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Lucy came to our sanctuary in 2014 after being used with other hens for a type of research involving blood tests. Lucy loves to wait on the porch steps in the afternoon for me to come out of the house with kale and other treats for her and her friends. She loves sitting under the trees where little breezes ruffle her feathers on pleasant days. This photo of Lucy is featured in the Chicken Run Rescue Calendar for May 2016 in honor of International Respect for Chickens Day May 4th/Month of May. Photos are now being accepted for the 2017 calendar. TO ENTER: Send HIGH RESOLUTION DIGITAL PHOTOS to chickenrunrescue@comcast.net. Include your name and your bird's name, plus your address, phone number and email address. Include a story, in 140 words or less, about your bird's rescue, favorite friends or pastimes. Please send each photo with its story in a separate e-mail. The stories are as important as the photographs!

Animal Rights Vegan Guilt

By Karen Davis, Ph.D. President of United Poultry Concerns



"The public needs a strong, clear message from the animal protection community."

"They've heard it. They've rejected it." – James McWilliams

his was history professor James McWilliams's reply to Mary Finelli, founder of Fish Feel, in an exchange of comments relating to his blogsite post "Beyond Veganism?" published on August 18, 2015. The post was one of several that included "A Modest Proposal" – a challenge to animal rights vegan advocates to "consider trying to make an ethical argument for eating animals."

The challenge includes a call upon ethical vegans to support eating insects – grasshoppers, ants, crickets, beetles, and others – as these animals appear unable to experience pain, based on a lack of identifiable pain receptors such as those found in birds, fish and mammals. In this view, oysters and clams may also be eaten.

Those of us who contend that oysters, clams, and insects are sentient, and that, regardless, animal rights vegans should not be promoting animal consumption, are challenged to critique our "ideological purity" as a hindrance to helping animals, since the public doesn't support the animal rights vegan movement, according to McWilliams.

Here are my thoughts in response to these challenges:

The public has rejected the animal rights vegan message

The animal rights message did not go public in the form of a burgeoning movement in the United States until the late 1970s – less than 50 years ago – and it wasn't until the 1980s that the vegan message became established among animal rights activists. In the year 2016, this message cannot be said to have been "rejected" by the mainstream, as the animal rights vegan movement is still very new. Fifteen years ago, it could reasonably have been thought that society had already "rejected" the gay rights message. Add to this the fact that the public is still largely ignorant of vegan foods and cuisine, and while our message is about more than food, it may be said at this point that the public cannot have rejected what it scarcely knows.

Animal rights vegan advocates should make ethical arguments for eating animals

Carol J. Adams, the author of *The Sexual Politics of Meat* and other books on the psychology of meat culture, has observed that when you are in power, you don't have to justify what you do with logic and evidence, but when you are not in power, you have to. Meateaters take what they do for granted – though on grounds much shakier than before the animal rights movement began – whereas ethical vegans and vegetarians feel a need to explain to themselves and others why they choose animal compassion over animal consumption. This is perfectly fine so long as the vegan attitude is not defensive but affirmative. Our intent should be self-awareness, education, persuasion, and change.

As an animal rights vegan activist, I do not, however, feel obligated to construct an ethical argument *for* eating animals, any more than Martin Luther King should have felt obligated to construct an ethical argument for why white people are justified in discriminating against black people. In addition, I think it's insulting to animals for us to feel that we should engage in such a demeaning exercise, except as a parody. We all have internalized and rehearsed the justifications of the other side and done battle with

them ad nauseam. Are feminists obliged to make an ethical argument for why women should be denied equal rights with men? It may be hard to remember now, but in the 1960s and '70s the mainstream media still scoffed at women's demands.

Animal rights vegan advocates should support eating oysters, clams, and insects

Oysters, clams, and insects are members of the animal kingdom. As such, they deserve the benefit of the doubt. Their behavior indicates sentience and awareness even if the sources of their feelings are elusive to science, which apparently is not the case. Neuroscientist, Lori Marino points out that there are "close to one million neurons in an ant or bee brain." All insects, she writes, "possess a complex central nervous system . . . and many insects show very complex learning capacities. . . . [and] we found that fish and crustaceans feel pain when it was assumed that was just not possible for 'simple' organisms."

