UPC President Karen Davis staffs our exhibit table at the North American Vegetarian Society Summerfest 2013 at the University of Pittsburgh Campus in Johnstown, PA, July 3-7, “Celebrating 39 Years of Advocating Healthy, Compassionate and Ecological Living.”
Moving Beyond the Rhetoric of Apology In Animal Rights

Some Points to Consider
By Karen Davis, PhD

Dear Karen Davis & UPC,
Your article “Moving Beyond the Rhetoric of Apology in Animal Rights” is so informative, motivating, and encouraging for those of us (all of us, probably) who grow weary at times of the fight for animals. Your handout provides animal advocates with an uplifting shot in the arm and some effective verbal tools to spread the message. I would suggest that you send it out again for those who missed it and for those who might need a “refresher course.” – Ann Roberts, June 18, 2013

Dear Karen Davis & Staff,
Even before going vegan, I found myself doing what you discuss in your spot-on, brilliant article, “The Rhetoric of Apology in Animal Rights.” The thing is, it is a rhetoric, as you do note, more prevalent in discussing farm animals than “companion” animals or pets. – Alexandra Yurkovsky, June 16, 2013

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Often we “apologize” for animals and our feelings for them. If we find ourselves “apologizing,” we need to ask ourselves why. Is it an expression of self-doubt? A deliberate strategy? Either way, I think the rhetoric of apology harms our movement tremendously. Following are some examples of what I mean.

Reassuring the public, “Don’t worry. Vegetarianism isn’t going to come overnight.” We should ask ourselves: “If I were fighting to end human slavery, child abuse or some other human-created oppression, would I seek to placate the public or the offenders by reassuring them that the abuse will still go on for a long time and that we are only trying to phase it out gradually?” Why, instead of defending a vegan diet, are we not affirming it?

Patronizing animals: “Of course they’re only animals, but . . .” “Of course they can’t reason the way we do. Of course they can’t appreciate a symphony or paint a great work of art or go to law school, but . . .” In fact, few people live their lives according to “reason,” or appreciate symphonies or paint works of art. As human beings, we do not know what it feels like to have wings or to take flight from within our own bodies or to live naturally within the sea. Our species represents a smidgeon of the world’s experience, yet we patronize everything outside our domain.

Comparing the competent, adult members of other animal species with human infants and cognitively impaired humans. Do we really believe that all of the other animals in this world have a mental life and range of experience comparable to diminished human capacity and the sensations of human infants? Except within the legal system, where all forms of life that are helpless against human assault should be classed together and defended on similar grounds, this analogy is both arrogant and absurd.

Starting a sentence with, “I know these animals aren’t as cute as other animals, but . . .” Would you tell a child, “I know Billy isn’t as cute as Tom, but you still have to play with him”? Why put a foregone conclusion in people’s minds? Why even suggest that physical appearance and conventionalized notions of attractiveness are relevant to how someone should be treated?

Letting ourselves be intimidated by “science says,” “producers know best,” and charges of
“anthropomorphism.” We are related to other animals through evolution. Our empathic judgments reflect this fact. It doesn’t take special credentials to know, for example, that a hen confined in a wire cage is suffering, or to imagine what her feelings must be compared with those of a hen ranging outside in the grass. We’re told that humans are capable of knowing just about anything we want to know – except what it feels like to be one of our victims. Intellectual confidence is needed here, not submission to the epistemological deficiencies, cynicism, and intimidation tactics of profiteers.

Letting others identify and define who we are. I once heard a demonstrator tell a member of the press at a chicken slaughterhouse protest, “I’m sure Perdue thinks we’re all a bunch of kooks for caring about chickens, but . . .” Ask yourself: Does it matter what the Tysons and Perdues of this world “think” about anything? Can you imagine Jim Perdue standing in front of a camera, saying, “I know the animal rights people think I’m a kook, but . . .”?

Needing to “prove” that we care about people, too. The next time someone challenges you about not caring about people, politely ask them what they’re working on. Whatever they say, say, “But why aren’t you working on _______?” “Don’t you care about _______?”

