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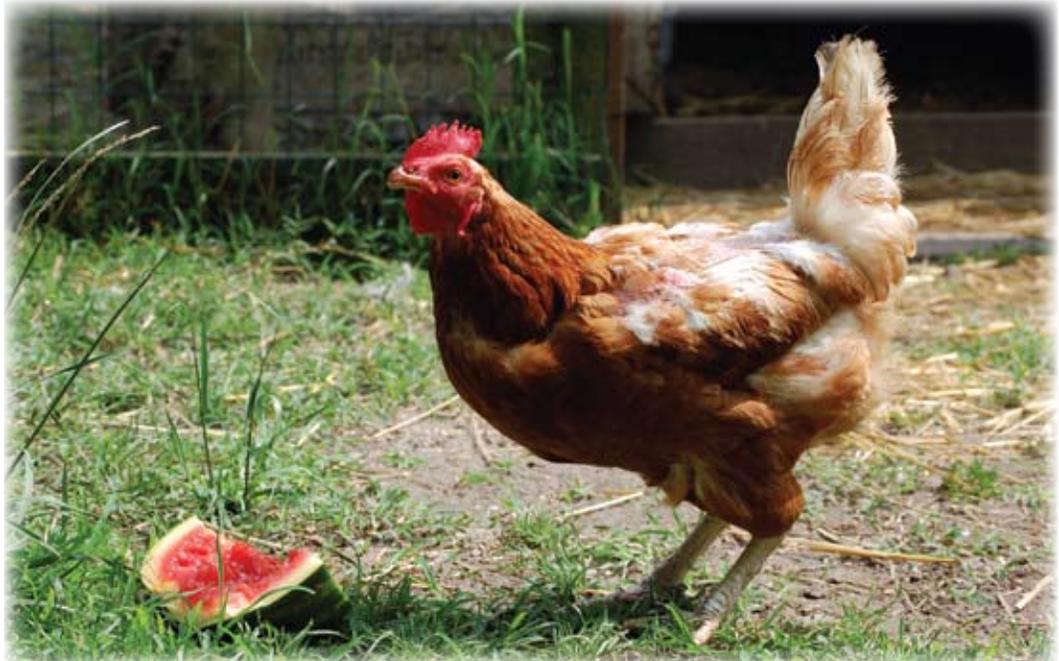


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In March, UPC adopted 13 suffering hens into our sanctuary, just as they were being transferred in crates from Little Rhody Egg Farms, a battery hen facility in Rhode Island, to Antonelli's squalid poultry market in Providence, RI. Today, Althea, Agnes and Audrey live happily at United Poultry Concerns!

Little Rhody Egg Farms: Starving Hens for Profit

"We try to be really gentle about it. It's like fasting." – Eli Berkowitz, owner of Little Rhody Egg Farms, Foster, Rhode Island

In the previous issue of *Poultry Press* (Vol. 19, No. 1) we published an investigative report by Christa Albrecht-Vegas about Little Rhody Egg Farms in Foster, Rhode Island. Christa interviewed the owner, Eli Berkowitz, about his treatment of the 40,000 hens who lay eggs for his company, crammed in metal cages in a barren, windowless building. Berkowitz acknowledged that Little Rhody engages in forced molting, the egg-industry practice in which hens are totally starved or deprived of vital nutrients, anywhere from several days to two full weeks, in order to regulate egg prices and prepare the survivors for another round of egg-laying before being disposed of. Berkowitz said Little Rhody removes all food from the hens "until they have lost 15-20 percent of their body weight," but he refused to tell Christa for how many days (or weeks) his hens are forced to sit in their cages with nothing to eat.



UPC president Karen Davis holds a Little Rhody hen.

Photo by: David G. Breier

Our discoveries prompted a campaign that lasted for more than a decade in which United Poultry Concerns and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights worked together to expose this horrible egg industry practice. So successful was our campaign – it produced a scathing front-page article, "Cracks in the Egg Industry," in the Sunday Edition of *The Washington Post* on April 30, 2000 – that United Egg Producers, the trade group claiming to represent 95 percent of U.S. egg producers, renounced forced molting by total starvation in favor of a nutritionally deficient "molt diet." Starting in 2006, UEP-certified egg producers could no longer molt their hens by depriving them of all food.

In 2004, United Egg Producers surveyed 46 egg companies to learn what kind of a molt program they were using at that time. Twenty-two companies said they used a starvation ("food-deprivation") program and 24 companies said they were using a nutrient-deficient ("low-nutrient") molt diet. Eighty percent of the "low-nutrient" companies said they would continue using the molt diet instead of taking away all the hens' food.

Background on Forced Molting

In 1992, United Poultry Concerns discovered the literature on the forced molting of laying hens, including the link between forced molting and *Salmonella enteritidis* bacterial poisoning of force-molted hens, their eggs, and consumers and handlers of eggs and egg products. (Hens' immune systems break down under the strain of starvation causing severe bacterial infections in their ovaries and other vital organs.)

