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## Judge Issues Opinion on Live Animal Markets

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To All Supporters of the Live Animal Lawsuit:

A TENTATIVE OPINION has been issued by the judge in the case of *coalition for healthy and humane business practices v. never ending quails*. [The San Francisco Superior Court tried this case April 6-24, 1998, to decide whether SF markets can keep and continue to sell live birds, fish, turtles, frogs, and other animals as food. See back issues of *PoultryPress* beginning Fall 1996, Vol. 6 No. 3. UPC Editor's Note.] **The opinion:**

1. **Rejects** the stores' claims that their conduct is justified on the basis of "culture";
2. **Finds** the method of killing turtles – shell removal and tissue sectioning without prior removal and destruction of the head – both painful and "distasteful";
3. **Finds** that turtles and frogs are kept in crowded, unnatural conditions without food and water;
4. **Finds** that birds are kept in crowded, dirty cages with distress manifested by a droopy appearance, huddled stance, fluffed feathers, closed eyes, and non-responsiveness.

**Despite these findings**, the opinion quotes from the [Hebrew] Bible that the "Lord" said to "subdue" the earth and exercise "dominion" over fish, fowl, and every living thing that moves (Genesis 1:28), and reaches the non-sequitur conclusion that the treatment of the animals constitutes neither torment, torture, nor cruelty.

**In the case of birds**, the opinion concludes that their treatment is legal because it meets the standards of the poultry industry (as if that industry's "products" were not also victims of torture, torment, and cruelty).

**In the case of turtles**, the opinion concludes there is no reasonable method of killing other than what is presently done and that the pain inflicted is therefore necessary and justified (as if a prohibition against killing were not a reasonable alternative).

**It is my intention to appeal this decision.**

Endless thanks to everyone who has contributed time, energy, and money to this cause. More is now needed.

Sincerely,

Baron L. Miller

**"What Can I Do?"**

Contact attorney Baron Miller at the above address to find out what you can do to assist this litigation to ban live animal markets in San Francisco and to set a precedent.

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I am delighted to inform our members that, thanks entirely to your generous response to our call for help to purchase a new home for United Poultry Concerns, we have purchased an 8-1/4 acre piece of property in Machipongo, Virginia for \$90,000 at 12325 Seaside Road. Machipongo is at the tip of the Delmarva Peninsula on the Eastern Shore, an area that is dominated by the poultry industry. We have office and living quarters and are currently in the process of creating our new chicken sanctuary and duck pond! This move is a major undertaking for United Poultry Concerns which includes a \$40,000 mortgage, plus many other expenses that we must meet as we continue to provide and improve our services.

United Poultry Concerns is the only animal advo-

cacy organization that is exclusively dedicated to educating the public about the plight of domestic fowl and to alleviating the plight of these birds. We trust we can count on your continuing support for our work.

Thank you for helping us to achieve our goals, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,  
Karen Davis, PhD  
President

\*Despite our new address, our Potomac address will remain open and active into 1999, so please don't hesitate to use the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your continuing support.

**New! Order From UPC**

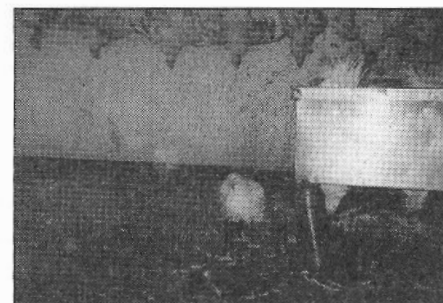
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- Karen Davis, "The Death," **Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry**, p. 114.

# Ballot Initiatives to Ban Cockfighting in November

## *Citizens Against Cockfighting, Tucson & Phoenix Arizona*

"I'm pleased to pass on our good news."

— Jamie Massey, Citizens Campaign Manager

## *Missourians Against Cockfighting, St. Louis, Missouri*

"This goal which was only a dream seven months ago. With the help of over 1700 volunteers across the state, the goal was met."