We care deeply about many things, but we cannot devote our primary time and energy to all of them. We must focus our attention and direct our resources. Moreover, to seek to enlarge the human capacity for justice and compassion is to care about and work for the betterment of people.

Needing to pad, bolster and disguise our concerns about animals and animal abuse. An example is: “Even if you don’t care about roosters, you should still be concerned about gambling” in arguments against cockfighting. Is animal advocacy consistent with reassuring people that it’s okay not to care about the animals involved in animal abusing activities? That the animals themselves are “mere emblems for more pressing matters”? Instead, how about saying: “In addition to the horrible suffering of the roosters, there is also the gambling to consider.” Expanding the context of concern is legitimate. Diminishing the animals and their plight to gain favor isn’t.

In acknowledging the seriousness of other societal concerns, it is imperative to recognize that the abuse of animals is a human problem as serious as any other. Unfortunately, the victims of homo sapiens are legion. As individuals and groups, we cannot give equal time to every category of abuse. We must go where our heartstrings pull us the most, and do the best that we can with the confidence needed to change the world.

Be Affirmative, Not Apologetic

The rhetoric of apology in animal rights is an extension of the “unconscious contributions to one’s undoing” described by the child psychologist, Bruno Bettelheim.* He pointed out that human victims will often collaborate unconsciously with an oppressor in the vain hope of winning favor. An example in the animal rights movement is reassuring people you’re trying to influence that you still eat meat, or don’t oppose hunting, as a “bonding” strategy to get them to support a ban on, say, animal testing. Ask yourself if using one group of exploited animals as bait to win favor for another really advances our cause.

In fighting for animals and animal rights – “rights” meaning the claims of other animals upon us as fellow creatures with feelings, lives and interests of their own – against the collective human oppressor, we assume the role of vicarious victims. To “apologize” in this role is to betray “ourselves” profoundly. We need to understand why and how this can happen. As Bettelheim wrote, “But at the same time, understanding the possibility of such unconscious contributions to one’s undoing also opens the way for doing something about the experience – namely, preparing oneself better to fight in the external world against conditions which might induce one unconsciously to facilitate the work of the destroyer.”

We must prepare ourselves in this way. If we feel that we must apologize, let us apologize to the animals, not for them.

Un-Cooped: Deconstructing the Domesticated Chicken

National Museum of Animals & Society Launches Online Chicken Exhibit

“We are so honored to be able to share UPC’s many accomplishments through this exhibit and to preserve these historically significant artifacts.” – Abbie Rogers, Curator

United Poultry Concerns is pleased to announce the eagerly-awaited exhibit “Un-Cooped.” The exhibit, which opened in May, features a wealth of historical and contemporary documents about chicken-human relationships and about chickens themselves.

Gathered in this permanent digital collection are photographs, illustrations, paintings, essays, interviews, videos, and campaign materials capturing the many ways in which chickens have been perceived and treated by humans, how they have suffered and died and recovered and rejoiced and been loved, cherished, honored, tortured, murdered, maligned and advocated for from past to present.

United Poultry Concerns is an Underwriter Sponsor of Un-Cooped and a major contributor in the form of essays, a filmed interview with UPC President Karen Davis, visual images, campaign materials and artifacts donated to the NMAS Permanent Collection.

Un-Cooped debuted in May to coincide with United Poultry Concerns’ International Respect for Chickens Day May 4/Month of May celebration of chickens.

Announcing the Grand Opening of Un-Cooped, Museum Founder & Executive Director, Carolyn Marino Mullin, stated, “Chickens are among the most abused and under-appreciated species in the world. We think it is important to show people the ways we as a culture view and treat chickens and to introduce them to chickens as individuals with their own wants, needs and interests.”

Un-Cooped includes “dozens of museum artifacts from the museum’s collection, including postcards, advertisements, industry implements, and materials from chicken protection campaigns. The ‘chicken portrait gallery’ section invites visitors to ‘meet’ 150 chickens as individuals through the words and lenses of their caretakers.”