There may be ways of experiencing being alive in the flesh and the world that we do not know and will never fathom. Nor is the perception of pain per se the only proof or *sine qua non* – an indispensable condition – of sentience. Conscious perception of nonpainful but highly distressing stimuli includes gagging, inability to breathe (dyspnea), smell of blood, apprehension, fear and more. Throughout history, various groups of humans, birds and others have been dismissed as mindless and insentient until the truth showed otherwise.

Muddying our message, and for what?

If animal rights vegan activists take the position that oysters, clams, and insects may be farmed for human food (and "farmed" means *factory-farmed*), we are muddying our message, and for what? People don't need to eat insects to be well fed. The fact that people

Clam by Mary Oliver from her book, What Do We Know

Each one is a small life, but sometimes long, if its place in the universe is not found out. Like us, they have a heart and a stomach; they know hunger, and probably a little satisfaction too. Do not mock them for their gentleness, they have a muscle that loves being alive. They pull away from the light. They pull down. They hold themselves together. They refuse to open.

But sometimes they lose their place and are tumbled shoreward in a storm. Then they pant, they fill with sand, they have no choice but must open the smallest crack. Then the fire of the world touches them. Perhaps, on such days, they too begin the terrible effort of thinking, of wondering who, and what, and why. If they can bury themselves again in the sand they will. If not, they are sure to perish, though not quickly. They also have resources beyond the flesh; they also try very hard not to die.



in some parts of the world eat insects and have probably done so forever is no reason for activists to support mass producing crickets for human consumption. In some places, people eat dogs and horses and monkeys, but we do not embrace *every* form of "cultural diversity."

As soon as animal rights vegan activists start saying that oysters, clams, and insects may be ethically farmed and eaten, we create one more excuse for people to skip the vegan foods and head straight to the animals that "even the vegans say are okay to eat." Instead of

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facilitating this behavior, we should be expanding the vegan economy, proudly promoting companies like Hampton Creek, Beyond Meat, Tofurky, Gardein, The Vegg, BOCA, and other innovators that are revolutionizing the culinary world and making the planet a better place. We owe our allegiance to these companies, not to clam diggers and ant farmers.

Courage for Animals & Food that is Animal-Free

I remember years ago, someone talking at an animal rights conference about how great it would be if only we could get food companies to put a "vegan" label on vegan products. It seemed wonderful back then, but unlikely, yet thanks to animal rights vegan zeal, it has happened. This is one example of how pushing forward with new ethical desires and demands that may seem outlandish at first pays off. We owe it to the billions of animals who, as we sit comfortably at our computers and shop at stores overflowing with things to eat, are living in hell. We owe it to them to stake our claim and expand our territory and to advocate, not glumly or belligerently, but passionately and positively. Confidence in our cause and the courage to advance it will make the difference. It already has made a difference, and this is just the beginning, as long as we are strong.

What Can I Do?

All of us who care about making this world a better place can make choices that translate our desire into concrete steps in our own, everyday lives. As well as getting the slaughterhouse out of our kitchens and off our plates, we can find ways to reach out to people. When asked, "Why are you vegan?" or "Don't you eat chicken or fish?" we can relate, in a kind and positive way, what transformed us. Motivational experts advise: "Telling stories matters. By telling stories, we can soften people." We want to soften people's hearts for chickens and other animals. And always, ALWAYS, put an informative brochure in the questioner's hand. Our Chickens brochures, Turkeys brochures, & Life Can Be Beautiful brochures are fantastic resources for reaching people.

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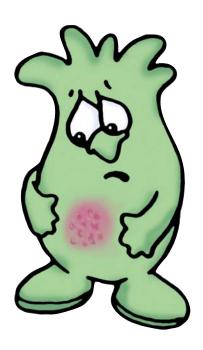
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irst published in 1998, "Chicken For Dinner: It's Enough to Make You Sick" is newly available from United Poultry Concerns with updated content and references. Does it surprise you to know that the information presented in 1998 from the 1980s and 1990s followed by countless articles, scientific reports, blog posts, and whatnot since then, has hardly changed a bit?

