"Dear UPC, you asked us to send photos of our indoor epileptic rooster, Hammie, and here he is. Hammie is a 3 year old Hamburg rooster who weighs 3 pounds. He lives in our home with our dogs and cats, and never in a cage. He takes Phenobarbital daily for his seizures. We love him dearly and he is a member of our family.” – Jim Smoot & Lorena Norwood
Single-Issue Campaigns: What Would a Chicken Say?

By Karen Davis, PhD, President of United Poultry Concerns

This article was written in response to the claim by some members of the animal rights community that what they call “single-issue” campaigns blocks the global advancement of animal liberation and veganism.

So I am in Brooklyn, New York on a fall day looking at a stack of crates on the sidewalk filled with live chickens. Sickened by this scene, do I, as an animal rights activist, just skip over the chickens and proceed to tell anyone who will listen about the importance of going vegan?

What if a passerby is upset about the chickens crammed in the crates without food, water or shelter, and asks what can be done to help them? Do I simply say that these particular chickens are suffering for the annual ritual of Kaporos, a custom practiced by some ultraorthodox Jewish communities in which chickens are swung by their wings and slaughtered for practitioners’ sins, then move on to note that Kaporos, though cruel, is no worse than what chickens and other animals go through in slaughterhouses every day, urge the person to Go Vegan and proceed to expound my philosophy of Abolition or Nothing?

Will ignoring the chickens in front of our eyes advance the abolition of all animal abuse better than if we paid attention to these particular birds who are suffering, including a campaign to try to eliminate the use of all chickens in Kaporos rituals as part of our overall vegan advocacy? For as Fish Feel director, Mary Finelli, wrote in a recent debate on this issue, “Veganism is not solely about not using animals for food but rather is about not causing needless harm to animals. In this way, the campaign against chicken Kaporos IS about veganism.”

For some Abolitionists, all campaigns focusing on particular animals— in this case chickens used for Kaporos – frustrate the ultimate, worldwide goal of Abolition, Animal Rights, and Veganism. My organization, United Poultry Concerns, promotes the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl. This makes us a “single issue” or “single class of animals” organization. Does our focus on chickens and turkeys hamper efforts to liberate all animals from all forms of oppression everywhere on the planet?

A point to consider is that every category of animal, animal abuse or advocacy can be called “single issue,” whether the category is Chickens, Kaporos Chickens, Farmed Animals, Furbearing Animals, Aquatic Animals, Whales, Whaling, Dog Fighting, Squirrel Shooting, Circuses, Rodeos, SeaWorld, Mountain Lion Protection, Anti-Welfare Campaigns, Save the Elephants, Spay & Neuter, Vivisection, or whatever.

Campaigns on behalf of specific human groups have been waged throughout history. Was the campaign to end Apartheid in South Africa a “single-issue” campaign that thwarted the overall effort to liberate all people everywhere on earth from legalized discrimination? What about the suffragist movement or the civil rights movement or the gay rights movement in America? Don’t they constitute “single issues” within the universal drive for social justice? And do they not break down further into specific campaigns for voting rights, equal opportunity in education, anti-housing discrimination, affirmative action and so forth?

If so, then it is important to inquire whether addressing a particular category of animals or animal abuse necessarily precludes an inclusive advocacy on behalf of all animals. Does focusing on chickens prevent me from contextualizing their suffering within a broader range of issues? My experience as a Chicken Rights activist for 25 years says that one can develop the skills that are needed to do both while pursuing specific objectives.
One can do both because a single issue and the Big Picture of animal abuse are not separate entities. Cockfighting, for example, is one “detail” within the larger dimension of staged animal fights which in turn fits into the broad category of using animals for entertainment. Using animals for entertainment is part of an entire system of cruelty and injustice in which the individuals of other species are defined by humans as disposable property, objects, commodities and resources, without dignity or rights.

Paradoxically, instead of a “detail” versus “dimension” scenario (single issue versus total picture, Save the Whales versus Go Vegan), the dimensions are in the details and vice versa, similar to the paradox of individuality and ecology. “I am in the world, the world is in me,” is how the philosopher Alfred North Whitehead summarized the cosmic interaction between the Unit and the Ubiquity.

Closed Circle Campaigns

Not all single issues are the same, anyway. Some are closed circles. An example of a closed circle approach to helping animals is where one group of exploited animals is used as bait to win funding and favor for another. A fundraiser for dogs and cats featuring a chicken dinner, reassuring your member of Congress that while you oppose experimenting on animals you have no objection to hunting, fishing or eating them – this type of advocacy deserves the opprobrium of “single issue.” By contrast, even though United Poultry Concerns focuses on the plight of domestic fowl, we would not hold a fundraiser featuring a lobster dinner or raffle a fur coat to raise money for our chicken sanctuary. We would not lobby Congress for chickens at the expense of other animals. “Help these animals and to hell with the rest.” That is not our policy or attitude.

Thinking Like a Chicken

Reviewing the Abolitionist arguments against campaigns on behalf of specific groups of animals, I am struck by their similarity to arguments prevalent in environmentalist thinking in which individual animals are dismissed and ignored in favor of Species and Ecosystems. The key metaphor for this type of holism is Aldo Leopold’s call to environmentalists to Think Like a Mountain. In the 1990s I published an essay, “Thinking Like a Chicken: Farm Animals and the Feminine Connection,” in which I analyzed the conflict set up artificially between the Individual and the Whole in environmentalist philosophy. I asked, “How is it possible, as the environmentalist asserts, to worry about ‘all the plants and creatures’ of a system while managing to avoid caring about each and every one? Why would anyone want not to care?”