The National Museum of Animals & Society (NMAS) is the first institution of its kind exclusively dedicated to enriching the lives of animals – human and nonhuman – by exploring our shared experience. NMAS, PO Box 26483, Los Angeles, CA 90026. To view Un-Cooped, go to www.museumofanimals.org or www.uncooped.org.

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NMAS curator Abbie Rogers and UPC president Karen Davis stand together for chickens at the Vegetarian Summerfest, University of Pittsburgh, Johnston, PA, July 5, 2013.
Breaking 6 News Lawrence: Fraternity Turkey Torture
Interview with UPC President Karen Davis,
April 29: Charges may be coming in turkey killing by KU fraternity

UPC Update

Back in April it looked like the Douglas County District Attorney’s office, in Lawrence, Kansas, was about to announce a decision whether to prosecute the Beta Theta Pi fraternity members at The University of Kansas who tortured this female turkey to death at a party on Friday night December 14, 2012. This photo shows her at the fraternity house shortly before the fraternity “men,” who “rented” her for the occasion, kicked in the crate and proceeded to chase her, throw her like a football, carry her upside down by her feet, squeeze her throat, and choke her by the neck. Eyewitnesses said her wing snapped, then her leg snapped, and she began screaming. An eyewitness watched as a fraternity member shook her violently by her neck until she died on the front porch of the fraternity house.

The Lawrence Police Department conducted an investigation and forwarded its report to District Attorney Charles Branson to determine whether to charge the perpetrators with cruelty to animals under Kansas Cruelty to Animals Statute 21-4310. Our requests to the DA’s office for information went unanswered, so on July 23, 2013, UPC filed a Kansas Open Records Act request. In response we were advised that the requested information is “part of an ongoing criminal investigation” and therefore “these records are not subject to an open records request.”

Meanwhile, the Beta Theta Pi General Fraternity conducted its own investigation and announced a policy prohibiting live animals at any future fraternity events. Beyond this, despite promises, nothing is certain. University of Kansas Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little sent a bland letter to people who wrote to her urging enactment of strict policies against animal abuse by all university residents. Unfortunately, institutionalized animal experimentation is legally protected, and farmed animals and birds have no protection under the Animal Welfare Act. However, wanton acts of animal cruelty, as in this case, are illegal in Kansas and in other states. For more information please see www.upc-online.org/entertainment on our website.

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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.

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United Poultry Concerns has a securities account with UBS Investment Center. For information on how you can donate to us this way, please call 877-827-7870, and a member of the UBS Advisory Team will help you. You may ask to speak directly with Rachel Tomblin or Earl Singletary.

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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Calgary Student Kills Chicken in School Cafeteria

“Butchering a living being without anything slightly resembling what could be construed as art, except in the most degenerate sense, is not acceptable. . . . This individual was given a pass, which is a disgrace. It sends a terrible message that this is acceptable behaviour under the law and not prosecutable.” – UPC President Karen Davis quoted in “U.S. Activist urges charges in ACAD chicken beheading” by Tamara Gignac, Calgary Herald, April 27, 2013.

On Thursday, April 18, 2013, a student at the Alberta College of Art and Design, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada killed a chicken with a knife in the school cafeteria in front of other students at lunchtime. An eyewitness said the student “decided to slowly slit [the chicken’s] throat while it’s wiggling, wriggling and screaming,” according to CBC News April 18, 2013. The killing was said to be a “performance” approved by the teacher for a project called “Fact or Fiction.”

The teacher, Gord Ferguson, who was fired then reinstated, shared the school’s position that the student’s behavior was not about ethics or cruelty to animals but merely about perception (“prejudicial to ACAD’s business and reputation”) and design. Said Ferguson: “I think his concept was sound. I think the way he carried it out could have been better designed.”

In a press release, UPC president Karen Davis wrote, “We are joining Canadians for Ethical Treatment of Food Animals to urge investigation and prosecution of this deliberate act of animal cruelty.”

