Our gentleman rooster, Rhubarb, was abandoned as a chick in a box with 5 other chicks at a location in upstate New York six years ago. Luckily, the chicks were discovered and brought to United Poultry Concerns to live in our sanctuary for the rest of their lives – and today, they’re all doing great!
END CHICKENS AS KAPOROS RALLY

WHEN: Sunday, September 12, 2010, promptly at 12 to 3 pm.

WHERE: 12 noon to 1:30 at 792 Eastern Parkway (between Kingston & Albany Avenues), Brooklyn, NY, and 1:30 to 3 at President Street & Kingston Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

WHAT TO WEAR: The Kaporos ritual takes place in the period between the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rather than “swing” chickens, most Kaporos observers expiate their sins symbolically by swinging coins over their heads and donating the money to charity. The Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos is not protesting the holiday, just the ritual of using chickens as Kaporos (ritual sacrifices). Please show respect for the holiday by NOT wearing shorts, t-shirts, or bright colored clothing. We encourage women to wear beige, brown or black skirts below the knees and jackets covering their arms.

WHAT TO BRING AND WHAT NOT TO BRING: Bring posters that ask practitioners to use money instead of chickens. Posters can have pictures or photos of chickens being swung or money being used. Posters can be held in your hands or tied around your shoulders with cord. Write respectful slogans in English or Yiddish. WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BRING SIGNS ATTACHED TO STICKS OR POLES, OR STICKS OR POLES OF ANY KIND. Please do NOT write “Meat is murder” or “A holocaust is on your plate” or anything on your poster other than directly dealing with ending chickens as Kaporos. No audio effects are permitted.

HOW TO GET THERE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: The following is the MTA planning site for public transportation (the address of the first demo is 792 Eastern Parkway; the second demo is a couple of blocks away, so the public transportation directions are the same for both demonstrations.

http://tripplanner.mta.info/_start.aspx

We look forward to having you with us! www.EndChickensAsKaporos.com

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
Mary and Peter Max
Invite you to share a special evening benefiting

United Poultry Concerns
and

The Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos

Thursday, September 30, 2010, 6:30 – 9 pm
at the

Peter Max Studio
37 West 65th Street, Floor 7
between Columbus and Central Park West, NYC

Join us for an evening of delicious vegan food, including kosher vegan food, from some of NYC’s finest restaurants, the art of Peter Max, and the opportunity to help end the practice of swinging and slaughtering chickens as kaporos.

Kaporos (atonements) is a custom preceding Yom Kippur – the Jewish Day of Atonement – in which chickens are ritually sacrificed by many Orthodox Jews. The person swings the chicken, held by the legs or by pinning the bird’s wings backward, around his or her head while chanting about transferring one’s sins symbolically onto the bird. The chicken is then slaughtered and may or may not be given to the poor. Money can be used as a non-animal alternative, and funds raised can be given directly to charities that provide food for the poor and hungry throughout the year, including 13,000 Jewish families living at or below the poverty line in New York City. See http://bit.ly/cSIUuW.

LEVELS OF SUPPORT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 EVENT.
Please consider making a donation even if you cannot attend this event.

Attendee - $50     Donor - $100     Supporter - $250
Patron - $500     Benefactor - $1,000

Pay online at www.upc-online.org/kaporos/max or send your check made payable to UPC – AECK. Mail with name of attendees, home address, e-mail, and phone number to AECK, PO Box 445, Gracie Station, NYC 10028 on or before September 10, 2010. You will receive a confirmation. Call 757-678-7875 for additional information. (Online Registration will remain open until September 27th or until we reach our maximum capacity of 100 attendees.)

Please let us know if you will attend this event. Thank You!
New Classroom Resources from UPC!

**Hatching Good Lessons**
A Teachers Guide to Humane Alternatives to Chick-Hatching Projects
Revised & Updated by United Poultry Concerns, 2010
16 pages of information, storytelling, classroom activities & color photos
Grades K-6 (some activities are designed for K-12)
$2.50 per booklet. $1.00 per booklet for orders of 5 or more

*Hatching Good Lessons* is a guide booklet for elementary school teachers and other educators including parents. Following a brief overview of the problems involved with classroom bird-hatching and mechanical incubation, the booklet provides a variety of exciting learning activities, programs and products for students in grades K-6 on the development and life of chickens and other birds. The materials presented encourage classroom programs and activities that teach life cycles and inspire students to appreciate, respect, and learn about the amazing life of birds on our planet and in their own neighborhoods.