The decision to update "Chicken For Dinner" coincides with the publication, on January 7, 2016, of the Eighth Edition of *Dietary Guidelines For* Americans 2015-2020, a document published every 5 years by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The latest edition of the *Dietary Guidelines* is a hodgepodge of claims and "recommendations" that seems purposely designed to confuse people while ensuring that the production and consumption of animals, eggs, and dairy will not be disrupted in the quest for health.



Chicken For Dinner: It's Enough to Make You Sick

By Karen Davis, Ph.D. **President of United Poultry Concerns**

Fat and Cholesterol in Meat

"Dietary cholesterol is found only in animal foods such as egg yolk, dairy products, shellfish, meats, and poultry."[1]

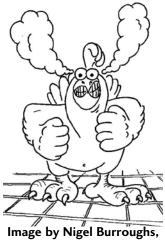
"Cholesterol in eggs, poultry, cheese, and meat contributes to heart attacks and other health risks." - Neal D. Barnard, M.D., President of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.[2]

"Decades of science have conclusively linked dietary cholesterol to cardiovascular disease, which kills nearly 2,200 Americans daily. Plant-based, cholesterol-free diets are proven to fight heart disease."[3]

"The color of meat is irrelevant."

- Biochemist Shi Huang, Burnham Institute for Medical Research.[4]

Many people have switched from red meat to chicken, believing chicken to be a healthier choice. However, chicken is not a healthy food choice. For one thing, chicken is not low in fat. Skinless chicken breast meat derives 23% of calories from fat and skinless turkey breast meat derives 18% of calories from fat. By comparison, lentils derive 3% of calories from fat, potatoes



Nature's Chicken

1% and spaghetti noodles 4%. Like all meat, chicken is permeated with artery-clogging saturated fat - you can't cut it away.

The cholesterol content of chicken or turkey is comparable to that of beef or pork, about 25 milligrams per ounce.^[5] These levels are similar because "the cell membranes in all muscles, regardless of species, have cholesterol inside the membrane."[6]

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Cholesterol occurs mainly in the lean portions of meat. The saturated fats that permeate these portions raise cholesterol levels by stimulating the liver to make more cholesterol. Thus, even "lean" meats including poultry have significant amounts of saturated fat in addition to cholesterol. [7] By contrast, plants have no cholesterol.

Fat and Cholesterol in Eggs

According to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), 60% of eggs' calories are from fat, and eggs are the leading source of cholesterol in America. Eggs can increase the risk of diabetes 68%, heart disease 19%, prostate cancer 81% and colon cancer by nearly five times. Contrary to egg industry claims that eggs are health foods, PCRM cites studies in the journal *Atherosclerosis* and the *Canadian Journal of Cardiology* showing that eggs contribute significantly to heart disease.^[8]

Food Poisoning

Food poisoning kills 3,000 Americans each year and makes 48 million sick.^[9] The number of food poisoned people is actually much higher, since many don't report their illnesses. Of all sources of foodborne illness, "Poultry is the most common cause of food poisoning in the home," states Michael Greger, M.D. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show more deaths attributable to poultry consumption than to any other food product.^[10]

Consumer Reports publishes its test findings on raw chicken every few years. In 1998, CR found harmful bacteria, chiefly Salmonella and Campylobacter, on 71% of store-bought chicken, including "free-range" and "premium" brands. They warned that the U.S. Department of Agriculture's seal of approval "is no guarantee of cleanliness." [11]

In 2007, Consumer Reports announced tests on 525 chickens purchased from U.S. supermarkets and specialty stores in 23 states. 84% were contaminated with Campylobacter and Salmonella bacteria. Moreover, 84% of the Salmonella and 67% of the Campylobacter bacteria showed resistance to antibiotics including "multiple classes of drugs." [12]

In "**Dangerous contaminated chicken**" published in 2014, *Consumer Reports* confirmed that 97% of 300 chicken breasts purchased by their investigators in stores across the country – including organic brands – contained dangerous bacteria. More than half were contaminated with feces and nearly half tested positive for antibiotic-resistant bacteria. [13]