UPC sent letters to the Chief Crown Prosecutor, the Chief of Calgary Police Service, the Alberta SPCA, and the Calgary Humane Society urging that the student, Miguel Michlena Suarez, be charged under Section 2 of Alberta’s provincial Animal Protection Act, which prohibits causing an animal to be in distress, including animals who are injured, in pain, suffering, abused or subjected to undue hardship.

UPC joined Canadians for Ethical Treatment of Food Animals in urging ACAD president, Dr. Daniel Doz, to discipline the student and to adopt a formal policy prohibiting the use of animals, including hurting, confining, and killing animals for exhibition or performance purposes. Students who witnessed the slow killing and suffering of the bird expressed dismay at what they heard and saw—animal cruelty posing as “art.”

“The school and law enforcement together must take a stand against cruelty to animals and hold this student accountable,” Davis said in the press release. “Society expects its prosecutors, police chiefs, and humane societies to uphold the law and not give lawbreakers a pass, especially when the offense is one of extreme violence and gratuitous cruelty to a defenseless animal, as it was in this case.”

Despite eyewitness accounts of the horrific slaughter and suffering of the chicken in the school cafeteria, the Alberta Solicitor General’s office refused to prosecute the student for animal cruelty, claiming: “After a careful review of this case, it was determined there was insufficient evidence to support a conviction and the decision was made not to proceed.”

While the student who committed this atrocity should have been prosecuted by authorities and disciplined by the school, the Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD) needs to act now to prevent future acts of animal cruelty.

Join United Poultry Concerns, Canadians for Ethical Treatment of Food Animals, Chicken Run Rescue, and Justice for Animals Arts Guild in urging the Alberta College of Art and Design to adopt and enforce a policy prohibiting the use of animals for performance purposes.

What Can I Do?
of nonhuman animals by its students, faculty or staff, as well as prohibiting and penalizing animal cruelty in the name of “art.” A Code of Ethical Conduct should apply to all students, faculty and staff. Penalties should include expulsion and failure to graduate for students, and job loss for teachers and staff.

Sign our Change.org Petition for Chicken Tortured and Slaughtered for “Art” in School Cafeteria posted at www.upc-online.org/entertainment.

Contact:

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Alberta College of Art and Design
1407-14 Avenue NW
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2N 4R3
Phone: 403-284-7600
Fax: 403-289-6682
Email via the ACAD website: www.acad.ca/contact_us.html

Anne Marie Dorland, ACAD Director of Communications
Richard Brown, ACAD Head of Program
Kim Alison Fraser, ACAD Acting Director of Communications
(Same mailing address as above.)

ACAD Faculty Association
Phone: 403-284-7613
Email: acadfa@telus.net

After the killing, Alberta Academy of Art and Design, April 18, 2013.
The Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) Needs to Hear from Us

In December 2012, United Poultry Concerns received an urgent request for help on behalf of quails and turkeys being subjected to extreme cruelty, in November, at an undisclosed historical museum site in the South. Apparently this site, and not only this site, has been killing turkeys and quails for the purpose of displaying supposedly traditional Native American ways of “dressing” such birds to the visiting public.

Prior to the killings, the quails and turkeys were described by the witness, a cultural historian, as being held in cardboard boxes and wire cages in rain and bitter cold, in the woods, without any bedding and fed a deficient diet of corn and deprived of water.

The manner in which the birds were killed would be a crime under most state anti-cruelty laws. They were made to suffer for a period lasting up to 8 minutes by a combination of pithing through the backs of their heads into their brains using an awl or a narrow knife, then slowly strangling to death by an individual pressing his fingers down on the windpipe of the bird being held on a plank on the ground. The birds were struggling, quivering, and crying, and birds forced to watch and hear their suffering were intensely agitated.

According to the witness, this cruelty does not represent traditional Native methods and thus has no justification as historic reenactment, but even if it did, it would be unacceptable by humane standards.