What Does This Tell Us About Little Rhody Egg Farms?

Little Rhody is not a member of United Egg Producers and therefore does not have to meet even the minimal "welfare" standards set by UEP for its member companies. Little Rhody force-molts the company's hens using a starvation procedure that, by the late 1990s, had been publicly condemned not only by the animal rights community but by poultry scientists, veterinarians, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

What Can I Do?

Urge Little Rhody to discontinue the practice of force molting the company's hens by depriving them of all food. Point out that force molting hens by food deprivation is no longer accepted by any reputable profession including the American Veterinary Medical Association. Ask Mr. Berkowitz for a written reply stating what the company is going to do.

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Little Rhody retailers include Stop & Shop, Shaws, CVS, and Walgreens, as well as independent grocers, restaurants and convenience stores throughout Rhode Island, Southeastern Massachusetts and Eastern Connecticut. Please inform these retailers – and everyone you know – that Little Rhody molts its hens by depriving them of all food. And please write letters to the editors of your local newspapers.

Keep in mind that even if only 5 percent of U.S.

egg producers molt their hens by starving them, this still includes millions of hens each year. And even though the low nutrient “molt diet” is less inhumane than no food at all, forced molting by any means is a cruel violation of the natural molting behavior of birds.

For more information about forced molting, see pp. 74-79 of *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs* (2009). You can also learn more by visiting our Website at www.upc-online.org/molting.

Forced Molting vs. Natural Molting

Molting refers to the replacement in birds of old feathers with new ones. In nature, birds replace all of their feathers in the course of a year. A natural molt occurs most often and obviously near the onset of winter in response to the shortening hours of sunlight. At this time the hen lays fewer or no eggs, devoting her energies instead to staying warm and renewing her plumage for the cold months ahead. The egg industry exploits this natural process by forcing an entire flock to molt simultaneously. Deprived of food and essential nutrients, the hens stop laying eggs, and their feathers fall out. Unlike force-molted hens, chickens molting naturally do not stop eating, they are not traumatized, and they do not become sick with *Salmonella* infections the way force-molted hens do. Forced molting is based on the desires of egg producers, rather than being a natural response of the hen's body to the season of the year.



STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Friends,

Several of our members have made financial contributions in the form of stock to United Poultry Concerns through our securities account. We are deeply grateful for these gifts, and anticipate more in the future. There are two obvious benefits in making stock contributions. Please consider these advantages in making your future gifts to United Poultry Concerns.

Donors may give as much stock as they want to a nonprofit organization without impinging upon their estate. By giving this way, they avoid paying a capital gains tax on their assets, because they are gifting their assets.

The benefits to the nonprofit are obvious. In giving a gift of stock, you enable the nonprofit of your choice to grow and do more. It's as simple and important as that. Everyone wins.

United Poultry Concerns has a securities account with **UBS Financial**. For information on how you can donate to us this way, please call our financial advisor, **Susan R. Waters**, at UBS at **757-490-5639** or **800-368-4070**.

From United Poultry Concerns and all our Feathered Friends, we thank you for helping to ensure our future!

Sincerely,
 Karen Davis, Ph.D.
 President

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"Free-Range" Poultry and Eggs



Not All They're Cracked Up To Be

"Free-range" evokes a positive image of chickens and turkeys living outdoors with plenty of fresh air, sunshine and open space to roam in.

"Cage-Free" conveys a similar impression of hens living "free" as nature intended. What are the realities behind "free range" and "cage-free" labels?

"The waiter said, 'All of our chicken is free-range.' And I said, 'He doesn't look very free there on that plate.'"
 – Bob Joe Briggs, "We Are the Weird"



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"Free-Range" Poultry and Eggs - Not All They're Cracked Up To Be

UPC's newly updated brochure has been expanded to address the different questions about "humane" poultry and eggs. Is there a difference between "Free-Range," "Cage-Free," and "Certified Humane"? What happens to "Egg-Type" Male Chicks? Are "Free-Range" poultry and eggs different from factory farming? What happens at the hatchery? Is it easy to replace eggs? And more!

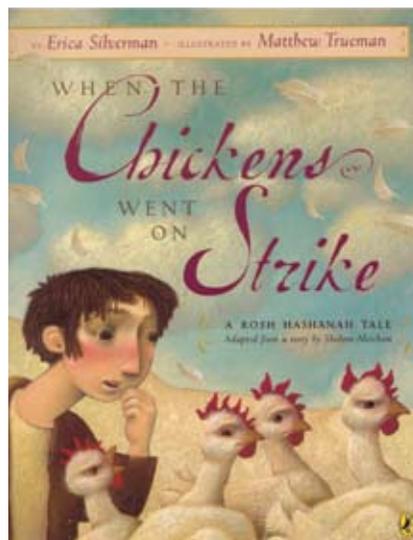
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 20 for \$3.00. 50 for \$6.00.
 100 for \$10. 200 for \$15.

When the Chickens Went on Strike

By Erica Silverman and illustrated by Matthew Trueman.