For decades the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has confirmed that the main sources of foodborne diseases in people are "meat, poultry, seafood, dairy products, and eggs," and that 90% of these illnesses are caused by bacteria, specifically: *Clostridium perfringens, Salmonella, Campylobacter, E. coli, Listeria, Staphylococcus, Shigella*, and *Yersinia*. According to the USDA: "Chicken and turkey gravies are specifically identified, along with meat, meat stews, meat pies, and beef, as a major source of *Clostridium perfringens*." [14]

Clostridium perfringens – the bacterial pathogen that rots and liquefies chickens' intestines and skin to pus and jelly – is described by FoodSafety.gov as "one of the most common causes of food poisoning in the United States." Considered to cause "nearly a million illnesses each year" in the U.S., it sickens consumers of beef, poultry, and gravies – gravies that are made with animal fat "drippings." [15]

Salmonella and Campylobacter

"campylobacter or salmonella, the leading bacterial causes of foodborne disease." – Consumer Reports [16]

Salmonellosis is a bacterial infection of the intestinal tract causing nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, diarrhea, fever, chills, weakness, and exhaustion. If the bacteria penetrate the intestinal tissue and enter the blood, *Salmonella* can colonize other tissues, causing septicemia (blood poisoning), meningitis, osteomyelitis, and even death. Like *Campylobacter*, *Shigella*, or *Yersinia*, *Salmonella* can cause chronic joint diseases, such as arthritis. According to the Agricultural Research Service, "an infection in the gastrointestinal tract by *Campylobacter*, *Salmonella*, *Shigella*, or *Yersinia* bacteria can lead to inflammation of an organ or joint that is far removed from the site of infection." [17]

In 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported 181 people in 40 states

infected with Salmonella from contact with live poultry, including birds purchased in feed stores.^[18] CDC data showed that the 2013 Foster Farms outbreak of Salmonella Heidelberg, which infected 389 people, put twice as many consumers of chicken in the hospital as usual.^[19] According to the CDC, every single confirmed case of Salmonella Enteritidis in the country represents "38 cases in the general population."^[20]

Campylobacteriosis is a bacterial infection of the intestines that results from eating and handling chicken products. Symptoms include cramps, chills, excruciating pain, diarrhea and fever. The digestive tract takes about two weeks to recover. Antibiotic treatment for campylobacteriosis is largely ineffective, due to the increased resistance of *Campylobacter* organisms to antibiotics. According to the Food Standards Agency in the UK, where 70% of chickens tested positive for *Campylobacter* in 2014, "*Campylobacter* is the most common form of food poisoning in the UK, sickening roughly 280,000 people a year. In the U.S., *Campylobacter* is estimated to cause 1.3 million illnesses each year."[21]

In addition to being a leading cause of bacterial food poisoning in the United States, including 200 to 800 deaths each year, *Campylobacter* is linked to a paralytic disease that can cause fatal nerve damage known as Guillain-Barre syndrome. According to *The New York Times*, "there are about 5,000 cases of Guillain-Barre syndrome a year, and researchers say that 20% to 40% of them follow a campylobacter infection." [22]

Scientists say *Campylobacter* is "currently the most significant pathogen that can be transmitted from animals to humans through meat . . . causing a massive number of infections and inflammations." *Campylobacter* is particularly linked to the consumption and handling of poultry products.^[23]

Carcinogenic Solution: "Thorough Cooking"

The U.S. Department of Agriculture always recommends "thorough cooking" of contaminated poultry instead of telling people to avoid it. Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) explains the risk of "thorough cooking." If raw or undercooked poultry products are crawling with bacteria that can make people sick, thorough cooking of these products

can, the same as with red meat, result in the formation of cancer-causing compounds known as heterocyclic amines.^[24]

According to PCRM, "It has long been known that cooked red meat contains cancer-causing heterocyclic amines, which form as the meat is heated." A study by the National Cancer Institute (part of the National Institutes of Health under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) showed that "oven-broiled, pan-fried, or grilled/barbecued chicken carries an even bigger load of these carcinogens than does red meat." [25]