— Barbara Gray & Sandy Mickelson,  
MO Campaign Managers

1. On July 1 Citizens Against Cockfighting turned in to the Arizona Secretary of State 189,007 voters' signatures demanding that a measure to ban cockfighting in Arizona be put on the November ballot. As the number of valid signatures required is 112,961, we should have more than enough to qualify.

75 percent of those signatures were gathered by 822 volunteers working tirelessly for 19 and a half months. (The other 25% were gathered by paid circulators.) Our top four volunteers gathered a total of 29,221 signatures!

2. On July 2 **Missourians Against Cockfighting** delivered to the Secretary of State's Office over 136,000 initiative petition signatures in 6 large boxes, more than 10,000 pages in 3 large boxes!

What makes the Arizona and Missouri ballot initiatives noteworthy is that **never before has there been a**

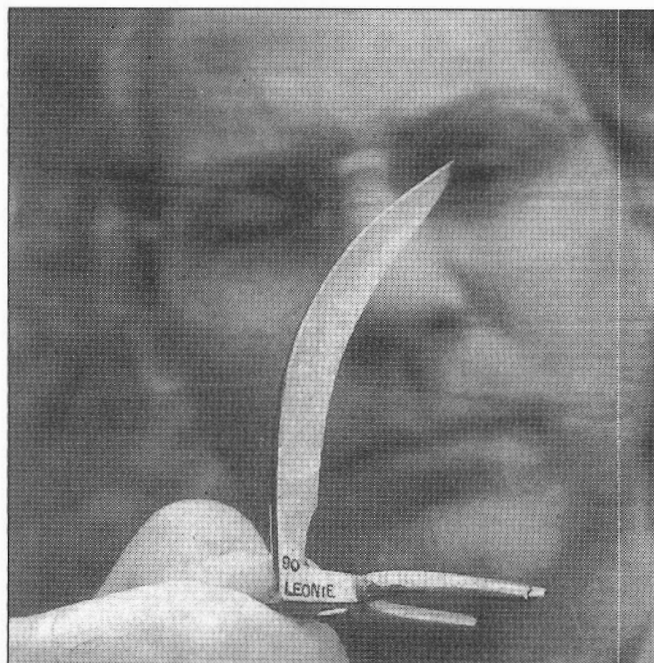


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**Jamie Massey, president of Tucson-based Citizens against cockfighting, displays a rooster blade.**

**ballot measure banning cockfighting.** Why? Part of the answer is that, by the time the first state — South Dakota — adopted the initiative process in 1898, cockfighting was already illegal in 30 states. Another 12 states banned cockfighting before the Great Depression.

## "What Can I Do?"

Arizona Citizens Against Cockfighting and Missourians Against Cockfighting **URGENTLY NEED FUNDING AND VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE NOW** to bring their hard-won campaigns to victorious ballot victories in November. Please help both groups as generously as you can. Find out how you can help and send contributions to:

### **Citizens Against Cockfighting**

PO Box 17472

Tucson AZ 85731

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## En Español!



UPC is pleased to announce that our brochure, **Live Poultry Markets**, is now available in Spanish as well as English. We wish to thank Marion Zinowski for her translation and Patricia Vandenbergh (the illustrator of *A Home for Henny*) for her artwork. 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.



# JOIN UPC'S CITIZENS FOR CLEAN FUN, NOT MEAN FUN

*When it comes to cruelty the human race is one community. In this community there is no such thing as an "outsider." Let us join together to:*

## Stop the Guinea Fowl Drop

Held the last few years in June on National Trails Day, in Quitaque, Texas, this Chamber of Commerce-sponsored stunt consists of hurling guinea fowls from an airplane going 85+ mph, from 500 ft or more above ground. On landing the birds are chased down by kids for the \$100 coupon tied to each bird's leg. Guinea fowl are shy, excitable birds, and poor flyers. They never rise to the 500-ft minimum altitude required by the Federal Avian Administration (FAA), and being dropped is not the same as a bird's natural flight. Larry Farley, a game-fowl expert, told *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* (6/2/97) reporter John Wise, "I don't know how much they can slow that plane down, but even at 70 or even 40 miles per hour, that's got to be pretty traumatic. . . . [A]n alternative contest would be safer for the birds and just as challenging to participants."