It seemed to me then, and still does, that the ethical result of all Monolithic Thinking and Advocacy, whether in environmentalism or in Animal Rights, is that the individual animal is morally abandoned and the lives of individual animals are trivialized and patronized as inconsequential compared to the abstract entity or goal. Individual animals, groups of animals, specific campaigns and caregiving – all projects and beings are swept aside or stepped over in the march toward Idealized Existence. “Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!” Well, yes, but not all sufferers will refuse (or should be refused) a wisp of comfort – a soothing breeze or some bedding to lie down on instead of cement, if this is all they can ever hope for before dying.

Diehard Abolitionism holds that all single-issue campaigns by animal advocacy organizations function mainly as fundraisers infused with false assurances to the public that any relief for institutionalized animals means that these animals are now being treated humanely, so it’s all right to continue abusing them. In this view, exploited animals are further exploited by their so-called advocates for cynical objectives that aid and abet animal abuse instead of alleviating it.

Whatever may be true for others, United Poultry Concerns does not choose campaigns based on cynical incentives. Situations arise that fit our mission, and we strive to address as many as possible, as best we can. Some situations become campaigns. For example, when we learned how rooster feather hair extensions are obtained, we developed a campaign against these
products and successfully lobbied the beauty care company Aveda to stop carrying these fashions for which roosters are caged and gassed to death with carbon dioxide in order to pluck a few feathers from their tails after they have died in agony.

Animal Liberation

Every campaign for animals provides an opportunity to promote the vegan message and the goal of animal liberation. I personally like the term animal liberation better than abolition because animal liberation is a positive sounding goal featuring the animals themselves as opposed to the more abstract and negatively framed objective in which we, instead of they, are the focus. Perhaps it is fitting that a philosophy in which individualized animals and campaigns are more or less frowned upon should define itself verbally in a way that obliterates the animals from view. Abolition, Veganism. It is easy for the animals to disappear in closed-circle discourse about Ideology and Food. As animal advocates, we cannot let this happen.

In a recent debate about single issue campaigns, prompted by an Abolitionist critique of the Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos (a project of United Poultry Concerns), Alliance member Rina Deych, of Brooklyn, New York, wrote: “While I completely agree that veganism should be promoted, I do not agree that so-called single issue campaigns and the promotion of veganism are mutually exclusive. In fact, many people (including myself) became vegan after becoming sensitized to the individual issues. Not all of us can relate to the concept of tens of billions of animals being slaughtered for their flesh or secretions. For many of us it becomes a reality when we see one animal suffering (and, hopefully, ultimately being saved). It’s harder to block out that one image than one of a sea of animals we can conveniently blur into one blob and tuck away, compartmentalize, into our unconscious mind and ignore.”

The poet William Blake said that we must learn to see the universe in a grain of sand. Similarly, animal activists must strive to integrate and insinuate vegan advocacy and animal liberation into all of our efforts to help nonhuman animals. It isn’t Either Or. We must advocate passionately for the mountain – for the ultimate goal of Animal Liberation – and we must advocate with equal justice, passion and conviction, and do the very best we can, for this bird who is alive in the flesh, just as we are, in the here and now. – Karen Davis, United Poultry Concerns
Felix the Rooster has a New Friend – Gabby!

“I am Felix. Until July 15 I was nameless and 3 days before that I was hopeless. I fell off a truck taking me to be killed, but a kind person saw me lying on the road and brought me to the Eastern Shore Animal Hospital in Virginia where my smashed wing had to be amputated. So here I am today, August 20, living at United Poultry Concerns, where everybody loves me, and I have a new friend! Her name is Gabby. She too was saved by kind people. Here we are!”

Photos of Felix and Gabby by Karen Davis, United Poultry Concerns August 18, 2015

Would you like to do more to help the birds? Just go to www.upc-online.org/email and sign up to BECOME A UPC E-SUBSCRIBER! News updates, action alerts, upcoming events and more!
Alliance to End Chickens as Kapořos Files Lawsuit Against Hasidic Rabbis and Synagogues in Brooklyn

The Alliance to End Chickens as Kapořos along with 20 additional plaintiffs has filed a lawsuit in the New York Supreme Court New York to issue an injunction against Hasidic rabbis and synagogues in Brooklyn from participating in “Kaporos,” a highly controversial religious custom which involves the confinement, torture and barbaric slaughter of more than 50,000 chickens on public streets every year during the week preceding the Jewish holiday Yom Kippur. The case also names the NYPD, NYC Department of Health and the City of New York for failing to enforce city health laws and animal cruelty laws, among others. The Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos was formed in New York City in 2010 as a project of, and under the umbrella of, United Poultry Concerns, founded by Karen Davis, PhD. Kaporos using live chickens is also practiced in other cities in the U.S. including Los Angeles, where attorneys filed a similar lawsuit in August to prohibit the ritual.

PLAINTIFFS

The 21 plaintiffs are a group of individuals and residents of the subject locations who have endured the inconvenience, nuisance, filth, stench, public health risk and emotional trauma involved in Kaporos for years. Each plaintiff is gravely concerned about the health risks in their community, the contaminants on the streets and sidewalks and the emotional trauma caused by the bloody animal violence they are forced to witness.