One day during Rosh Hashanah – the beginning of the Jewish New Year – a boy overhears the chickens in his village plan a strike. They are sick of being used for Kapores, the custom practiced in his Russian village where live chickens are waved over everyone's heads to erase their bad deeds. "An end to Kapores!" the chickens chant as they flee the town.

This enchanting book is adapted from a story by Sholom Aleichem, the great Yiddish author best known for his tales which are the basis of the internationally acclaimed play *Fiddler on the Roof*. \$10



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Dahlia and Lena – Two Hens Battle Over One Baby Chick

By Lynn Cuny

It was very early in the spring, so I decided to let Dahlia and Lena, two large and lovely coal black hens, sit on their eggs, thinking no eggs would hatch this early. Imagine my surprise when on a chilly April morning, Dahlia stepped out of the henhouse, proud and happy, with one tiny coal black and ocher yellow spotted chick at her side.

Two days later, Lena emerged with her own little chick, and I watched Dahlia and Lena stride side by side through the soft, deep winter rye grass with their chicks hopping closely behind them.

One morning soon after, Lena refused to leave her nest. When I gently pried open a spot under her warm feathers, I found her little one, still and lifeless. I left her alone with her baby, knowing she'd come out in her own time. Three days later, Lena joined Dahlia and her spotted chick; however, I noticed that each time Lena drew near the chick, Dahlia would call the youngster to her side and cover the chick with her feathers.

A few days later, Lena, Dahlia and the baby were sitting under the large hackberry tree, when all of a sudden Lena began clucking motherly calls, and the youngster responded.

Lena gathered Dahlia's baby under herself, wiggled back and forth, and sat contentedly with her new "prize." Dahlia was not pleased, but Lena persisted. Time

and time again, she intruded on Dahlia and her baby. Each time she called, the chick responded, and each time this happened, Dahlia would coax the chick back to herself. All the other hens in the yard watched as the two hens battled over the baby, who meanwhile seemed quite content to have two caring mothers.

What happened one afternoon was nothing short of wonderful. Lena had just called Dahlia's chick to her side, and Dahlia was flustered as usual, but this time something different took place. Instead of the stealing and reclaiming that had become habitual, this time the two hens sat down together under the hackberry tree, with their beloved fluffy chick between them, and began what can only be called "a conversation."

It seemed the two hens had decided it was time to come to an understanding, and after several minutes of low clucks, chirps and cheeps, my eyes followed them as they stood up and started scratching together in the dark brown earth. Only now, instead of bickering, the two mother hens encouraged *their* baby to eat the seeds they found there, then made their way about the yard, cooing and caring for their treasured little one.

Over the next few days, the baby and her two loving mothers were inseparable. If a special delicacy was found, both mothers called the chick, waited for her to run to their side, then scratching and clucking in unison, they encouraged the little one to enjoy the treat. Any time a hawk flew overhead, the mothers were there, sitting on the chick and keeping her safe. Even now, weeks later, there isn't a moment when the two mother hens and their privileged chick leave each other's side. There is a life of happiness and peace, which they have chosen to live as a family.

Lynn Cuny is the Executive Director of Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation in Kendalia Texas, www.wildlife-rescue.org. This story was adapted with permission from Lynn's cover article about chickens in the June 2008 issue of WRR News.



Dahlia & the chicks
Photo by: Robin Nowak



Lena
Photo by: Robin Nowak

Humane Meat?

It may seem easier to eat “humane meat” than choose vegetarian, but in fact it’s not.



For example, in *The Omnivore’s Dilemma* (2007), Michael Pollan endorses eating animals from Polyface farm, where “animals can be animals,” living, according to Pollan, true to their nature. But what is Polyface really like? Rabbits

on the farm are kept in small suspended-wire cages. Chickens are crowded into mobile wire cages, confined without the ability to nest or the space to establish a pecking order. Pigs and cattle are shipped year-round in open trucks to conventional slaughterhouses. Seventy-two hours before their slaughter, birds are crated with seven other birds. After three days without food, they are grabbed by their feet, up-ended in metal cones, and without any stunning, have their throats slit.

This is the system Pollan proclaims praiseworthy. In the end, Polyface’s view is the same as Tyson’s – these individuals are, ultimately, just meat to be sold for a profit. It’s logically and emotionally impossible for there to be any *real* respect, any *true, fundamental* concern for the interests of these individuals when these living, breathing, feeling animals exist only to be butchered and consumed. If we insist that we must consume actual animal flesh instead of a vegetarian option, it’s naïve, at best, to believe any system will *really* take good care of the animals we pay them to slaughter. If you say an individual is just meat, they’ll be treated as such. . . .

Consuming or promoting “humane” meat is not a different diet, nor an ethical example, nor an effective advocacy technique. It’s just a variation on the view of animals as meat. Calling any flesh-food “humane” – a word that references the very best of our nature – bastardizes the very idea.