Chamber of Commerce president Roy Pigg, who started the guinea fowl drop, was shot to death by a local acquaintance 3 days before the June 6 event this year. Pigg was a violent man towards animals who got killed in a violent quarrel with a rifle-carrying townsman. The guinea fowl drop should be dropped. **Contact: President, Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 538, Quitaque, TX 79255. ph: 806-455-1200; fax: 1228 or 1298.**

## Stop the Chicken Flying Contest

"S\*M\*A\*R\*T" is the acronym for Special Military Active Retired Travel Club. The club promotes comradeship among Retired and Active Military

persons who are interested in Recreational Vehicle traveling and living." The Summer 1998 issue of *The S\*M\*A\*R\*T Traveler* announced that the club will hold a **Chicken Flying Contest** during its 1999 MUSTER (military social) in **Shawnee, Oklahoma** April 27 to May 1, 1999. "Each Chapter will be given a live chicken upon arrival to prepare for the race. The day following the race will be the men's Bar-B-Que lunch. Guess what's for lunch." (According to *Cancer Research*, Vol. 55, 1995, a big load of carcinogens.)

It dishonors the military to subject birds and other animals to ridicule, fear, and possible harm as a social event. Chickens are not true flyers. The joke is shoving them off a 10 ft platform with a toilet plunger. In 1994, Bob Evans Farms, based in Columbus, Ohio, eliminated the "chicken flying meet" from its annual fall festival in response to UPC's 4-year campaign, which led the company to discover that most festival-goers disliked this event. **Contact: Mr. Roy Allen #0559, president, S\*M\*A\*R\*T, PO Box 44209 F76660, Cincinnati, OH 45244. Send a SASE to UPC for our brochure, "Chicken-Flying Contests: Cruel Fun."**

## Stop the Ostrich Races

If you hear that an ostrich race is coming to your area, put the brakes on it. Contact the fairgrounds manager, your city/county council, and local news media and demand that the race be cancelled. In an ostrich race the bird is ridden rodeo-style or forced to pull a chariot in an atmosphere of derision about how stupid ostriches are. Their long thin necks and legs, large fragile eyes, and panic make them liable to spin, run off course, stumble, and break their bones. When

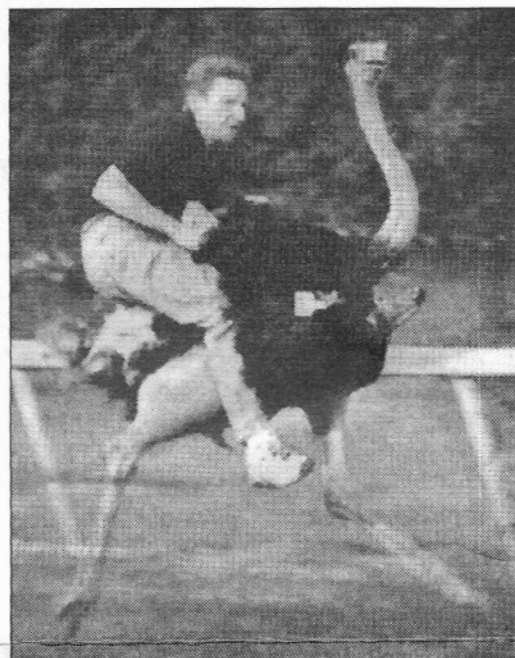


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**Sherrill Durbin, Samuel Hancock, and Ellen Henry** of Tulsa, Oklahoma learned that an ostrich race was coming to Tulsa in July, they got busy contacting editors and making phone calls. Letters and faxes poured in from around the country (including United Poultry Concerns). *Tulsa World* headlined: "Ostrich race called 'cruel, barbaric.'"