WHAT IS KAPOROS

Kaporos is allegedly a ritual of atonement practiced by Hasidic Jews as part of the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. The ritual involves practitioners grasping live chickens by their wings and swinging them above the practitioners’ heads. The purpose of this act, followed by the slaughter, is allegedly to transfer the practitioners’ sins and punishment to the birds, allegedly absolving the participants of their sins. In order to conduct the slaughter of the birds, Kaporos involves the erection of makeshift slaughterhouses on the public streets and sidewalks of the City of New York. Dead chickens, half dead chickens, chicken blood, chicken feathers, chicken urine, chicken feces, other toxins and garbage such as used latex gloves and filthy tarps consume the public streets. There is no oversight and no remedy for cleanup.

PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT

Michael J. McCabe, Jr., Ph.D., DABT, ATS, an expert on matters involving toxicology, microbiology, immunology, human disease causation and environmental health sciences, states that the events involved in Kaporos constitute a substantial public health risk that could have catastrophic consequences. In his 25 page affidavit, Dr. McCabe warns that the Kaporos activities put the public at risk for unacceptable exposure to known toxic and infectious biohazards. He says that handling poultry is a source of infectious disease for humans, and the activities of Kaporos put participants and nearby residents at risk for Salmonella, Campylobacter, and avian viruses including certain strains of influenza and other bacterial pathogens such as Arcobacter, Chlamydophila and E. coli.

According to Dr. McCabe, it is for this reason that slaughterhouses are heavily regulated and supervised.
He says in the report that, “The activities associated with the Kaporos event represent a hazardous condition; namely, the operation of a large scale, open-air and unrestricted access makeshift poultry slaughterhouse in the middle of a major urban population center.”

ANIMAL CRUELTY

All of the plaintiffs witnessed chickens being tortured, unjustifiably injured and maimed, and deprived of food and water. Chickens are usually grabbed by their wings, sometimes three birds at a time. According to veterinarian John Hynes, DVM, this causes ligaments to rip and wings to break, causing extreme agony for the birds. Meanwhile the birds are packed tightly into transport crates and stacked up to 10 crates high, with no protection from the elements, no food or water, and excrement constantly falling on them from the birds above. The birds often die of heat prostration, dehydration and starvation before they are ever used. Plaintiffs have witnessed garbage bags on the city streets moving only to find dying and live birds inside slowly suffocating to death. There is an easy solution to this needless cruelty. Kaporos practitioners can swing coins instead of torturing birds.

THERE IS NO RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR BREAKING LAWS

The case was filed by attorneys Nora Constance Marino and Jessica Astrof. According to Marino, “A myriad of laws are being violated every year while the NYPD turns a blind eye. There is absolutely no religious exemption for breaking laws designed to protect public health and safety. The New York State legislature clearly proscribes the erection of any slaughterhouse on residential streets in an effort to protect residents from the health hazards inherent in slaughterhouse operations. There is simply no way around that prohibition. Religious activities never trump laws designed to protect public health from catastrophic danger. Kaporos practitioners cannot operate a slaughterhouse in a residential neighborhood when New York State law strictly prohibits it to protect the public from potentially life threatening illnesses associated with the unregulated slaughter of animals on public streets.”

MONEY-MAKING ENTERPRISE RATHER THAN A SOLEMN RITUAL

The chicken swinging and slaughtering operation has turned into a million-dollar enterprise for the synagogues, as each of the 50,000 chickens is “sold” for approximately $20, all at the expense of the public health, safety and quality of life. Plaintiffs describe the ritual as a “carnival-like” atmosphere, with children running around, kicking birds and stomping in the chicken blood. Rabbi Shea Hecht, considered the leader of Kaporos in Brooklyn, was quoted in the Shmais News Service referring to the marketing of chickens during Kaporos as a “private business” citing his competition as simply the result of “capitalism.” But as Marino sees it, “Capitalism is not religion. There is no Capitalism Freedom Restoration Act. Clearly this has become a money-making scheme rather than a sacred religious ritual.”

WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

On August 25, 2015, the case was heard in the New York Supreme Court, NY County. Oral arguments were presented from all sides. The judge reserved decision until September 10, 2015.

The Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos is a project of United Poultry Concerns. Formed in New York City in June 2010, the Alliance is an association of groups and individuals who seek to replace the use of chickens in Kaporos ceremonies with money or other non-animal symbols of atonement. The Alliance does not oppose Kaporos per se, only the cruel and unnecessary use of chickens in the ceremony. To learn more about the Alliance, go to www.endchickensaskaporos.com.
**Freddaflower Memorial & Appreciation Fund**

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 memory of Jenna Rosa, my sweet hen who will always be in my heart. – Victoria Figurelli

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My donation is to help bring justice for poor Miss Molly, an emu who was murdered on February 14, 2015. – Elaine M. Unger

My donation is in memory of Molly the Red Hen. Hopefully she and Beep are getting along, wherever they may be. – April Kincaid

Please accept this donation for Ms. Bernadette Delaney in memory of her beloved little hen. – Alice Jena

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

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

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Sweetie & Mathilda
Please contact Honolulu Mayor, Kirk Caldwell, and urge that his administration stop trapping and gassing to death the feral (free-living) chickens in Honolulu. There is nothing “humane” about gassing these birds with carbon dioxide. It burns their eyes, nose, throat, and lungs, while very slowly, and painfully, suffocating them to death. When the birds don’t die, they get thrown back into the gas chamber for even more suffering.