Respectfully urge ALHFAM:

- To do a survey of its member sites as soon as possible in order to learn which ones, if any, are killing birds and how the birds are being maintained and killed for exhibit purposes.
- To take a stand against harming and killing animals for public demonstration and instead to require representation of Native/Colonial practices using computer simulations and fabricated materials to make the point. Literal reenactment of violence and killing is not necessary; it is not done, for example, to demonstrate scalping. Students and adults learn about the past through artifacts, books, photographs, memoirs, drama, computer graphics and other creative methods of instruction. We do not need to hurt and kill animals to teach people about other times and places. There are superior ways for a civilized society to explore and experience the past.
- To develop and circulate specific written standards for ALHFAM member organizations to comply with. As the foremost living history organization, ALHFAM is in a position to do this and has an obligation not only to its member sites and the public, but to any sentient creature who is susceptible to abuse by historical site personnel.

Contact:

Pete Watson, President
Debra Reid, Vice President
Ed Schultz, Chair of the Farm Professional Interest Group Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums
c/o 129 West End Avenue
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(All three people can be emailed at this address.)
Activist Friends Rescue Abandoned Hen in Atlanta, Georgia!

On May 9, 2013, Atlanta resident Tom Yerger emailed UPC:

Reaching out for help rescuing a chicken in Atlanta. I live in an urban subdivision and someone abandoned a hen in our neighborhood 2 weeks ago. I’ve been searching everywhere for help and have been able to find a couple of homes for the chicken. But, the problem is I cannot catch her. The hen is in a common area near our home next to two roads with foot traffic from a paved bike trail nearby. There are cats, dogs and hawks in the area. She seems to be doing OK and knows well enough to stay off the road and run away from strangers, but there is no way she can last here. Do you know anyone in Atlanta that can help me?

Thanks, Tom Yerger

(UPC responded with advice but in the end Tom and his friends devised their own solution.)

June 4, 2013

We caught the chicken and she was relocated to a farm with pet chickens. Several people deserve credit as we had to get community approval to delay spraying of herbicide in the area and to construct a huge net (14 foot high with perimeter of 150 feet). Julie Robertson and two volunteers from Georgia Animal Rights and Protection actively assisted in building/raising a net and catching the hen. I understand she is adjusting well to her new home. I’ve attached a photo of her with her new rooster friend. Was a lot of work but very gratifying for all of us to have saved this chicken.

Tom Yerger

Photo Courtesy of Tom Yerger

In her new home with her rooster friend.

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UPC Photo Gallery: Engaged in Our Mission! Summer 2013

Activist Mary Lapara tables for UPC at the 3rd annual New Orleans Veggie Fest.

UPC’s Karen Davis speaks for chickens on National Animal Rights Day in NYC.

UPC exhibit highlights the birds at the Anti-Fur Society Conference in Alexandria, VA.

UPC activists Nick Zinzer & Franklin Wade educate visitors at the Richmond, VA Vegetarian Festival.

UPC’s Liqin Cao talks to interested visitors at the Richmond, VA Vegetarian Festival.
UPC vice president Liqin Cao lectures at the National Animal Rights Conference in Washington, DC.

Activists Jessica Fomalont & Liqin Cao represent UPC at the Kale-a-Rama Vegan Festival in Greenbelt, MD.

UPC website administrator Franklin Wade hosts our exhibit table at the National Animal Rights Conference.

UPC president Karen Davis & Cleveland Vegan Society activist Gia Campola at the Vegetarian Summerfest in Johnstown, PA.

UPC’s Karen Davis speaking at the Left Forum at Pace University in NYC.

UPC’s Karen Davis describes chickens’ plight at the annual Veggie Pride Parade in NYC.
United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2012

United Poultry Concerns holds that the treatment of chickens, turkeys, ducks and other domestic fowl 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 2012. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your support!

Highlights of Our Activities & Accomplishments in 2012

Sanctuary Adoptions – UPC adopted 18 wonderful chickens in need of a loving home in 2012. All of our birds were rescued from abuse, abandonment or surrender by previous owners directly or through an animal shelter.