*Hatching Good Lessons* can also be viewed and printed out directly by going to our website at [www.upc-online.org/hatching/](http://www.upc-online.org/hatching/). Additional classroom projects focusing on birds can be found there as well.

**New DVD for children K-6 (and older!)**

**Chickens at Play**
Produced by United Poultry Concerns and The Image Productions
DVD 10:04 minutes. Grades K-6
$5.00. 50% off bulk orders of 5 ($2.50 each) = $12.50. Order from United Poultry Concerns.
Watch: [http://vimeo.com/13210456](http://vimeo.com/13210456)

This vibrant video shows chickens at the United Poultry Concerns sanctuary in Virginia. Starting in the morning, we see them eagerly waiting to be let outside in the yard, then racing through their door to pounce on lettuce and start their day. We watch and listen to the chickens through their daily activities into the evening as, one by one, they hop up to their perches for the night. Accompanied by lively music, this DVD includes brief explanations of what the chickens are doing in particular scenes, narrated by a young child.

Would you like to do more to help the birds?
Just go to [www.upc-online.org/email](http://www.upc-online.org/email) and sign up to BECOME A UPC E-SUBSCRIBER!
News updates, action alerts, upcoming events and more!
Compassionate Student Saves Hatching Project Chick

How Roly Poly Went from a Broken Classroom Incubator to Live in a Safe Haven

“Dear UPC,

I found you through an Internet search of chicken sanctuaries. About 7 weeks ago my 12-year-old son, Austin, heard that his school was about to discard some fertilized eggs. We could not comprehend how someone could just throw away these eggs. Suddenly we were introduced to the world of chickens. Only one of the six eggs hatched, and on June 10, 2010, Roly Poly was born.

“Roly Poly is a very sweet, intelligent, affectionate chick who loves to sit on our laps. She is very healthy, has had a clean environment and been on a diet of medicated chick starter since birth. She looks like a Rhode Island Red hen. We’re hoping to find a compassionate home for her where she can live a happy life. Right now, Roly Poly is living in our apartment in Brooklyn, New York. She is 27 days old. We do not have outdoor space, and sadly, we cannot keep her. Can you help?” – Lynn Zambito, Brooklyn, New York, July 8, 2010.

UPC was eager to welcome Roly Poly into our sanctuary in Virginia, but everyone agreed it would be great if a sanctuary closer to Brooklyn could be found so Lynn’s family could visit Roly Poly. We were thrilled when Lynn wrote that Bill and Ellen Crain, of Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary, in Poughquag, New York, whom we’d recommended, “welcomed Roly Poly with open arms and so much love” on Sunday, July 11. Lynn said, “Our next step is to contact our son’s school. We want to make them aware of the unnecessary use of fertilized eggs to teach about embryonic development when there are so many excellent alternatives.”

Safe Haven Farm Sanctuary invites schools and groups to visit by appointment. For information, visit www.safehavenfarmsanctuary.org or call 845-724-3163.

Note: Recently UPC talked with Amy Boncardo, Director of the Queens County Farm Museum, in New York City, who said the museum supplies 80 dozen to 100 dozen hatching eggs – 960 to 1200 eggs with embryos inside – to New York City schools each year for classroom hatching projects. She said surviving chicks are returned to the museum where they are ultimately slaughtered, and that elementary school children are okay being told that their chicks will be turned into “nuggets.” (Uh huh.)

Felicia Russo, principal of Long Branch Elementary School in Arlington County, Virginia, told a humane educator in 2009 that countywide, a significant number of chicks born in classroom projects the previous year were deformed and died, making it a particularly traumatic experience for children and teachers alike.

What Can I Do?