Tulsa County Commissioner John Selph told the newspaper, "I don't think ostriches were intended to be ridden. . . . [I]n the future, let's stay away from it."

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*United Poultry Concerns and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights are pleased to announce that this full-page ad was accepted for publication in the September issue of DVM. This important veterinary journal has 47,000 small animal practitioner subscribers. The cost of the ad is \$3,500.87. UPC wishes to thank those organizations (see below) who helped to fund this ad. We are pleased to acknowledge their support for our campaign to eliminate the endorsement and practice of forced molting. If you are a veterinarian, please fill out the coupon below and mail it to the AVMA. AVMA email address: 73711.555@compuserve.com. Thank you.*

## VETERINARIANS SHOULD

# Oppose the Intentional Starvation of Animals for Profit

**Please join us in urging the American Veterinary Medical Association to oppose the FORCED MOLTING of 'laying' hens.**

FORCED MOLTING refers to the manipulation of hormones in hens to promote egg production. Each year the egg industry, with the support of the AVMA, intentionally deprives millions of hens of all food for an average of 1-2 weeks, until they lose 25 to 35 percent of their body weight. Forced molting is so stressful it increases bone breakage and impairs the hens' immune system, predisposing the birds and their eggs to Salmonella infection. USDA immunologist Peter Holt reports that while unmolted hens usually have to ingest 50,000 Salmonella cells to become infected, molted hens need



fewer than 10. Once infected, these hens are more likely to lay contaminated eggs. "Molting, in combination with an SE [Salmonella enteritidis] infection, created an actual disease state in the alimentary tract of affected hens."

Each year, hundreds of thousands of hens die as a direct result of forced molting. The AVMA currently endorses forced molting. The veterinary community is thus endorsing a starvation practice it does not condone for dogs, cats, companion birds, or other animals.

**Please send your support by November 1, 1998, for a new AVMA position statement which opposes forced molting.**

### REQUEST TO THE AVMA REGARDING ITS POSITION STATEMENT ON THE FORCED MOLTING OF 'LAYING' HENS

Proposed revision:

"The AVMA opposes the practice of induced or forced molting of 'laying' hens through the use of intentional food deprivation, because depriving an animal of sustenance apart from medical reasons is inhumane."

**I support this revision.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

AVMA Membership Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to: AVMA, 1931 N. Meacham Road, #100, Schaumburg, IL 60173-4360**

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# Support the American Anti-Vivisection Society's Petition to Include Birds, Rats, and Mice as Animals Covered by the Federal Animal Welfare Act

In April the AAVS petitioned the U.S. Department of Agriculture to amend the federal Animal Welfare Act to include protection for rats, mice and birds. Currently the Act does not provide even minimum standards of care for these animals although they constitute 85% of animals used in U.S. laboratories, and are used extensively in cruel,

bizarre, and repetitive classroom exercises – **because they are not covered no accountability is required.**

In 1989, the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) petitioned the USDA to remove its 1976 arbitrary exemption of these animals. Judgment was granted in favor of ALDF and HSUS in 1992; however, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that ALDF and HSUS had not demonstrated legal standing to justify the 1992 judgment. In order to prove standing, petitioners must prove they are being hindered or injured by current legal standards.

To date, animals in the U.S. do not have legal stand-

**While UPC opposes the use – coercion, injury and killing, painful or otherwise – of animals, we agree with AAVS that everyone should support giving some protection to animals as opposed to none. (Who, speaking for themselves, would say "Unless I have full legal protection, I don't want any"?)**

ing – the right to representation on their own behalf in a court of law. Therefore, the AAVS has petitioned USDA with the challenge that alternative nonanimal manufacturers, researchers using alternatives, educators, and organizations working to promote alternatives to the use of animals are being hindered or injured by current legal standards which provide

no incentive to adopt nonanimal methodologies in laboratories and classrooms.

Scientist Dr. F. Barbara Orlans gave an example: a teacher at a college in Georgia required each student to crush a chick to death in their hands according to a textbook's instructions. "[I]f birds were covered by the Animal Welfare Act, this method of killing a laboratory animal would be impermissible" and "the public could seek action on valid complaints of animal mistreatment."