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

✈️ Public outreach demonstration & leafleting, White House, May 5.
✈️ Promoted Chicken Run Rescue Chicken Photo Contest, May.
✈️ Distributed UPC chickens literature & posters through our activist members in offices, libraries, shopping centers & university campuses in the U.S. & Canada.
✈️ Media coverage across the USA via PR Newswire!
Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach
Campaigns - 2012

- Opposed VA Bill 610 eliminating all protections for farmed animals, January.
- Stopped chicken “art” project, Spencer Museum, University of Kansas, February.

- Formally petitioned the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to require installation of fire protection systems in all newly constructed farm animal housing facilities, July 27.
- Urged Lakeland Animal Welfare Society to Serve Compassionate Charity Dinner, March 28.
- Urged ASPCA to stop funding Poultry Slaughterer Frank Reese’s Good Shepherd Poultry Ranch, May.
- Protested Barnyard Sanctuary (NJ) Quail Hatching Projects, a pro-hunting venture of NJ Fish & Wildlife, July.
- UPC President Karen Davis spoke on behalf of our Petition at the NFPA’s Meeting in Quincy, MA urging the NFPA to require fire protection systems (sprinklers and smoke control systems) in all newly constructed farm animal housing facilities, August 7.
- Urged Watsonville Buddhist Temple to cancel its Annual Chicken Dinner, September 22.
- Hosted two successful 2-hour protest demonstrations in Brooklyn, NY against the use of chickens in Kaporos rituals, September 23 & 24.
- Protested to the Association for Living History and Museums, Summit, NY re: quail and turkey abuse practices, December 12.
- Launched campaign to prosecute Beta Theta Pi Turkey Abusers, University of Kansas, December 21.

New Print Publications, Book Chapters & Website Documents - 2012

- INTRODUCTION by UPC President Karen Davis to New Edition of A Boy, A Chicken & the Lion of Judah, by Roberta Kalechofsky.
- “Chicken Wisdom: Calling for an Audience with Mr. Joy” by UPC President Karen Davis (Review Essay on CHICKEN by Dr. Amy Potts), Amazon, October 4.

Keynote Speaking Engagements, Lectures & Exhibits – 2012

- Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, March 7.
- Fifth Annual Veggie Pride Parade, NYC, May 27.
- Richmond (VA) Vegetarian Festival, June 23.
- Justice for Animals Seminar, Washington DC, August 4.
- Animal Place Presentation to Interns about Chickens, Grass Valley, CA, August 17.
Luncheon to Benefit the Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos & Lecture, NYC, September 23.
Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary, Poolesville, MD, October 7.
Free the Animal Conference, St. Louis, MO, October 27-28.
University of Maryland Baltimore Campus, November 7.
Marti Kheel Conference, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT, November 9-10.

Additional Community Outreach – Exhibits, Demos – 2012

Florida State Fair, Tampa, February 9-20.
Medaille College, Buffalo, NY, March 3.
Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, Williamsburg, March 31.
Worcester Vegfest, MA, April 15.
Baltimore Vegfest, MD, April 28.
Maple Leaf Chicken Slaughterhouse Vigil, Toronto, May 25.
Twin Cities Vegfest, MN, July 14.
Washington, DC Green Festival, September 29-30.
Vegtoberfest 2012, Baltimore, MD, October 27.
Life-Affirming Thanksgiving Celebration, Washington, DC, November 22.