If your child or school is involved in a classroom chick-hatching project, please provide the principal and teacher with a copy or copies of our new guide booklet, Hatching Good Lessons: Alternatives to School Hatching Projects - also on our website at www.upc-online.org/hatching/. We urge concerned parents to meet personally with school teachers and administrators, and address PTA meetings, to explain why bird-hatching projects should be replaced with alternative learning activities. UPC will gladly provide guide booklets on request.
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:

This donation is given in memory of my friend, Punky, a rescued cockatiel. Even with all the bad she faced, when pleasure came her way, she enjoyed every drop. Thank you so very much for all you do. – Holly Pearson

Please accept this donation in memory of Chester, the baby broiler rooster I brought to you many years ago. Although we have moved, we still think of our little lost chicken who found a home and some happiness in his life before it was too late. – Graham & Edith Bloy

Enclosed is our donation in memory of Bernice Cohen, beloved mother of our friend and devoted animal activist, Jamie Cohen. – John DeSantis & Bonnie Hurwitz

This donation is in memory of Melissa Ghafoori’s 40th birthday. – Ronnie Steinau

In memory of Isamu, in the name of William Emerich. – Cassandra Mogusar

My donation is in memory of Alexsei, the six-week-old baby broiler rooster I saved from dying on a roadside in Maryland, in June. You said he lay quietly in your kitchen on a soft blanket, with the fan blowing gently over him, and that soon he curled up like an embryo, returning to the peace of his eggshell. I’m glad I could help him die in a loving home. – Ann Kateef

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

My obeisance to all of the Jain Monks and Nuns. – Aleksei Green

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

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United Poultry Concerns’ Ninth Annual Conference

on the topic of

Expert Discourse and the Problem of the Chicken
(The Chicken as Case Study in Examining Expert Discourses about Animals)

Co-hosted by the Animal Rights Collective of George Mason University
(www.animalrightscollective.wordpress.com)

Saturday, October 30, 2010   Conference Hours: 8am-6pm
George Mason University (Washington, DC Metro Area)
4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030
Location: Johnson Center (Big white building, center of campus)
Room: JC Dewberry Hall North

Synopsis: Featuring the Chicken as the case study, we will consider the plight of animals in the world, who they really are, the advocacy they need, and what we can learn about who is granted the status of being an “expert” about them, and who isn’t. Examined in light of these issues are writings by Temple Grandin, Michael Pollan, Peter Singer and other “experts.” Analysis will be grounded in undercover investigations of poultry operations, chicken rescue and sanctuary experiences, and texts regarded by mainstream culture as “expert.”

Pre-paid Registration: $50. Students: $5-15 sliding scale with valid student ID (No one turned away due to lack of funds.) Seniors (over 65) $30. To register, send check or money order to: United Poultry Concerns, PO Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405. For hotel information and to register by credit card, go to www.upc-online.org/forums/2010/.

SPEAKERS

Karen Davis, PhD is the President of United Poultry Concerns, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl. Karen will discuss “Chickens Belittled: An Inquiry Into the Representation of Chickens, Animal Liberation and Animal Welfare in the Writings of Peter Singer and Temple Grandin.”


Mary Britton Clouse is the President of Chicken Run Rescue, an educational chicken rehabilitation center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mary will discuss “Bird in Hand: Convenient Opinion, Inconvenient Truth, and the Consequences of Critical Thought about Chickens.”

Nathan Runkle is the Executive Director of Mercy For Animals, a nonprofit organization working to create a society where animals are treated with the respect and compassion they so rightly deserve. Nathan will discuss “Putting the Chicken Before the Egg: A Current Look at Our Nation’s Treatment of Domestic Fowl.”

Vasile Stancescu is a PhD candidate in the Program of Modern Thought and Literature at Stanford University and the recipient of distinguished awards and prestigious nominations for his writings on animal and environmental issues. Vasile will discuss “‘Green’ Eggs and Ham? The Myth of Sustainable Poultry and the Danger of the Local in the Works of Michael Pollan, Barbara Kingsolver and Joel Salatin.”

Video Presentation by Virgil Butler. Virgil is a former chicken slaughterhouse worker who died on December 15, 2006 following his powerful and only videotaped presentation, “Inside Tyson’s Hell: Why I Got Out of the Chicken Slaughtering Business.” On Dec. 8, 2003, Virgil was profiled in the Los Angeles Times in “A Killing Floor Chronicle.”
“Enriched” Cages for Egg-Laying Hens in the US and EU

In November, 2008, California voters supported Proposition 2 requiring that egg-laying hens in the state must be given enough room, effective 2015, to lie down, stand up, fully extend their legs and wings, and be able to turn around without bumping into other hens or the enclosure. However, Proposition 2 did not explicitly require California egg producers to eliminate cages.