For decades, the City and County of Honolulu have used hunters, trappers, exterminators, and others to trap and kill the feral chickens, even though they are well aware that rounding up and killing them is futile. In fact, it causes the chickens to spread out and establish themselves in even more new areas. By contrast, Honolulu officials know that putting Ovo Control birth control in the birds’ feed works to control the population without harming the birds.

Urge Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell to use birth control instead of trapping and gassing the free-roaming chickens. Tell him that you are sad and outraged that his administration would trap and torture these birds to death, especially when contraception is the only humane and effective way to reduce the feral chicken population. Request a written response to your concerns.

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Asphyxiation cruel to chickens
Honolulu Star-Advertiser
LETTER TO THE EDITOR, by Karen Davis, July 15, 2015

Animal Haven president Frank DeGiacomo calls killing the chickens on Oahu with carbon dioxide (CO2) inhumane (“Initiative targets feral fowl overrunning city facilities,” Honolulu Star-Advertiser, July 11). He’s right. That this method meets American Veterinary Medical Association guidelines means nothing. CO2 is used to kill animals because it’s cheap. Since “euthanasia” means a merciful death, the term does not apply to CO2 asphyxiation of chickens in a lethal chamber.

CO2 activates brain regions in birds that activate pain perception. Chickens’ chemical receptors are extremely sensitive to CO2, causing them to breathe rapidly and deeply to expel the poisonous gas. Sadly, this only increases their intake, and their death is protracted and cruel.

DeGiacomo urges the city to use Ovo Control, a contraceptive he says would reduce the number of chickens on Oahu. If a truly humane method of controlling the chicken population exists, it should be used instead of subjecting these birds to a horrible death.

Karen Davis
President, United Poultry Concerns Machipongo, Va.
Asphyxiation used to kill condemned poultry by
Patrick Springer, INFORUM April 25, 2015

Exterminating the Birds: They Call It “Euthanasia”

Between December 2014 and June 2015, more than 33 million chickens, turkeys and ducks were suffocated to death with firefighting foam and carbon dioxide in the Midwestern states of Iowa, Minnesota and elsewhere in the United States in response to the avian influenza outbreaks that began on poultry farms in 2014. Since June, the number of birds exterminated has grown by many millions more in the U.S. and globally. The world poultry industry admits that avian influenza epidemics will continue. The concentration of billions of highly stressed, immunocompromised birds living in filth, misery and fear across the earth guarantees it.

In addition to using firefighting foam and carbon dioxide to exterminate the flocks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture supports exterminating them by shutting off the ventilation in the houses and letting the birds bake to death – a process that can take anywhere from half an hour to 3 or more hours for every bird to die. Shutting off the ventilation in the computer-controlled houses is the cheapest method of extermination. Neither gas nor foam is needed.

Shooting hoses filled with carbon dioxide into the confinement houses, metal boxes and “kill carts” causes the birds to burn, freeze, and suffocate to death simultaneously – and slowly. This has become the egg industry’s main method of exterminating “spent” hens, whether from battery cages or cage-free confinement operations, with or without bird flu.

As for fire-fighting foam, which the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved in 2006, contrary to the lie that the birds are dead within a minute of being blanketed under the foam, Bruce Webster of The University of Georgia told a USDA meeting in June 2006, “You saw a lot of escape behavior for 4-6 minutes. You saw the birds’ heads sticking out of the foam.” Eventually, their movements ceased, as the birds were “worn out” with their “volitional struggle,” he told attendees including UPC president Karen Davis at the meeting.

In a firefighting foam trial with turkeys, birds were reported flapping under the foam for up to 6 minutes. This does not mean that the turkeys were unconscious or dead when the flapping stopped or appeared to. And foam-covered birds cannot vocalize their suffering. They cannot be seen or heard. Necropsies showed hemorrhages in the tracheas of birds who died under the foam, and “occlusion of the trachea by the foam” was cited by Ruth Newberry of Washington State University as “a serious welfare concern.” – United Poultry Concerns, August 2015

We dedicate this issue of Poultry Press in memory of all the birds who have been brought into this world to suffer and die for the human palate, which as long as it remains unchanged is the most brutal and violent weapon of mass destruction on the planet. Please show compassion and be vegan. Don’t wait till tomorrow. Start Now.
Molly the Emu: An Update on Her Case

The long necks and excellent periscopic vision of emus enable them to survey the land for miles in all directions at once. Emu parents incubate and raise their young together. They are very gentle birds.

In the Summer issue of *Poultry Press* we urged people to urge attorneys in Comanche, Texas to prosecute the two adults and juveniles who entered the property of Bob and Carol Falk on February 14, 2015, took away their pet emu, Miss Molly, punched her eyes out, and choked her to death. The adults charged with committing this crime were Cassius Mankin and Zachary Boswell.

Unfortunately, the case against the juveniles is not available for public inspection. Regarding Zachary Boswell, United Poultry Concerns was told by the Comanche Justice of the Peace Office in early August that all he was convicted of was “illegal dumping and criminal trespass.” He was placed on “deferred adjudication” which means his criminal acts will not appear on the record as a conviction.