From pp. 97-99 of The Animal Activist’s Handbook: Maximizing Our Positive Impact in Today’s World, by Matt Ball and Bruce Friedrich, Lantern Books, 2009

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Freddaflower Memorial & Appreciation Fund

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:

In memory of my beloved little blind bantam rooster, Tiny – “Tai-Bo” – who lived with us for eight and a half years before passing away in February of this year. Also for my precious little Jollie, who passed away in December, 2007.
– *Barbara Moffit*

In memory of Murray and Lena Rothman with gratitude for all the great literature and advice you’ve given us over the years. To us, UPC is the ultimate activist organization. Bless you for your efforts for the birds. – *Susan Rothman & Mel Wallman, Bronx Treekeepers*

In memory of BALDY, the wild chicken who stole our hearts. – *Alicia K. Gelfond-Holtz*

My friend Nancy Harrison made this kind donation in honor of my birthday. – *Ronnie Steinau*

This donation is in honor of Ronnie Steinau’s birthday. Happy Birthday Ronnie! – *Carla Stamos*

Our contribution is made in honor of the marriage of our friends, Steven Gellman and Tony Durborow. We wish them continuing joy and happiness in their life together. – *Franklin Wade & Liqin Cao*

with a terminal case of peritonitis, from being housed in a 12” x 12’ dark and dirty coop in the back of a feed store. To my surprise and delight, the sweet chicken I didn’t think would make it through the week lived for an entire year. With loving care, her health stabilized and she thrived, becoming one of the leaders of our small flock. Marissa would be pleased to know her memorial gift is going to help other rescued chickens. I thank you on behalf of myself and Marissa for the persistent work you continue to do for our feathered friends. – *Lynn Terzich*

In honor and memory of my beloved rooster and best friend, Mr. Betty, who died on Friday night May 1st. Everyone who knows me knows how much I loved that bird. He was a loving rooster who watched over his flock with courage and bravery. Mr. Betty’s appearances in public let so many kids meet and touch a chicken for the first time outside of a KFC. I loved it when they’d say to their moms, “Mom, can we get a chicken?” Mr. Betty loved his girls, me among them, and he loved his new coop and beautiful garden. His 7th birthday would have been May 13th. A good long run for the best bird in the world. – *Jude Fletcher & Dave Brandon*



In memory of Mr. Betty, beloved rooster of Jude Fletcher. – *Lois & Kim Vickye*

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

My gift is in honor of All God’s Creatures. – *Brien Comerford*



Liqin Cao and Freddaflower

Please accept the enclosed donation to the Freddaflower Memorial & Appreciation Fund in honor of my dear rescued hen, Marissa. She came to me

United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2008

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United Poultry Concerns holds that the treatment of chickens, turkeys, ducks and other domestic fowl in the areas of food production, science, education, entertainment, and human companionship situations has a significant effect upon human, animal, and environmental welfare. We seek to make the public aware of the ways poultry are used, and to promote the compassionate and respectful treatment of these birds and the benefits of a vegan diet and lifestyle. UPC conducts full-time educational programs and campaigns through our quarterly magazine *Poultry Press*, our Website at www.UPC-online.org, and our chicken sanctuary in Machipongo, Virginia.

United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent full-time office, sanctuary and education center at our headquarters at 12325 Seaside Road, Machipongo, Virginia 23405. We respond daily to Internet and telephone requests for help with bird-care problems, student projects, alternatives to classroom chick-hatching projects, and numerous other communications on the care, treatment and abuse of domestic fowl. We are grateful to all of our members and supporters for enabling us to fulfil our mission in 2008.

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

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2008

Sanctuary Adoptions – UPC adopted 40 wonderful chickens in need of a loving home in 2008. All of our birds were rescued from abuse, abandonment or surrender by their previous owners.

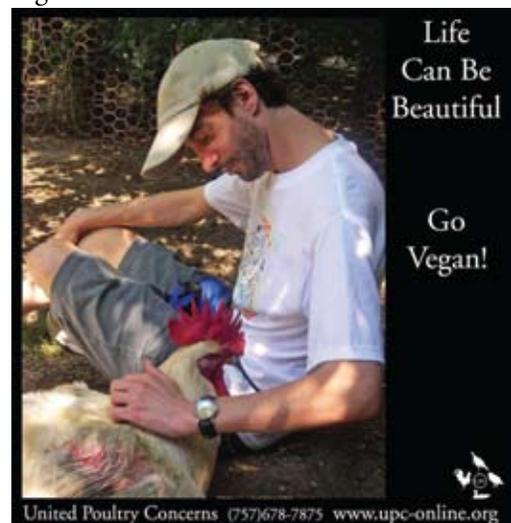
- 🐔 Mackenzie from New Jersey
- 🐔 Prince from New York City
- 🐔 Benjamin from Virginia
- 🐔 21 beautiful hens from Virginia
- 🐔 Suzanna from Delaware
- 🐔 15 delightful Wyandotte bantam chickens from Maryland



Dear, Sweet Benjamin

International Respect for Chickens Day May 4/Month of May-Celebrating the Life and Dignity of Chickens & Protesting Their Abuse in Farming Operations

- 🐔 In April-May 2008 UPC ran 220 Washington DC Metrotrain Displays, *Life Can Be Beautiful-Go Vegan!* and 100 King-Sized Bus Displays, *What Wings Are For!-Life Can Be Beautiful-Go Vegan*, reaching thousands of DC residents, commuters and out-of-town visitors to the Washington DC Metro Area.