In June, claiming compliance with the requirements of Proposition 2, egg producer J.S. West & Co., opened the first “enriched” cage system for laying hens in the US, in Livingston, CA. But since the 116 square inches per hen in the J.S. West “enriched” cage system do not allow a hen to fully extend both wings without bumping into other hens or the cage, the company’s claim to be compliant with the California law is false.

However, since Proposition 2 didn’t explicitly ban battery cages, it is conceivable that egg producers could introduce a cage that would meet the space requirements of Proposition 2 – difficult and unlikely, but not impossible. Meanwhile, the European Union’s 2012 ban on conventional, barren cages DOES allow the use of “enriched” cages, despite a decade of vigorous campaigning by Compassion in World Farming to prevent “enriched” cages from being adopted as an “alternative” to the conventional, barren cage. The US egg industry, with the support of so-called animal welfarists like Temple Grandin and the American Humane Assn., is touting the “enriched” cage as “a humane system of housing hens and producing eggs for the marketplace” (Feedstuffs, 06/28/2010).

Responding to the egg industry's move to substitute “enriched” cage systems for the barren cage system, United Poultry Concerns, joined by 8 other farmed animal sanctuaries, formulated the following Position Statement opposing “enriched” cages for laying hen and submitted it to agribusiness media outlets.

Farmed Animal Sanctuaries Oppose “Enriched” Cages for Laying Hens

No Caged Housing System for Chickens is Acceptable.

“Enriched” cages are being promoted (and in some places are already being used) by egg producers as a “humane” alternative to conventional, barren wire cages for egg-laying hens in North America and Europe. An “enriched” cage has a tiny perch and nest box, and maybe a little box of sand or wood shavings for the hens to scratch and dustbathe in, within the confines of their cage. The hens have “extra” space, about the size of a postcard, in a metal-plastic environment containing a clutter of tiny dollhouse items. The “enriched” cages are stacked 6 to 12 tiers high in industrial egg-production operations. Depending on size and design, each cage holds from 10 to 60 hens, and photos of some cage models show an increased use of siding enclosing the hens with their “furniture.”

As directors of animal sanctuaries that rehabilitate and work directly with chickens, including brown and white egg-laying hens, we oppose “enriched” cages and dispute industry claims that these cluttered little prisons meet their needs. Chickens, including egg-laying hens, are semi-migratory birds with innate needs and interests. They have beaks and claws for foraging, legs and wings for walking, running, and perching, and studies show (and we know) that chickens are disinclined to perch on a little stick two to three inches from the ground or floor as in these “enriched” cages.

Chickens maintain hygiene by dustbathing and preening. Industrial chicken houses are densely
polluted with toxic gases and airborne debris – floating feathers, dander, and pathogens. Thousands of little “sandboxes” will increase the airborne debris in the caged environment. An increase in airborne dust and dirt, as when a hen is flinging sand with her beak and claws during her dustbath, then vigorously shaking out the particles from her feathers and skin following the bath, will increase respiratory and eye irritation.

And while laying hens need nest boxes, “enriched” cages will make meaningful inspections of the hens – already next to impossible – even harder. As one animal welfare director asks: “Will the nesting box be carefully inspected, daily? Will checks be made to see if a hen in there is in fact laying an egg, resting, escaping, or merely dying from cage layer fatigue? (Clare Druce, Farm Animal Voice Summer No. 162, Compassion in World Farming, 2006). Based on investigations and other documentation of what actually goes on in caged-hen operations, the answer is No.

The groups represented in this document have joined the animal protection community in the United States and Europe to oppose “enriched” cages for egg-laying hens. (The group known as “American Humane,” which supports “enriched” cages, is a bogus animal welfare group that fronts for agribusiness.) Realizing that no commercial confinement system can ever meet the complex behavioral and cognitive needs and interests of chickens, and even assuming that “enriched” cages inflict less total misery on hens than barren cages do, we condemn the “enriched” cage as a particularly cruel and egregiously inhumane and falsely represented housing system for laying hens. Nobody who knows chickens and cares about them can support their being confined in a cage in a building filled with cages. The cage system for egg-laying hens is inherently cruel and inhumane and needs to be eliminated completely.