As for Cassius Mankin, he has been formally charged with “felony cruelty to livestock animals.” He is scheduled to be tried as an adult as soon as the judge places his trial date on the docket, which could be in October or December, according to the District Clerk’s Office.

On August 13, 2015, United Poultry Concerns sent Freedom of Information Act requests to the District Clerk’s Office and the Justice of the Peace Office to obtain the records for Cassius Mankin and Zachary Boswell, including police reports, affidavits, depositions and other information relating to their cases. Both the District Clerk’s Office and the Justice of the Peace Office told UPC that they have received many letters and phone calls urging prosecution of Cassius Mankin and everyone who took part in the torture and murder of Miss Molly, an innocent emu who was taken from her home during the night by these criminals.

It’s important that the District Attorney’s Office continue hearing from people demanding that Cassius Mankin (Case No. CR03870) be convicted of the felony cruelty to livestock animals with which he is charged, and punished to the fullest extent of the law. He should be required to undergo mandatory psychological counselling as well as jail time and a felony conviction on his record for cruelty to animals. His case is set for jury trial on October 5, 2015.

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Thank you for demanding justice for Miss Molly.

What Can I Do?

Cassius Mankin is charged with felony animal cruelty.
New England Anti-Vivisection Society (NEAVS) Honors UPC President Karen Davis and Other Women Founders of Organizations for Animals in Its Summer issue of UPDATE. Here is the cover story:

“It’s empathy that inspires the women our Summer UPDATE highlights. Some care for animals in sanctuary; others advocate for those still behind the walls of exploitation. It’s the animals to whom they have made a life commitment.

“NEAVS honors women who broke traditional stereotypes to speak and act for those without voices. The anti-vivisection movement began in the late 1800s, a period of great strides for social justice. Abolitionists had recently won. Child labor reform was mounting. And, women’s right to vote was on the way. NEAVS’ founders were involved in these progressive movements when the society began in 1895.

“As time progresses, women’s voices for animals grow stronger. Although obstacles remain, it’s perseverance and focus on another’s need that changes the world. The animals are unaware of the lengths to which they go. But when rescued or spared, they reap the rewards. Some women who now champion the rights of animals worked in the very industries in which animals are used and abused. But they heard a voice inside that said ‘NO MORE,’ and added their hands and heart to our movement.

“This issue recognizes some of the women who have founded or co-founded organizations and sanctuaries that collectively have helped millions of animals. Some of those featured are no longer with us, but their vision remains.

“Please join us in celebrating the power and heart of women. We wish we could name them all, but we do deeply thank each and every one of them.”

To learn more about NEAVS, go to www.neavs.org or call 617-523-6020 (Boston, Mass.) and view the Summer issue of UPDATE at www.neavs.org/resources/publication/summer-2015-update.

Free Ways to Help United Poultry Concerns Raise Much-Needed Funds

Please make free fundraising a part of your online routine

Every time you shop at any of 1600+ online stores in the iGive network, a portion of the money you spend benefits United Poultry Concerns. It’s a free service, and you’ll never pay more when you reach a store through iGive. In fact, smart shoppers will enjoy iGive’s repository of coupons, free shipping deals, and sales. To get started, just create your free iGive account. And when you search the web, do it through iSearchiGive.com where each search means a penny (or more!) for our cause!

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UPC at Animal Rights 2015

UPC activists at the Animal Rights National Conference in Washington, DC, July 30-Aug. 2: Karen Davis, Hope Bohanec, Jessica Fomalont, Franklin Wade, Liqin Cao, Veda Stram & Ronnie Steinau
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 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 2014. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your support!

**Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2014**

For a complete listing of UPC’s action alerts, news, photos & activities in 2014, please visit What’s New 2014 at www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/2014.html.

**UPC Sanctuary - 2014**

*Adopted 13 wonderful chickens in need of a loving home and constructed a 12,000 square foot predator-proof outdoor aviary for the total safety of our 100+ rescued birds!*

International Respect for Chickens Day May 4/ Month of May - Celebrating the Life and Dignity of Chickens & Protesting Their Abuse in Farming Operations - 2014

*Hosted our annual public outreach demonstration & leafleting at the White House, May 3.*

April and May.

- 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. and Canada.
- Garnered media coverage across the USA via PR Newswire and radio interviews!

Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach Campaigns - 2014

- Urged Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation NOT to support KFC expansion in Africa.
- Cosponsored the Animal Compassion Tour of Animal Agriculture Facilities from Sacramento to Los Angeles. See Poultry Press Summer 2014 for the story of this revealing investigation of chicken farms, dairy cow facilities and cattle operations in California, March 3-4.
- Urged Marriott and Nordstrom to Discontinue Feather & Down Products.
- Urged National Fire Protection Association to require Fire Protection for Farmed Animals.
- Conducted an investigative tour of chickens’ living conditions at Kidwell Farm, a “petting” farm in Herndon, VA, in response to a local resident’s concerns, May 3.
- Protested slaughter of 15 Urban Adamah hens in Berkeley, CA, May 4. Held a Vigil for the hens on May 27. Urban Adamah killed these healthy young “egg-laying” hens just for soup.
- Urged Yoga Studio to Cancel Chicken Slaughter Class in North Conway, New Hampshire, June 23. It appears the class was cancelled in response to our Internet campaign.
- Rescued 52 Geese & 4 Ducks stranded in a dry pond in Woodland, California, August 5.
- Placed 341 chickens rescued from Kaporos rituals in Brooklyn in loving sanctuaries, October.
- Urged Sonoma County DA to prosecute Reichardt Duck Farm for cruelty, October 28.
- Urged Atwater, MN Mayor & City Council to prosecute Police Chief Trevor Berger for beating a family’s chicken to death with a shovel while she stood in her own yard, October 3.
- Urged Susie’s Farm in San Diego, CA to cancel its “Death For Food” chicken and turkey slaughter class, November 13. Successful! “To everyone who has reached out to us about the Death For Food event, it has been cancelled.” – Susie’s Farm Facebook announcement. YAY!