David Perle & Chesterbuddy draw praises in DC Metrotrains

- ❖ Ran full-page Announcement in *Genesis Awards Journal*, March 29.
- ❖ Projected a gigantic International Respect for Chickens Day Image on Times Square in New York City, May 4.



- ❖ Held a public education outreach demonstration & leafleting in front of the White House, May 8.
- ❖ Published "Chickens Deserve More Respect" as a guest editorial in the *Concord Monitor* in New Hampshire, May 3.
- ❖ Promoted the annual Chicken Run Rescue Chicken Photo Contest for 2008.
- ❖ Distributed UPC chicken literature & posters through our activist members in offices, libraries, shopping centers & university campuses throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach Campaigns - 2008

- ❖ Successfully campaigned to eliminate the Chicken Slaughter Project at Canandaigua Academy, a high school in Canandaigua, New York.



Quake and Vandross, rescued from Canandaigua Academy, now live at Farm Sanctuary.



High school teacher, Eric Cosman (right)

- ❖ Campaigned to replace the cruel "chicken swinging" ritual observance with compassionate atonement ceremonies preceding Yom Kippur in Ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities (an ongoing campaign).



Chickens abandoned in flooded lot by Kapparot practitioners in Brooklyn, NY

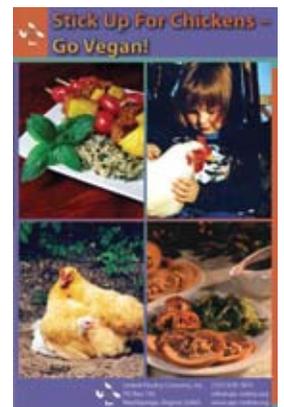
- ❖ Urged Berea Animal Rescue in Ohio to drop their fundraising chicken dinner in favor of a compassionate all-vegetarian fundraiser.
- ❖ Protested Harvest Hills Animal Shelter Chicken Barbecue in Fryeburg, Maine.
- ❖ Successfully urged Sara Lee Foods to cover the company's trucks taking turkeys to slaughter in freezing weather in Storm Lake Iowa in a joint campaign with Animals' Angels.
- ❖ Joined a successful campaign to get Morningstar Farms to agree to carry more egg-free, vegan food products.
- ❖ Supported a successful campaign to strengthen cockfighting laws in Virginia.
- ❖ Supported Proposition 2 in California in a successful campaign requiring more living space for egg-laying hens, pregnant pigs, and calves in the state by 2015.



- ❖ Ran 100 King-Sized Bus Displays, *Have a Compassionate Holiday Season-Be Kind to Turkeys-Go Vegan!* in Washington DC in October-November.

New Website/Print Document - 2008

- ❖ *Stick Up For Chickens - Go Vegan!* Booklet (Now called *Life Can Be Beautiful - Go Vegan!*) www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/upcgoveg.pdf.



United Poultry Concerns Annual Conference – 2008

- “Cage-Free, Animal Friendly, Go Vegan – What’s the Problem,” Norfolk & Machipongo, VA, March 29-30.



Australian activist Patty Mark was a keynote speaker

Agribusiness Conference Participation - 2008

- Future Trends in Animal Agriculture, USDA, Washington DC, September 17.

Keynote Speaking Engagements & Exhibitor Tables - 2008

- “Chickens Can Fly” Humane Education Committee Conference, NYC, January 26.
- Animals & Earth Advocacy Conference, Montana State University, February 23-24.
- First Annual Veggie Pride Parade, NYC, May 18.



UPC President Karen Davis & fellow activists led the Parade in 2008



UPC activists Franklin Wade & Liqin Cao marched for chickens in 2008

- Building a New World Conference, Radford University, VA, May 22-25.
- Their Lives, Our Voices Conference, Minneapolis, MN, June 6-8.

- First Annual National Pigeon Day Celebration, June 13.
- Minds of Animals Conference, University of Toronto, August 12-13.
- Animal Rights National Conference, Washington DC, August 14-18.
- Taking Action for Animals Conference, Washington DC, July 18-20.
- Green Festival, Washington, DC, November 8-9.



UPC President Karen Davis says, “Don’t apologize! Be affirmative for animals and animal rights.”

Additional Community Outreach – Exhibits, Display Ads & Demos - 2008

- American Anti-Vivisection Society Anniversary Celebration, April 5.
- Worldfest 2008, Los Angeles, CA, May 10.
- Sanctuary Open House Picnic for PETA volunteers, June 28.
- Richmond Vegetarian Festival, VA, June 21.
- Maine Animal Coalition Vegetarian Festival, June 21.
- UPC Demo at KFC with Humane League of Baltimore, September 13.