Organizations Endorsing This Position Statement:

United Poultry Concerns (www.upc-online.org)
Animal Place (www.animalplace.org)
Chenoa Manor Animal Sanctuary (www.chenoamanor.org)
Chicken Run Rescue (www.brittonclouse.com/chickenrunrescue)
Chocowinity Chicken Sanctuary & Education Center, Inc. (www.chocochickensanctuary.org)
Eastern Shore Sanctuary and Education Center (www.bravebirds.org)
Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary (www.animalsanctuary.org)
Sunnyskies Bird and Animal Sanctuary (www.sunnyskiesbirdsanctuary.org)
Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary (www.woodstocksanctuary.org)

What Can I Do?

Tell the US egg industry trade group, United Egg Producers, to eliminate cages for egg-laying hens, and request a written response to your letter.

Gene Gregory, President
Chad Gregory, Senior Vice President
United Egg Producers
1720 Windward Concourse, Suite 230
Alpharetta, GA 30005
Phone: 770-360-9220; Fax: 7058
Email: gene@unitedegg.com, chaduep@unitedegg.com
Website: www.unitedegg.org/ContactUEP/

A LEGACY OF COMPASSION FOR THE BIRDS

Please remember United Poultry Concerns through a provision in your will. Please consider an enduring gift of behalf of the birds.

A legal bequest may be worded as follows:

I give, devise and bequeath to United Poultry Concerns, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation incorporated in the state of Maryland and located in the state of Virginia, the sum of $________ and/or (specifically designated property and/or stock contribution).

We welcome inquiries.

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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 fulfill our mission in 2009. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your support!

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2009

Sanctuary Adoptions – UPC adopted 93 wonderful chickens in need of a loving home in 2009. All of our birds were rescued from abuse, abandonment or surrender by their previous owners.

- 58 lively game hens & 2 roosters rescued from Mississippi cockfighting raid.
- 3 sweet “broiler” chickens in Delaware: Marigold, Jasmine & Magnolia.
- 13 suffering brown hens rescued from Little Rhody Egg Farm in Rhode Island.
- 6 gentle hens adopted from Chesapeake, Virginia.
- 11 feisty white “sentinel” hens adopted from Hampton Roads, Virginia.

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

- Conducted public outreach demonstration & leafleting, White House May 2.
- Held public outreach demonstration & leafleting, San Diego, CA May 2.
- Promoted 2009 Chicken Run Rescue Chicken Photo Contest for 2010.
Distributed UPC chicken literature & posters through our activist members in offices, libraries, shopping centers & university campuses in the U.S. and Canada.

Sponsored library displays in Kanab, Utah and Niagara, New York.

Garnered media coverage from Guam to Toronto and around the USA!

**Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach Campaigns - 2009**

Cosponsored a follow-up investigation with Animals’ Angels of turkey transport conditions at the Sara Lee turkey slaughter plant in Storm Lake, Iowa.

Protested Oprah Winfrey’s promotion of free KFC chicken dinners.

Campaigned with San Francisco-based LGBT Compassion to protest and eliminate cruel live poultry markets in the San Francisco Bay Area. Published jointly with LGBT Compassion a handout brochure, in English and Chinese, titled “What’s Wrong with Live Chickens at Farmers Markets?” [www.upc-online.org/livemarkets/](http://www.upc-online.org/livemarkets/).

Urged the Humane Society of Missouri NOT to serve chicken at its annual fundraiser but to serve compassionate meals to raise money for its Longmeadow Rescue Ranch facility.

Launched a campaign against Little Rhody Egg Farm in Foster, Rhode Island to expose the company’s force-molting of its hens by food deprivation. Worked jointly with Rhode Island Vegan Awareness to educate consumers and expose this horrible practice. [www.upc-online.org/molting/](http://www.upc-online.org/molting/).

Campaigned to replace the cruel “chicken swinging” kapparot ritual with compassionate atonement ceremonies preceding Yom Kippur, in Hassidic communities that practice the ritual. This is an annual UPC campaign. [www.upc-online.org/kaparos/](http://www.upc-online.org/kaparos/).

Provided background information for the NPR Report “Swinging Chicken Ritual Divides Orthodox Jews,” which aired on September 25. [www.upc-online.org/kaparos/](http://www.upc-online.org/kaparos/).