UPC Sponsored Internet Signature Petitions via Change.org - 2014

- Protect Farmed Animals from Preventable Fires, February 10.
- Save the Chickens: Show Mercy to Urban Adamah Hens, May 12.
- Urge Owners of Be Well Studios to Cancel Chicken Slaughter Demonstration, June 21.

New Print Publications & Website Documents - 2014


New Website Documents:
- The Secret Life of Poultry Products
- Do Chickens Make People Chubbier? Antibiotics and Obesity
- Factory Farming vs. Alternative Farming: The Humane Hoax
Contamination and Cruelty in the Chicken Industry
From Hunting Grounds to Chicken Rights: My Story in an Eggshell
Custom Heavy as Frost and Deep Almost as Life - What Do We Mean By Socialization?
Single-Issue Campaigns and Abolition/Vegan Advocacy: What Would a Chicken Say?
Chicken or Broiler, Cow or Steer, Owner or Guardian? - Liberating the Language of Animal Abuse

Keynote Speaking Engagements, Lectures & Exhibits – 2014

Salisbury Univ. Environmental Class visit to UPC. Lecture & sanctuary tour, March 8.
7th Annual Veggie Pride Parade, NYC, March 30.
Berkeley Earth Day, Berkeley, CA, April 19.
Chicago Veggie Pride Parade, May 30.
“Why Does the Left Ignore Animal Issues,” Left Forum City University of NY, May 31.
New York City Bar Association Forum on Animal Sacrifice and Kaporos, June 12.
Vegetarian Summerfest, University of Pittsburgh-Johnston, PA, July 2-6.
Animal Rights National Conference, Los Angeles, CA, August 1-3.
Bethlehem VegFest, Pennsylvania, August 21.
Northwest VegFest, Oregon, September 27-28.
Alliance to End Chicken Kaporos Press Briefing in Brooklyn, NY, October 1.
San Francisco VegFest, CA, October 11-12.
Green Festival, San Francisco, CA, November 14-16.

“Where Did Our Compassion Go?” Forum, City College of New York, December 2.

Additional Community Outreach – Exhibits, Demos – 2014

Worcester VegFest, Massachusetts, April 6.
Oakland VegFest, Oakland, CA, April 25.
Green Festival, Washington, DC, May 31-June 1.
Richmond VegFest (Virginia), June 21.
CARE Vegan Festival, West Chester, PA, August 9.
Washington, DC VegFest, September 20.
Charlottesville (Virginia) Vegetarian Festival, September 27.
Hosted three 2-hour protest demonstrations in Brooklyn, New York against the use of chickens in Kaporos rituals in which thousands of chickens are deprived of food, water and shelter, swung by their wings and slaughtered in the streets, September 30-October 2.
Annual Leafleting for Turkeys at the White House, November 23.
Life-Affirming Thanksgiving Celebration, Washington, DC, November 27.
UPC Thanksgiving Open House & Sanctuary Tour, November 29.

UPC in the News:

PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications) - 2014

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Press Democrat (Sonoma County, CA), Letter to the Editor, January 14.
The Diamondback Student Newspapers, Univ. of Maryland, Spring Semester.
Epoch Times, February 17.
One Green Planet, March 27.
One Green Planet, April 14.
One Green Planet, April 22.
National Catholic Reporter, April 21.
JWeekly, Berkeley, CA, May 22.
Corvallis Gazette-Times (Oregon) Letter to the Editor, July 29.
The Banner, Cambridge, Maryland, August 1.
North Denver News (Colorado), August 28.
Gothamist, October 1.
Courthouse News Service (NY), October 2.
Brooklyn Eagle, October 2.
Crown Heights Info, October 2.
West Central Tribune (Minn.), October 2.
Huffington Post, October 3.
YouTube video, Karen Davis Press Briefing in Brooklyn, October 4.
New York Post Letter to the Editor, October 7.
New York Daily News Letter to the Editor, October 11.
Want to Fight Salmonella? Don’t Eat Chicken, LA Times, October 30.
Eastern Shore News (Virginia), November 17.
Salisbury Daily Times (Maryland), November 17.
Animals 24-7, November 26.

On April 22, 2014, United Poultry Concerns was chosen by One Green Planet as an All-Star Organization Fighting for Farm Animal Protection. We are honored to receive this recognition of our work and pleased to share the honor with our supporters. Thank You!