- Charlottesville Vegetarian Festival, VA, September 27.
- Eastern Shore Birding Festival, Cape Charles, VA, September 19-21.
- World Farm Animals Day Demo at Perdue chicken slaughter plant, Salisbury, MD.

- ♥ Compassionate Living Festival, Durham, NC, October 3-5.
- ♥ Fairfax City Fall Festival, Fairfax, VA, October 11.
- ♥ Help Animals Day Event, Montclair, NJ, October 25.
- ♥ Green Festival, Washington DC, November 8-9.
- ♥ League of Humane Voters-NYC Anniversary Gala, November 15.
- ♥ Vegetarian Society of Washington, DC, Thanksgiving Celebration, November 27.
- ♥ United Poultry Concerns Annual Thanksgiving Open House, November 29.



A Mother Turkey and Her Young - "Their Kind and Careful Parent"

UPC in the News:

PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications) - 2008

- ♥ PR Newswire press releases: *International Respect for Chickens Day; Kapparot.*
- ♥ *Chase's Calendar of Events 2008: International Respect for Chickens Day.*
- ♥ *Daily Messenger, Canandaigua NY: published Letters to the Editor and was featured and quoted extensively regarding our opposition to the chicken slaughter project.*
- ♥ *The Independent (U.K.): Letter to the Editor, January 22, regarding "Cheap Chicken."*
- ♥ *Baltimore City Paper: Letter to the Editor, February 27, opposing foie gras.*
- ♥ *"Chickens Deserve More Respect": UPC guest column, Concord Monitor, May 3.*
- ♥ *New York Times, May 19: Veggie Pride Parade article spotlighted UPC participation.*
- ♥ *Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, June 12: Canandaigua chicken slaughter project.*
- ♥ *"Chickens Aren't Stupid": Letter to the Editor, Cleveland Plain Dealer, July 2.*
- ♥ *"Questioning Kapparot": Fall Edition of B'nai B'rith Magazine.*
- ♥ *New York Times: Letter to the Editor, October 9, supporting Proposition 2.*
- ♥ *"Lack of Graciousness Toward One's Fellow Beings": Letter to the Editor, New Haven Register, November 7.*
- ♥ *"Mother Turkey and Her Young": UPC guest column, Times Argus, VT, November.*
- ♥ *Eastern Shore Post Announcement: UPC Thanksgiving Open House.*

BROADCAST MEDIA

- ♥ *Animal Talk with Suzanne Dragan, March 2.*
- ♥ *Go Vegan Texas, April 29.*
- ♥ *Animal Talk with Suzanne Dragan, May 5.*
- ♥ *Vance Lehmkuhl Vegcast, October 31.*
- ♥ *Go Vegan Radio with Bob Linden, November 7.*
- ♥ *KPFT Vegan World Radio, November 24.*

Financial Report - 2008

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

Revenues	\$206,544
Public Support.....	189,064
Expenses	\$273,903
Programs and Education.....	163,295
Organizational Management.....	110,608
Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year	\$386,312

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Live Chickens Sold in Sealed Bags by San Francisco Markets

Live Market “Poultry” Are Excluded from California’s Animal Cruelty Law

Please visit www.upc-online.org/livemarkets/ for the story, background and progress of the investigation including letters from United Poultry Concerns.

Animal advocates in San Francisco, California have documented extreme cruelty to chickens and other birds being sold to customers by San Francisco’s live animal vendors. Roosters and hens, including former “cage free” hens, are particularly victimized by the vendors, who stuff them into paper and plastic bags for customers to take home – often in their car trunks – to kill as they please for food, ritual sacrifice, and cockfighting. Customers also carry live birds in bags onto buses and rapid transit trains, and live birds are being held and killed in restaurants.



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Although cruelty to *all animals* is prohibited under California Penal Code 597, “Animal Welfare Provisions - Cruelty to Animals,” an exception appears in Section 597.3 where live-market animals are arbitrarily defined as “*frogs, turtles, and birds . . . with the exception of poultry.*” Birds such as quails and partridges are classed separately from chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese, commonly defined as “poultry” by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Singled out for particular cruelty to chickens are Raymond Young’s market at UN Plaza in the Civic Center, and New Longs live poultry market in the parking lot of Good Hope Baptist Church. Though San Francisco’s Animal Care and Control Department has cited Raymond Young hundreds of times, the San Francisco District Attorney’s office will not prosecute vendors, claiming that because “the statutes on animal cruelty very specifically make exceptions regarding the handling of live poultry, there is no legal means to prosecute.”

What Can I Do?