Rescued from slaughter, and placed in a wonderful new home two beautiful hens and two roosters who were used in a “chicken-swinging” kapparot ritual, in San Diego, CA.

Provided a written Expert Opinion for the Mercy For Animals investigation of the suffering and abuse of baby chicks at Hy-Line Hatchery in Spencer, Iowa. [www.upc-online.org/battery_hens/090902mfa_hatchery.html](http://www.upc-online.org/battery_hens/090902mfa_hatchery.html).

Launched a campaign to expose and eliminate the chicken slaughter “poultry project” at The Community School, a private K-12 school in Sun Valley, Idaho. [www.upc-online.org/classroom/](http://www.upc-online.org/classroom/).

Joined the Coalition of Animal Sanctuaries in composing, publicizing, and distributing a “Collective Position Statement on Backyard Poultry” – including recommendations for municipalities considering zoning that would allow people to keep chickens in urban areas. [www.upc-online.org/chickens/backyard_poultry.html](http://www.upc-online.org/chickens/backyard_poultry.html).
New Print Publications & Website Documents - 2009


Free-Range Poultry & Eggs: Not All They're Cracked Up to Be. www.upc-online.org/freerange.html.


Keynote Speaking Engagements, Lectures, Book Signings, Exhibits – 2009

Go Green America Expo, Gaithersburg, MD, March 28-29.
Second Annual Veggie Pride Parade, NYC, May 17.
Chop Suey Books, Richmond, VA, April 21.
7th Annual Critical Animal Studies Conference, Yale University, April 25.
Urban Chicken Keeping, Lancaster, PA, May 30.
New York Public Library, NYC, December 30.

Additional Community Outreach – Exhibits, Display Ads & Demos - 2009

Denver, CO
Vegetarian Festival, April 11.
Veggie Pride Parade
Los Angeles, April 26.
Richmond
Vegetarian Festival, VA, June 20.
Vegan Earth Day Community Fest, La Pierce College, CA, June 21.
San Francisco Pride Parade, June 27-28.
DC VegFest, Washington, DC, September 12.
Charlottesville Vegetarian Festival, VA, September 26.
World Farm Animals Day Demonstration, Washington, DC, September 2.
Green Festival, Washington DC, October 10-11.
Virginia Association of Science Teachers Conference, November 5-7.
New York League of Humane Voters Gala, November 12.
League of Humane Voters-NYC Gala Program Display Ad, November 15.
Thanksgiving Vigil for Turkeys, Bethesda, MD, November 20.
Vegetarian Society of Washington, DC, Thanksgiving Celebration, November 26.
United Poultry Concerns Annual Thanksgiving Open House, November 28.

UPC in the News:

PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications) - 2009

“International Respect for Chickens Day,” Chase’s Calendar of Events, April.
“Complaints about Pet Hens and Ducks Puzzling,” The Daily Times (Salisbury, MD), October 15.
“Thanksgiving: A Time to Celebrate Birds,” The Order of the Earth, November.
“Poultry Project Ruffles Feathers,” Idaho Mountain Express, November 18.
“Poultry Project was Misguided,” Idaho Mountain Express, November 18.
“Coming Home to Roost,” Animal Sheltering (HSUS), November-December.

BROADCAST MEDIA
- Wake Up America Radio, January 24.
- Vegan World Radio KPFT, Houston, TX, April 6.
- IndyMedia Live, WRIR Radio, Richmond, VA, April 21.
- Power Hour, Syndicated Radio, April 29.
- Wordy Birds, WRIR Radio, Richmond, VA, May 1.
- The Little Chicken Named Viva, Real Health Podcast 84, May 15.
- Why Industrial Chicken Production is Wrong, VSSE Podcast, May 15.
- Louie B. Free Radio Show, Youngstown, Ohio, May 27.
- Louie B. Free Radio Show, Youngstown, Ohio, June 17.
- Straight Talk, Star Planet Radio, Chicago, IL, June 18.

Murphy in the Morning Radio Show WKZL, Greensboro, NC, July 2.
Midday Madness Show, WALE 990 AM, Rhode Island, MA, August 21.
Murphy in the Morning Radio Show WKZL, Greensboro, NC, September 1.