Financial Report - 2014

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1 - December 31, 2014

Revenues..................................................$590,000
Public Support........................................550,000
Expenses................................................$449,000
Programs and Education ......................384,000
Organizational Management ...................65,000
Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year......$1,497,000

United Poultry Concerns gratefully acknowledges the kind assistance of

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Thank You for Your Support!
Carrot Cake With Creamy Cashew Lemon Frosting

Recipe by Emily von Euw for One Green Planet

For the Cashew Lemon Frosting
- 1 ½ cups cashews
- Juice from 1 lemon
- 2 tablespoons liquid coconut oil
- 2 tablespoons coconut nectar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla powder
- Water, as needed

For the Carrot Cake
- 3 large carrots, peeled and chopped into small chunks
- 1 ½ cups oats
- 2 cups dates
- ½ cup dried coconut
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg

Preparation

1. To make the frosting: blend all ingredients in your high speed blender until smooth, adding water as needed. Taste it – mmm. Put in the fridge.

2. To make the cake: process the oats into flour in your food processor then throw the rest of the ingredients in the food processor and process until it all begins to stick together.

3. Assembly: press half the cake mixture into a small springform pan (mine is about 4 inches). Gently take this out and put on a plate, then put in the freezer until it’s solid. Do the same to the remaining half of the cake mixture. Spread about 1/3 of the frosting onto the top of one of the cake layers. Put it in the freezer until the layer of frosting is hard. Place on the other cake layer and frost the entire thing, I let it set in the fridge overnight.
**FACT SHEETS**

20 for $3.00

- “Viva, the Chicken Hen / Chickens Raised for Meat”
- “Jane-one tiny chicken foot”
- “Starving Poultry for Profit” (forced molting)
- “Poultry Slaughter: The Need for Legislation”
- “The Rougher They Look, The Better They Lay” (free-range egg production)
- “Intensive Poultry Production: Fouling the Environment”
- “Philosophic Vegetarianism: Acting Affirmatively for Peace”
- “The Rhetoric of Apology in Animal Rights”
- “Providing a Good Home for Chickens”
- “Chicken Talk: The Language of Chickens”
- “Celebrate Easter Without Eggs”
- “Chicken for Dinner: It’s Enough To Make You Sick”
- “Guide to Staffing Tables: Do’s & Don’ts”
- “Henny’s New Friends”
- “Avoiding Burnout”
- “The Life of One Battery Hen”
- “Bird Flu - What You Need to Know”
- “How I Learned the Truth About Eggs”

**BROCHURES**

20 for $3.00

- “A Wing & A Prayer” (Kapparot ritual)
- “Don’t Plants Have Feelings Too?”
- “Chickens”
- “The Battery Hen”
- “Turkeys”
- “Ostriches & Emus: Nowhere To Hide”
- “Japanese Quail”
- “The Use of Birds In Agricultural and Biomedical Research”
- “Free-Range’ Poultry and Eggs: Not All They’re Cracked Up to Be” - New & Revised!
- “Live Poultry Markets” (in English, Spanish, & Chinese)
- “Chicken-Flying Contests”

**LEAFLETS (FLYERS)**

10 for $1.00, 25 for $2.50

- “Chicken for Dinner?”
- “The ‘Human’ Nature of Pigeons”
- “The Truth about Feather Hair Extensions”
- “Birds Suffer Horribly for Pillows & Coats”

**Bumper Stickers**

- Don’t Just Switch from Beef to Chicken: Get the Slaughterhouse out of your Kitchen. $1 each
- Don’t Just Switch from Beef to Chicken: Go Vegan. $1 each

**Beautiful Chicken and Turkey Buttons**

$2 each. 3 for $5. 10 for $10. Any mixture.

Stick Up For Chickens • Chickens are Friends, Not Food
Turkeys are Friends, Not Food • End Chickens as Kaparos
Be Kind to Turkeys - Don’t Gobble Me

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

The Holocaust and the Henmaid’s Tale: A Case for Comparing Atrocities
By Karen Davis
In this thoughtful and thought-provoking contribution to the study of animals and the Holocaust, Karen Davis makes the case that significant parallels can – and must – be drawn between the Holocaust and the institutionalized abuse of billions of animals on factory farms. “Compelling and convincing . . . this bold, brave book.” - Charles Patterson, author of *Eternal Treblinka*
$14.95

More Than a Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality
By Karen Davis
Karen Davis shows how turkeys in the wild have complex lives and family units, and how they were an integral part of Native American and continental cultures and landscape before the Europeans arrived, while drawing larger conclusions about our paradoxical relationship with turkeys, all birds and other animals including other human beings. “The turkey’s historical disfigurement is starkly depicted by Karen Davis in ‘More Than a Meal.’” - *The New Yorker* $14.95

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

Animals and Women: Feminist Theoretical Explorations Edited by Carol J. Adams & Josephine Donovan
“Karen Davis’s brilliant essay [Thinking Like a Chicken: Farm Animals and The Feminine Connection] brings together the book’s central concepts, leading to conclusions that rightly should disturb feminists and animal advocates alike.” - Review by Deborah Tanzer, Ph.D. in *The Animals’ Agenda* $16.95

Ninety-Five: Meeting America’s Farmed Animals in Stories and Photographs
An anthology of photos and stories by No Voice Unheard Editors: Marilee Geyer, Diane Leigh and Windi Wojdak. $20

Sister Species: Women, Animals, and Social Justice
Edited by Lisa Kemmerer, Forward by Carol J. Adams
Sister Species presents the experiences of fourteen women activists who are working on behalf of nonhuman animals and a more just and compassionate world. $14.95
Hatching Good Lessons: Alternatives To School Hatching Projects
By United Poultry Concerns
A guide booklet for elementary school teachers and other educators including parents. Revised & Updated, 2013. 16 pages of information, storytelling, classroom activities & color photos. Grades K-6 (some activities are designed for K-12). $2.50 per booklet. 5 for $5. It can be viewed and printed out at www.upc-online.org/hatching/.

