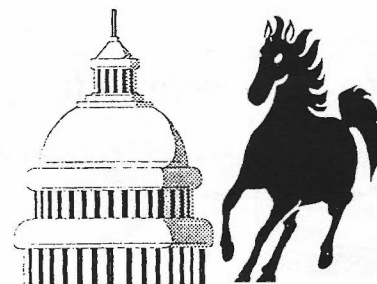
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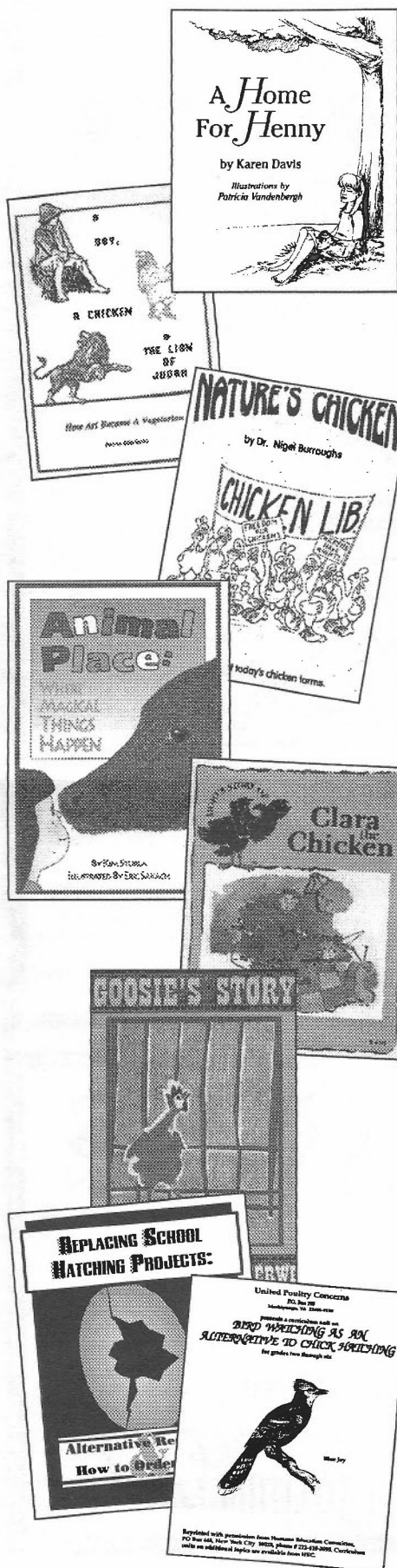
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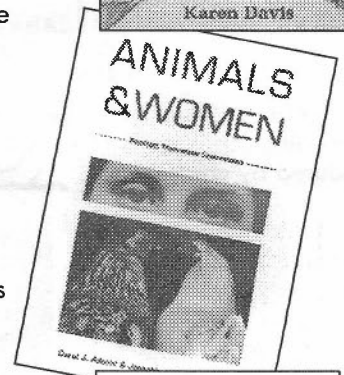
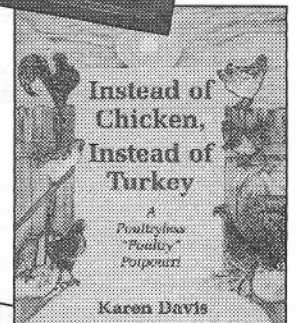
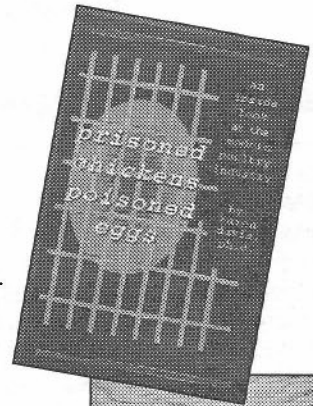
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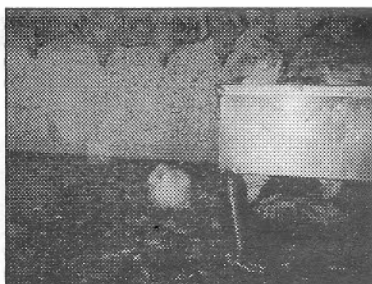
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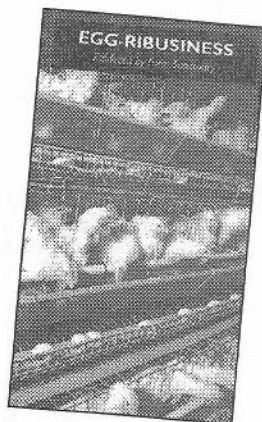
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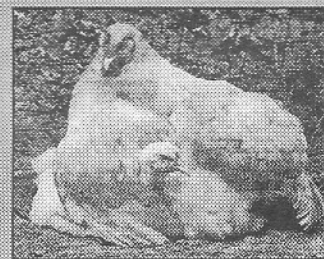


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