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## "What Can I Do?"

- Support the petition to include birds, rats and mice as animals covered by the Animal Welfare Act. Write to your Senators, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510; your Representative, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515; Dan Glickman, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th & Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250; Acting Deputy Administrator, APHIS/USDA, 4700 River Rd., Unit 84, Riverdale, MD 20737. To learn who your Senators & Representatives are, call (800) 688-9889.

- Contact the American Anti-Vivisection Society (AAVS) for more information. Ph 215-887-0816; fax 2088; email aavsonline@aol.com. Website www.aavs.org

# Intensive Poultry Production:

# Fouling The Environment

The poultry industry is a major cause of environmental degradation in the United States. It kills fish and other wildlife and it makes people sick. In nature chickens and turkeys range in small flocks over wide areas contributing to the health and beauty of the land. In poultry factory farming, thousands of birds are crammed unnaturally into extremely small areas. Filth, ugliness and disease are the result of this unwholesome and unnatural confinement of living creatures.

U.S. slaughterhouses now kill more than 30 million birds every day, 8 billion birds a year (NASS). This carnage pollutes land, air, and water with diseased carcasses, feces, heavy metals, chemicals, bacteria, parasites, pathogen cysts, and viruses (Report 9). Poisoned well water is a major problem on the Delmarva Peninsula (the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia), which slaughters over 600 million chickens a year, resulting in an annual 3.2 billion pounds of raw waste, 13.8 million pounds of phosphorous, and 48.2 million pounds of nitrogen (Harkin 11). A typical slaughter plant kills over a quarter of a million chickens per day and uses 2 million gallons of water per day (Lipton A18).

## Awash in Manure

- In the 1990s, poultry production in 5 West Virginia counties at the headwaters of the Potomac River, which nourishes the Chesapeake Bay, grew from 7 million birds a year to 100 million birds, now producing enough manure to cover "all 160 miles of Los Angeles freeways ankle deep" (Gerstenzang A7).
- Each day the Arkansas poultry industry "dumps



Photo by Gareth Senold/PETA

300 pounds of arsenic and urine/feces equal to the daily waste generated by a population of 8 million people" (Holleman 22).

- The Delmarva Peninsula produces a million tons of manure a year, enough to fill a football stadium "to the top row, including all the concourses, locker rooms and concession areas" (Warrick & Shields A1, A22).
- In California, an egg factory with 837,000 caged hens produces 21,000 cubic yards of manure per year – "the equivalent of about 1,400 dump truck loads" (Dirkx A1).
- A poultry researcher states, "The amount of animal wastes produced in the U.S. is staggering. In chickens, for example, the daily production of wastes is essentially equal to the amount of feed used. This means for every truckload of feed that is brought onto the farm, a similar load of waste must be removed. **A one million hen complex, for example, produces 125 tons of wet manure a day**" (Bell 26).



# Factory Poultry Manure Harms Wildlife, Habitat, and Human Health

Poultry manure contains large amounts of nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium. According to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, though hog and dairy operations produce more manure than a chicken or turkey operation, poultry litter – the mixture of fecal droppings, antibiotic residues, heavy metals, cysts, lar-



photo by Debbie Behr

vae, decaying carcasses, and sawdust the birds are forced to bed in – has 4 times the nitrogen and 24 times the phosphorous (Allison C7). The annual litter from a typical broiler chicken house of 22,000 birds contains as much phosphorous as in the sewage from a community of 6,000 people (Harkin 12). Excess nitrogen converts to ammonia and nitrates, burning the fragile cells of land plants and poisoning ground and surface waters. Concentrated poultry waste spawns excess algae that consume aquatic nutrients and block sunlight needed by underwater grasses. In decay, the algae suffocate fish. High levels of nitrate in groundwater used as drinking water can cause methemoglobinemia, a blood disorder in infants, known also as “blue baby disease” (Holleman 28).