A Home for Henny
By Karen Davis
Melanie is a 3rd grader who is excited about a chick hatching project in her class at school. The project seemed like a good idea at first, but unexpected problems arise and the whole class learns a lesson in compassion. When the project is over, Melanie adopts one of the chicks she names Henny. A Home for Henny explores the challenges and concerns with school hatching projects while evoking the lively personality of Henny and her loving relationship with Melanie. $6.99

The Great Cage Escape
Grades 4-7. By Louise Van Der Merwe
The birds in a pet shop think they are happy until a brown box punched full of air holes is left overnight on their front door step. The creature inside looks very weird at first. But as his feathers begin to grow, his true identity becomes apparent, and the stories he tells inspire the pet shop birds to pull off a Great Cage Escape. This is a story that encourages respect for all forms of life and helps learners realize that heaven can be right here on earth if we choose to make it so. $4.95

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

Dave Loves Chickens
By Carlos Patino
Dave is a quirky monster from another planet who loves chickens and all animals on Earth. He encourages people to share his love and not eat any animals! Filled with fun and bold colors, this book is perfect for young children to learn compassion for chickens and all animals in a sweetly told, lovable story. $10

Minnie’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 Minnie 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

A Chicken’s Life!
Grades 4-6. PETAkids Comics
This cute comic book illustrates a group of children visiting an animal sanctuary where they meet a flock of chickens and learn all about them including the differences between Nature’s Way and The Factory Farm Way. “Are these chickens really your friends?” they ask. “I’ve never met a chicken before.” A Chicken’s Life includes a puzzle for elementary school students to unscramble words including barn, beak, cluck, feathers, grass, hatch, peck, peep, wings, and lots more. $1.50 each. 10 for $10.

More Books, plus Videos available at upc-online.org/merchandise
(continued) CHILDREN’S BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

A Rooster’s Tale: A Year in the Life of a Clan of Chickens, by Claudia Bruckert, transports readers to the fascinating world of Change, who tells the real life story of his chicken family during his first year of life. Enchanting experiences and intriguing facts, chronicled and photographed beautifully over the course of one year, convey deep insights into the daily life of chickens. Grades 3-12 and a reading joy for all ages. $20

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Chickens at Play
By United Poultry Concerns
This vibrant video shows chickens at the United Poultry Concerns sanctuary accompanied by lively music, with brief explanations of what the chickens are doing throughout their daily activities into the evening as, one by one, they hop up to their perches for the night. Narrated by a young child. 10:04 minutes. Watch: http://vimeo.com/13210456 DVD. $5. $12.50 for 5.

Plus These Great Gifts from UPC!

"The Mother of Compassion Blesses Our Fellow Beings – May They Be Happy and Free From Suffering"
Beth Redwood’s beautiful artwork is available in a limited edition from United Poultry Concerns. 11 x 14” matted print ready for framing. $20

"Songs for Animals, People & the Earth"
is Daniel Redwood’s powerful new album of sanctuary songs. Dedicated to “the compassionate women and men whose hearts and minds have awakened to the needless suffering of animals,” this music is beautiful, moving & exhilarating, lyrics & liberating! $12.

Cruel: Bearing Witness To Animal Exploitation
By Sue Coe, OR Books, 2012
Renowned visual artist Sue Coe, pioneer champion of animal rights and author of Dead Meat, has produced this mesmerizing new book documenting the experiences of animals raised and slaughtered for human consumption. Through its written account and haunting visual images, Cruel is a surpassingly passionate testimony to the waste, sorrow and violence perpetrated by our species against others. $20

Sanctuary: Portraits of Rescued Farm Animals By Sharon Lee Hart, Charta Books, 2012
Sharon Lee Hart’s photography project SANCTUARY takes you on an intimate journey to meet wonderful animals and the courageous rescuers who become their companions. Sanctuary caregivers evoke individual animals in short, handwritten stories accompanying Hart’s starkly beautiful black & white photography. $20
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POSTERS

International Respect for Chickens Day
Celebrate 12.5” x 17” Wings 12” x 16”

A Heart Beats in Us the Same as in You
Photo by PeTA
Full-color poster vividly captures the truth about factory chickens for the public. Vegetarian message. 18”x22”.

Friends, Not Food
Photo by Franklin Wade
Liqin Cao & FreddaFlower. 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. Full color, 18”x22” poster.

“Battery” Hens
Roosting in Branches After Rotting in Cages
Photo by Susan Rayfield
This beautiful color poster shows the rescued Cypress hens at UPC. Perfect for your office, your home, your school. 11.5”x16”.

Great Turkeys Poster!
Photos by Barbara Davidson & Susan Rayfield
The posters are in color, and come in two sizes: 11.5” x 16”, and 18” x 27”.

UPC posters in any mix:
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Single-Issue Campaigns
Lawsuit to Stop Kaporos
Bird Flu Orgy of Cruelty
Felix & Gabby Together
Miss Molly the Emu Update
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