Animal advocates are currently seeking legal opinions to determine whether live-market “poultry” really are excluded from all protective coverage under California’s animal cruelty law, and whether the only recourse for helping these birds is to change the state law as the DA’s office contends. Meanwhile, market overseers can establish basic humane standards for vendors to:

- ❗ Provide fresh water and food for birds at all times in containers that don’t get knocked over and that are not filled with feces.
- ❗ Provide shade instead of forcing birds to sit in cages for hours under the hot sun.
- ❗ Stop throwing crated birds onto the ground from transport trucks and stop yanking them violently out of the crates.
- ❗ Stop holding birds by their wings and carrying them upside down by their feet. Vendors should hold birds upright in their arms.
- ❗ Stop tying birds’ feet together and leaving them with their feet tied on the ground.
- ❗ Stop packaging live birds in plastic and paper bags for customers to walk away with.

Please urge Amy Brown and Reverend Whiteside to uphold these standards and urge, furthermore, that live animal markets be banned from government and church property in the County and City of San Francisco. Request a written reply:

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Real Estate Division
City and County of San Francisco
25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94102
Email: amy.brown@sfgov.org

Reverend Rance Whiteside
Good Hope Baptist Church
551 Nevada Street
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Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs - Essential Reading

“For the Activist an Invaluable Tool”

Review by Clare Druce, Director of Farm Animal Welfare Network (UK)

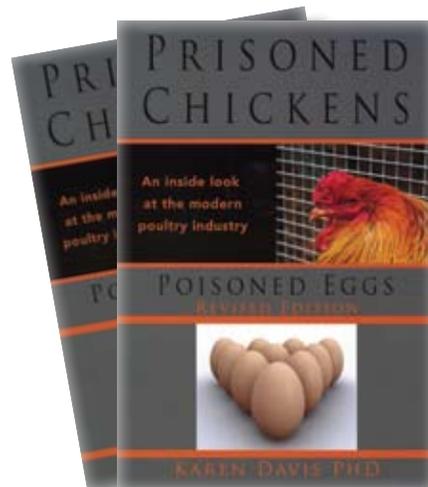
Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs is an outstanding expose of modern intensive poultry production. The author, Karen Davis, displays a respectful, tender appreciation of the birds she writes about, yet unflinchingly takes the reader through every abusive aspect of industrialized chickens' lives, frequently quoting from research by the world's leading poultry scientists. The deprivation Dr. Davis describes is all the more poignant in the light of her accounts of birds' intelligence, the devotion shown to their young, and their undoubted capacity for enjoyment, given a natural environment.

She tells how the mother hen communicates with chicks still in the shell, and how later she'll periodically shelter them under her wings for up to eight weeks – longer than the entire “lifespan” of a modern broiler chicken. Davis writes of ancestral memories, citing research indicating that in battery cages, hens go through the motions of dustbathing (vacuum dustbathing) on the bare wire of the cage floor, so dispelling the myth that “what they've never known they don't miss.”

Veterinarians, poultry industrialists and, yes, physicians too would do well to read this painstakingly researched book. For the activist, it provides an invaluable tool.

Clare Druce is the author of Minny's Dream, the story of a battery hen's desperate effort to be liberated, available from United Poultry Concerns for \$10.

To order your copy of *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs*, send check or money order for \$14.95 to United Poultry Concerns, PO Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405 USA, or order by credit card at www.upc-online.org/merchandise/book.html.



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First Layer. Mix together till crumbly:

1/2 cup brown sugar
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/4 cup oil

Press this mixture into the bottom and sides of the pan.

Second Layer. In a blender, blend till smooth and creamy:

1 pound crumbled tofu
3 tablespoons oil
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
2 tablespoons flour
1/2 teaspoon salt

Spread on top of the first layer in the pan.

Third Layer. In a blender, blend till smooth and creamy:

1/2 pound crumbled tofu
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
3/4 cup water

Flour Mixture. Mix together in a bowl:

2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon soda
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Stir blended ingredients for the third layer into the flour mixture till there are no lumps. Spread this over the second layer, being careful not to stir the second and third layers together. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes, then loosen the edges and turn out onto a plate. Cool 10 minutes before slicing.

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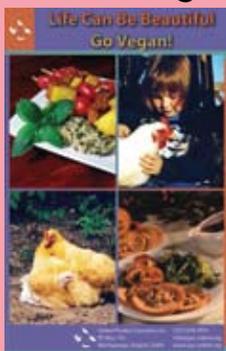
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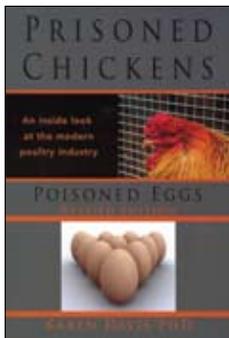