Factory poultry manure contains heavy metals. The 5,100 tons of poultry manure produced daily in

Arkansas dumps into the environment, each day, 3,100 pounds of manganese, 3,300 pounds of iron, 540 pounds of copper, 3600 pounds of zinc, and 300 pounds of arsenic. Arsenic is “a known carcinogenic agent that when inhaled can cause cancer in humans, particularly lung cancer” (Holleman 29-30).

Factory poultry manure exposes fish, humans, and wildlife to diseases not normally found in the environment. When earthworms ingest soil containing chicken droppings infected with the cecal worm larvae that carry blackhead disease, wild turkeys, grouse, quail and other wild birds who eat these worms get sick and die (Holleman 34-35).

*Pfiesteria piscicida* is a one-celled microbe that has been linked to the abundant excess of poultry and hog manure on the eastern United States seacoast, eating holes in flounder and in menhaden, a fish that is used in farm animal feedstuffs and as fertilizer (Weingarten F5). Humans exposed to the toxic aerosol released by *pfiesteria* have experienced neurological injury, headaches, skin sores, memory loss, stomach cramps, respiratory restriction, and violent moods (Barker 117, 129, 168). And even though “water pollution from dry poultry litter is greatest after it is spread on crop land” (Harkin 4), poultry litter is routinely applied to crop fields near the water. It is fed to cattle as well. In West Virginia, for example, “80,000 head of cattle, many raised adjacent to the chicken houses to take advantage of the litter-based feed, produce more waste”

(Gerstenzang A7).

## Poultry Houses: Paradise for Pathogens and Other Pollutants

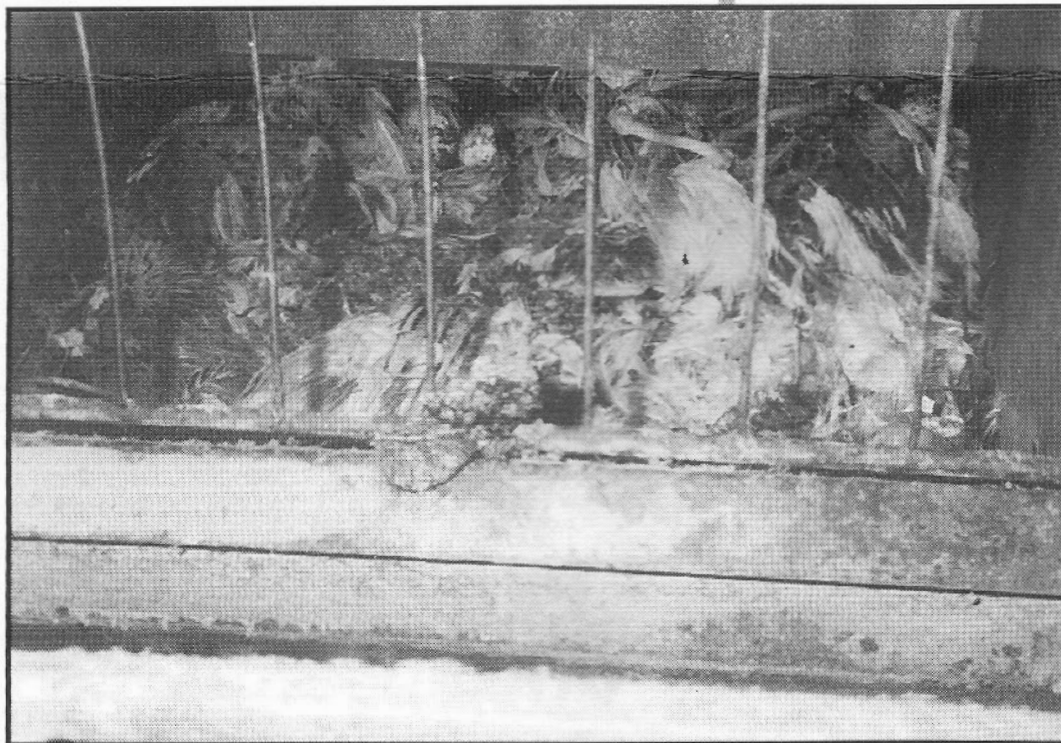
A 40 X 400 ft broiler chicken house holds 20,000 birds. A 5-lb bird gets only 0.8 sq ft of floor space (North & Bell 457-58). A 50 X 500 ft caged hen house holds 80,000-125,000 hens used for egg production. Each 16-inch-high cage holds 3-9 hens. Each hen has only 48-60 sq inches of wire to live on (North & Bell 315-29).