**Financial Report - 2009**

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Revenues .................................................................$192,913
Public Support ......................................................$179,355
Expenses .................................................................$187,815
Programs and Education ...............................$149,285
Organizational Management .........................$38,530
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Red Chard Tofu Quiche

Colorful green and red chard accents the tofu filling in this delectable brunch recipe from the March/April issue of VegNews magazine. If chard is not available, mix and match your other favorite vegetables. Serves 8.

1 pound firm tofu, drained
1/3 cup unsweetened soymilk or almond milk
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 medium yellow onion, peeled and diced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon oregano
1/2 teaspoon turmeric
1/8 teaspoon black pepper
1 bunch red chard, leaves thinly sliced and stems finely diced (about 2 cups in all)
1 Flaky Pie Crust

1. In a food processor, blend tofu and soymilk until smooth. If no food processor is available, mash the tofu well with a fork and mix in the soymilk.
2. In a sauté pan over medium-high heat, heat olive oil. Add garlic, onions, and salt and cook for several minutes, until onions are translucent. Add oregano, turmeric, pepper, and chard. Cook until chard is bright green and tender and stems have softened. Turn off heat and fold in tofu mixture.
3. Pour mixture unto prepared uncooked pie crust, spreading gently and evenly. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, until crust is golden brown. Rotate once midway to ensure even browning.

Flaky Pie Crust – makes one 9-inch pie crust.

This homemade crust is rich and buttery.

1 and 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup non-hydrogenated vegetable shortening (such as Spectrum brand)
4 to 6 tablespoons cold water

1. In a large bowl, mix together flour and salt. Slowly cut shortening into flour mixture with a knife until there are balls of flour-shortening mixture the size of large peas. Drizzle in 3 tablespoons of water and work it in with a fork. Then use your fingers to form dough into a pliable ball, adding the additional water, if needed, only one tablespoon at a time until all the dough holds together without being overly sticky.
2. Spread more flour liberally over a dry surface or cutting board or pastry cloth. Sprinkle more flour on the rolling pin and your hands. Place dough ball on the surface and pat it into a circle, turning it over once or twice to get flour on the other side and keep it from sticking. Use rolling pin to gently roll out the dough, working from the center outward. Continue to roll it out until you have a circle slightly larger than your pie plate.
3. Holding one forearm over the pie circle, use the other hand to flip the free side up over your arm. With the free hand, bring the pie plate close and flip the dough onto the pie plate and center it.
4. Use a small knife to trim excess dough from around the rim, using the excess to patch any holes. Pinch the dough around the edge of the pie plate.

United Poultry Concerns is delighted to thank UPC member, Janelle Davidson, in Ashland, Oregon, for this delicious recipe she prepared for her coworkers in honor of International Respect for Chickens Day, May 4, 2010. Janelle regularly provides vegan baked goods at a small price for her coworkers, and she is a foster guardian for two hens, Lucille and Agnes. As part of her Respect for Chickens Day activities this year, Janelle organized a field trip for several coworkers to meet Lucille and Agnes. Janelle says, “Forget baby steps to going vegan – Take Leaps & Bounds!”
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**Instead of Chicken, Instead of Turkey: A Poultryless “Poultry” Potpourri**
*By Karen Davis*

This delightful vegan cookbook by United Poultry Concerns features homestyle, ethnic, and exotic recipes that duplicate and convert a variety of poultry and egg dishes. Includes artwork, poems, and illuminating passages showing chickens and turkeys in an appreciative light. $14.95

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By Humane Education Committee
More great classroom ideas and outdoor activities. $2.50

A Home for Henny
By Karen Davis
This wonderful children’s book tells the touching story of a little girl, a chicken, and a school hatching project. Beautifully illustrated by Patricia Vandenbergh, it’s the perfect gift for a child, parents, teachers, your local library. $4.95

Animal Place: Where Magical Things Happen
By Kim Sturla
Enchant young children with this charming tale about a stubborn girl who is secretly touched by a cow while visiting a sanctuary for farm animals. $10

Goosie’s Story
By Louise Van Der Merwe
A touching story about a “battery” hen who is given a chance to lead a normal life – a happy life. This moving book will be warmly welcomed and shared by children, parents and teachers, highlighting as it does the concern and compassion we ought to feel for all our feathered friends on this earth. $4.95