BOOKS & BOOKLETS

Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry

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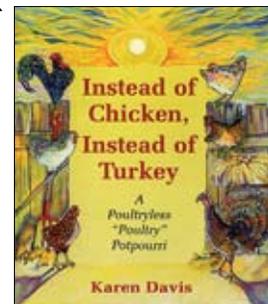
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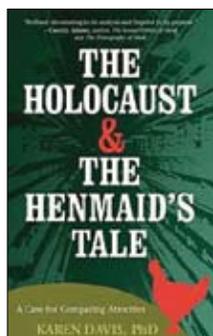
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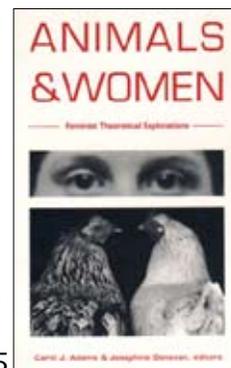
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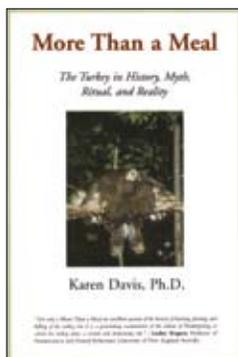
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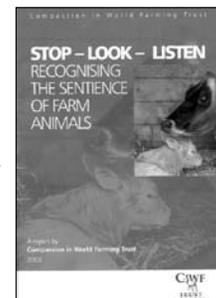
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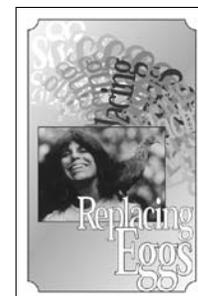
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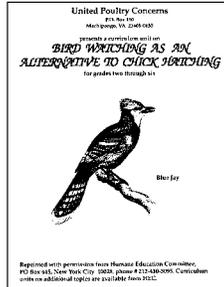
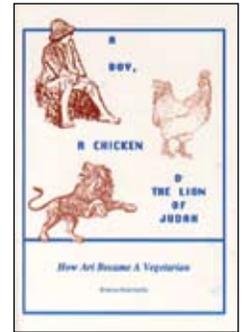
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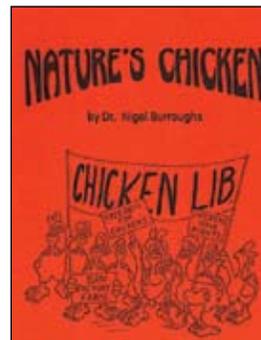
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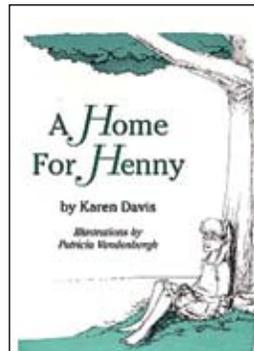
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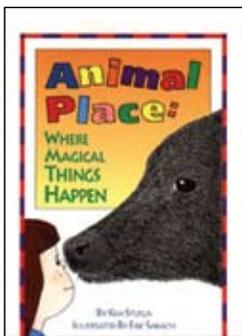
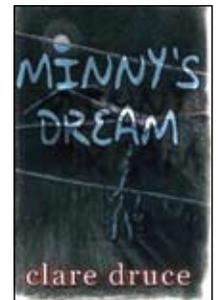
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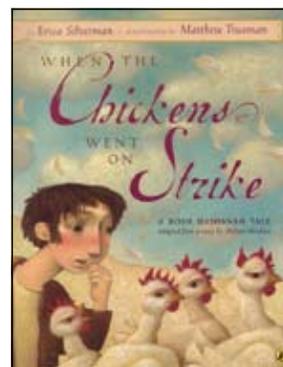
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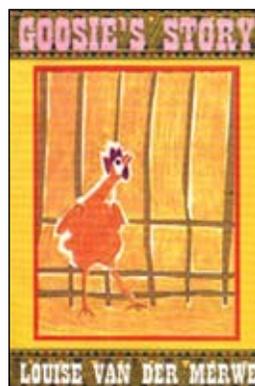
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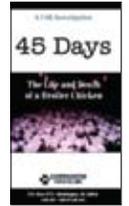
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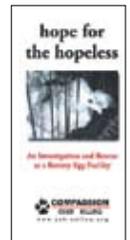
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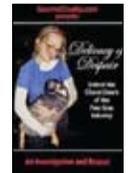
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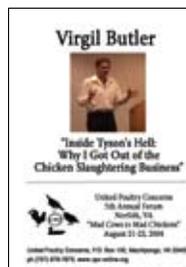
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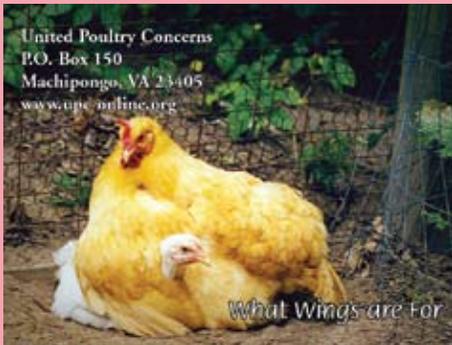
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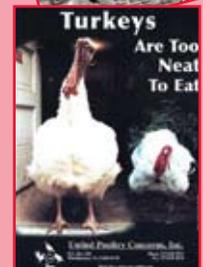
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