Typically, 3 to 5 long metal houses sit side by side in the densely concentrated poultry and egg producing areas.

"Airborne contaminants in poultry confinement units include the mixture of agents comprising organic poultry dust – skin debris, broken feather barbules, insect parts, aerosolized feed, and poultry excreta – and a variety of immunogenic agents, such as viable bacteria and Gram-negative bacterial endotoxins. Industrial hygiene surveys in the chicken processing industry have demonstrated that poultry confinement workers are exposed to high concentrations of such respiratory toxicants" (Morris 195-196). Excretory ammonia fumes from the nitrogen in decomposing droppings damages the systems of both humans and birds (Morris; Carlile).

## Mounds of Dead Birds

In the Potomac Headwaters in West Virginia, 155,000 tons of annual waste from the more than 90 million birds confined in 870 poultry sheds have polluted local streams with poisonous coliform bacteria. These small



creeks and rivers enter the Potomac River, which provides drinking water for metropolitan Washington D.C. (Lipton, A18). As the Report prepared for Senator Harkin's office points out, "Animal waste consists of not only of manure and urine [in poultry, uric acid], but also

of dead animals, used bedding, waste feed, and other residual organic matter" (Harkin 5).

Each year, millions of chickens, turkeys, and ducks die of heat suffocation, drug reactions, crowding, stress, and disease before going to slaughter. An operation with 100,000 broiler chickens produces 1,000 lbs of dead birds – 250 birds – a day (Report 15). The bloated, decomposing bodies and skeletal remains of these birds are stuffed in trash cans inside, and piled outside, the poultry sheds. Eventually the carcasses are buried, burned, dropped down feed shoots, and dumped in unlined pits "which become cesspools of bacteria, leaching into groundwater" and local streams (Lipton A18).

## Desecrating the Environment

Areas of great natural beauty such as Arkansas and the southeastern United States are being turned into smelly, fly-infested places by the poultry industry. Wildlife habitat is destroyed to erect ugly new poultry houses, slaughtering plants, and workers' trailer parks.

In Accomac, Virginia, a Perdue slaughterhouse dumped chicken grease, bacteria, and ammonia into nearby Parker Creek, turning this once clean, thriving and beautiful creek into a gray, slimy, stinking mess (Report 37-38). In 1998, Tyson Foods was fined \$6 million for pollution of the Kitts Branch waterway in Worcester County, Maryland, which has become loaded with coliform bacteria, phosphorous, and nitrogen dumped by a single poultry slaughter plant in Berlin (James 1A).

With dwindling land to absorb the volume of poultry-house litter, dead birds, and slaughterhouse refuse,

the industry is touting composting and other countertechnologies as partial solutions. These technologies will be costly, tedious, and time-consuming, and they will not address the root of the problem, including the huge consumption of fossil fuels and the intense cruelty.

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# Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs

An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry

**By Karen Davis, Ph.D.**

President and Founder of United Poultry Concerns

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# BALANCING ECONOMICS AND EVIL

The following excerpt is from an article by Stephen P. Hoffert in *The Scientist* ([www.the-scientist.com](http://www.the-scientist.com)), July 20, 1998, "Researchers Take Strides Against Salmonella":

## "Induced Molting Questions"

[USDA immunologist Peter S.] Holt became interested in finding more effective strategies against *SE* [*Salmonella Enteritidis*] when he was doing research on the effect of molting on the chicken's immune system. In that research, he found that "induced molting" raised the risk of *SE* infection in chickens and raised bacteria counts in those already infected. Induced molting is a common but controversial practice among egg producers in the U.S. Farmers, observing declining egg production in flocks, stop feeding chickens to produce weight loss and force molting [molting = feather loss]. . . .