UPC in the News:

PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications) - 2012

One Green Planet, (UPC article “Farm Animal Angst”), February 13.
The Kansas City Star (Chicken Slaughter for “Art”), February 18.
The Washington Post (UPC Letter to the Editor), February 27.
The Kansas City Star, February 29.
Animal People, March.
University of Kansas Daily Kansan, March 4.
Humanimalia Journal, Spring.
Diamondback Student Newspaper, University of Maryland, “Misery in Every Mouthful” Display Ads,” March 8-May 12.
The New York Times (Letter to the Editor), May 4.
VegNews, UPC Full-Page Open Letter to AVEDA, May-June.
Smithsonian Magazine, Letter to the Editor, June.
Harper’s Magazine, August.
Humanimalia Journal, Fall.
“The Chicken Story Retold,” Vegan India, Sept. 6.
Science & Children Magazine, Alternatives to Chick Hatching Display Ad, September-December.
Jewish Standard (NJ), Alliance to End Chicken Kaporos Campaign, September 21.
Brooklyn Daily Eagle, End Chicken Kaporos, September 21.
Virtual Jerusalem (Los Angeles) End Chicken Kaporos, September 21.
The Jewish Chronicle, September 21.
Earth in Transition, September.
NFPA Journal, September-October.
Altoona Mirror (PA), Profile of UPC President Karen Davis, October 7.
The Washington Post (Backyard Chickens), Nov. 23.
Vegan India! Interview with UPC President Karen Davis, December 17.

BROADCAST MEDIA - 2012

Zack Daniels in the Morning 94.7, Grand Forks, ND, February 7.
Go Vegan Radio Interview with Bob Linden, Feb. 12.
The Doug Clifford Show, WSKY Radio, May 6.
Go Vegan Radio with Bob Linden, Los Angeles, Aug. 12.
Animals Today Radio, September 2.

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Go Vegan Radio with Bob Linden, Los Angeles, September 7.
USTREAM.TV, NY, September 24.
Murphy in the Morning Radio Show, Greenville, NC, November 20.

Financial Report - 2012

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1 - December 31, 2012

Revenues..........................$680,557
Public Support......................680,444
Expenses...........................$229,429
Programs and Education...........199,110
Organizational Management.........30,319
Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year.....$1,046,337

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Karen Davis, President
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Karen & Mr. Frizzle ©2008 Davida G. Breier
The pain of losing them is the price we pay for the privilege of knowing them and sharing their lives . . .

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, both those who have passed away and those who are with us.

My donation is in honor of Carrie Nutter’s birthday.
— Rosy Tyree

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In memory of Bella, my sweet little cross-beaked hen who died way before her time. I love you little girl. I hope you are flying free, & that you know we didn’t mean to lose you this soon. You will never be forgotten, little feathered angel.
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I’d like to donate on behalf of my daughter-in-law for her birthday June 24th. I love your love for the birds.
— Julie Scott

We recently had the pleasure of watching a chick hatch and the greater pleasure of caring for and watching as the chick discovered the world. She was instantly a part of our family. We loved the little chick and miss her. We were looking forward to seeing her grow into a beautiful adult at UPC. We think of the little chick often, and fondly.
— The Saber Family

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Chicken-Free “Chicken” Salad

Recipe from Vegan Vittles by Joanne Stepaniak

This salad is a great pretender – it has all the ingredients that make a great “chicken” salad, but without the bird! Serve it on a bed of fresh crisp salad greens or as a hearty sandwich filling.

- 1 pound extra-firm regular tofu, patted dry
- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- ½ cup finely diced celery
- ½ cup finely diced red bell peppers
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- ½ cup vegan mayonnaise
- 2 to 3 teaspoons Dijon mustard

Cut the tofu into ¼-inch-thick slices, and place it in two shallow dishes large enough to fit the tofu in a single layer. Combine the water and soy sauce and pour over the tofu. Let marinate at room temperature for 30-45 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Oil a baking sheet, coat it with nonstick cooking spray, or line it with parchment paper.

Remove the tofu from the marinade, and place it on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for about 30 minutes, or until it is deep golden brown and the surface is dry. Cool.

Slice the tofu into very thin strips or shreds. Transfer to a bowl and add the celery, bell peppers, and green onions to taste. Combine the vegan mayonnaise and mustard in a small bowl. Add just enough to the tofu mixture to moisten it to your liking. Toss gently until evenly coated. Chill thoroughly before serving. Stored in a covered container in the refrigerator, Chicken-Free “Chicken” Salad will keep for 5-7 days.

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