A Boy, A Chicken and The Lion of Judah – How Ari Became a Vegetarian
By Roberta Kalechofsky
This wonderfully gifted children’s story, set in modern Israel, is about a young boy’s quest for moral independence. An intelligent book for all ages. Winner of the Fund for Animals “Kind Writers Make Kind Readers Award.” $10

Nature’s Chicken, The Story of Today’s Chicken Farms
By Nigel Burroughs
With wry humor, this unique children’s storybook traces the development of today’s chicken and egg factory farming in a perfect blend of entertainment and instruction. Wonderful illustrations. Promotes compassion and respect for chickens. $4.95

Minny’s Dream
By Clare Druce
What happens when a young girl from the city discovers a battery-hen operation in the country? What happens when a “battery hen” named Minny speaks to her? What must she do when her friend Minny is going to be killed? This book is a must for the young person(s) in your life, age 8-14. $10

When the Chickens Went on Strike
By Erica Silverman and illustrated by Matthew Trueman.
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VIDEOS

The Emotional World of Farm Animals
By Animal Place
This is a wonderful documentary produced by Animal Place and led by best-selling author Jeffrey Masson. This delightful film – for viewers of all ages – is all about the thinking and feeling side of farmed animals. A PBS Primetime Favorite! Get your local station to air it. VHS and DVD $20

The Dignity, Beauty & Abuse of Chickens
By United Poultry Concerns
Our video shows chickens at UPC’s sanctuary doing things that chickens like to do! 16:07 min. — Color * Music * No Narration. VHS and DVD. $10

Inside a Live Poultry Market
By United Poultry Concerns
This horrific 11-minute video takes you inside a typical live bird market in New York City. An alternative to “factory farming”? Watch and decide. VHS and DVD. $10

Behavior of Rescued Factory-Farmed Chickens in a Sanctuary Setting
By United Poultry Concerns
See what a chicken can be when almost free! This 12-minute video shows chickens, turkeys, and ducks at UPC’s sanctuary racing out of their house to enjoy their day. VHS and DVD. $10

Inside Tyson’s Hell: Why I Got Out of the Chicken Slaughtering Business
By Virgil Butler
Produced by United Poultry Concerns and the Compassionate Living Project, Virgil’s eyewitness account of what goes on inside chicken slaughter plants is an indispensable contribution to animal advocates working to promote a compassionate lifestyle. DVD. 58:35 min. $15

45 Days: The Life and Death of a Broiler Chicken
By Compassion Over Killing
This 12-minute video shows the pathetic industry treatment of the more than 9 billion baby “broiler” chickens slaughtered each year in the US. VHS and DVD. $10

Hidden Suffering
By Chickens’ Lib/ Farm Animal Welfare Network
This vivid half hour video exposes the cruelty of the battery cage system and intensive broiler chicken, turkey and duck production. VHS. $10

Ducks Out of Water
By Viva! International Voice for Animals
This powerful 5-minute video takes you inside today’s factory-farmed duck sheds in the US. VHS. $10

Delicacy of Despair
By GourmetCruelty.com
This investigation and rescue takes you behind the closed doors of the foie gras industry and shows what ducks and geese endure to produce “fatty liver.” 16:30 minutes. DVD. $10

Animal People - the Humane Movement in America
By Gary Kaskel, Music by Robert Douglas.
This 84-minute award-winning documentary includes UNITED POULTRY CONCERNS, Karen Davis and many other leaders from within the animal advocacy movement in America. DVD. $23
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A Heart Beats in Us the Same as in You
Photo by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
Full-color poster vividly captures the truth about factory chickens for the public.
Vegetarian message. 18”x22”.

Friends, Not Food
Photo by Franklin Wade
Li Qin Cao & Fredda Flower
Full color 19”x27” poster.

What Wings are For: Chicks Need Their Mothers
Photos by Jim Robertson & Karen Davis
Great educational tool. Full color 11-1/2”x16” poster.

Walking to Freedom After a Year in Cages
Photo by Dave Clegg
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“Battery Hens”
Photo by Susan Rayfield
Roosting in Branches After Rotting in Cages
This beautiful color poster shows the rescued Cypress hens at UPC. Perfect for your office, your home, your school — Size 11.5 inches

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