"Activists such as **Karen Davis**, president of United Poultry Concerns, have taken a strong view of the research and say that the connection between *Salmonella* infection and induced molting ought to prompt egg producers to abandon the practice. Davis says the practice of induced molting is really forced starvation of laying hens and serves only the economic interests of producers. 'Research has shown that *Salmonella* and forced molting are linked,' Davis says. 'This fact is concerning, but the bottom line is that this practice is cruel to chickens. Hens are essentially starved, and many die because of this practice.'

"According to guidelines on molting from feed companies, chickens are fasted [sic: a fast is a voluntary denial of food. The correct term for involuntary food deprivation is starvation. *UPC editor's note*] for 12 days to achieve a

body weight reduction of about 30 percent. If mortality during this period exceeds 0.5 percent per day for the flock, egg producers are advised to resume normal feeding [not out of pity but because the economically acceptable number of dead hens is being exceeded. *UPC editor's note*]. Davis says this practice, among others utilized in the egg and poultry industry, is inhumane. She is now leading a campaign urging FDA to outlaw the practice in the U.S.

"In some European nations, health concerns and public pressure have prompted policymakers to ban the practice of induced molting. In the USDA's Pennsylvania Pilot Program for risk management of *SE* in flocks, farmers have stopped induced molting in chickens known to be infected with *SE*. But Holt says it is unlikely that research relating *SE* and induced molting will ultimately prompt U.S. egg producers to completely abandon the practice. 'Egg producers face a difficult situation,' he says. 'Many view induced molting as essential for maximizing productivity of laying hens. *SE* infection, of course, has a cost and they will have to find a way to balance these economic interests.'

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## "What Can I Do?"

• U.S. Department of Agriculture immunologist **Peter S. Holt**, quoted above, has been starving hens in government-sponsored – make that your tax dollars – experiments for years, then publishing reports that the starvation of chickens promotes immune system breakdown, diseases, contaminated feather and mouse-feces consumption, and death. Contact Peter Holt and academic career force-molter, **Donald Bell**. Urge them to take a stand against forced molting and to use their influence in the egg industry to stop the practice.

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Athens, GA 30605

Donald D. Bell  
Dept of Poultry Science  
University of California, Riverside

900 University Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92521

• UPC's petition requesting the **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** to eliminate forced molting was filed by the FDA on April 14, 1998 under **docket number 98P-0203/CP**. Urge the FDA to grant our petition (filed jointly with the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights). Include **docket number 98P-0203/CP** when you write to:

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UPC also thanks **Doreen Dykes**, president of **Alliance for Animals in Virginia**, for graciously holding a fundraiser for UPC at Virginia Beach, and **Bonnie Blitstein**, for organizing a successful **Spring Vigil for Chickens** at Green Live Poultry Market in Flushing, Queens, New York on May 2nd. Bonnie, who rescued a hen who is now safe, had our Live Poultry Market brochure translated into Korean. **Bonnie Blitstein is scheduling more live poultry market demos. Please contact her at 718-428-8523 (home); 212-367-6566 (wk).**

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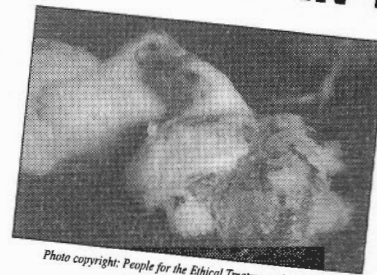


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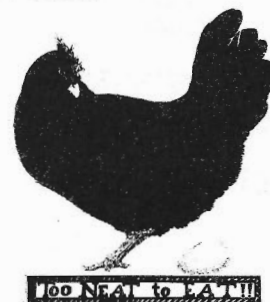
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