Diseases Traced to Animal Remains in Chicken Feed

Poultry feed contains dead birds and other animal remains - bones, feathers, blood, offal, manure, restaurant grease, fishmeal, slaughterhouse condemnations and all sorts of diseased, putrid and rancid refuse as part of the "recycling" process.[26] Poultry feed – "animal protein" – is a primary source of Salmonella contamination, and poultry waste products are linked to cardiopulmonary diseases in chickens.^[27] Not only are sick birds shipped directly to consumers, but animals who die of undiagnosed diseases before slaughter are fed to the chickens and turkeys people eat, along with other animals who died of unknown causes.^[28] Perdue Farms, Tyson Foods and other poultry producers conceal the content of poultry feeds, including the antibiotic content, as government protected "proprietary information."

Farmaceuticals: Massive Amounts of Antibiotics Fed to Chickens

"U.S. regulators don't monitor how the drugs are administered on the farm – in what doses, for what purpose, or for how long."

- Reuters[29]

An investigation by Reuters, published on November 15, 2014, revealed: "Major U.S. poultry farms are administering antibiotics to their flocks far more pervasively than regulators realize, posing a potential risk to human health. Internal records examined by Reuters reveal that some of the nation's largest poultry producers [Perdue, Tyson, Pilgrim's Pride,

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George's, Koch Foods, Foster Poultry Farms] – routinely feed chickens an array of antibiotics – not just when sickness strikes, but as a standard practice over most of the birds' lives. In every instance of antibiotic use identified by Reuters, the doses were at the low levels that scientists say are especially conducive to the growth of so-called superbugs, bacteria that gain resistance to conventional medicines used to treat people."

The Cost of "Cheap" Chicken

If chicken were produced less unwholesomely and hazardously it would not be a cheap product. As *Broiler Industry* magazine said years ago, "The cost to the consumer would be enormous." Moreover, "the cost of eliminating salmonella from flocks and raw finished product may force the price of poultry to increase to the point that poultry must be imported from less expensive sources." [30] This is already happening. Poultry products are imported to the United States under provisions set forth by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. [31]

Commercial Chickens are Raised in Excrement

The chickens one buys at the supermarket lived and breathed, not just in tons of excrement, but in tons of abnormal excrement. Because of their horrible diet, their wastes contain more pollutants than do the wastes of animals on healthy diets. In addition to the solid excrement on the floor, the birds breathe toxic excretory ammonia throughout their lives. These poisonous gases permeate the air, rising from the decomposing uric acid in the accumulated droppings in the chicken houses. They penetrate egg shells. They enter the birds' airways and immune system, inviting Salmonella and other pathogens to colonize and spread.[32] The droppings themselves contain disease organisms, drug residues, cysts, larvae, and metals such as copper, and zinc.[33] Until 2016, arsenic could be legally added to what was fed to chickens and turkeys in the U.S., and there is no telling whether arsenic-compounds are still being used since the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced, effective December 31, 2015, that it would

no longer approve new applications for arsenic-based drugs for farmed animals.^[34]

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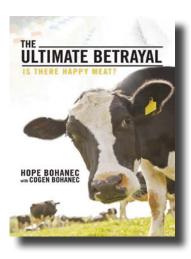
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The Ultimate Betrayal: Is There Happy Meat?

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The Ultimate Betrayal lifts the veil of secrecy surrounding animal farming, offering a rare look inside the world of alternative animal agriculture. Drawing on research, worker and rescuer testimony and meeting the farmed animals themselves, The Ultimate Betrayal explores the recent shift in raising and labeling

animals for food and the misinformation around this "new way" of farming. Small-scale farms are the latest craze and various methods of alternative animal agriculture carry feel-good labels. It is now popular to say that your eggs are cage-free and your meat is organic. But is this trend really the answer to the problems of raising animals for food? What do the labels really mean? Are these products truly humane, environmentally friendly or healthy? *The Ultimate Betrayal* offers answers to these critical questions.

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You are cordially invited to attend

United Poultry Concerns' Fifth Annual Conference On the topic of



Saturday, March 19, 2016, Berkeley, California

Conference Hosts: United Poultry Concerns, Berkeley Organization for Animal Advocacy





Conference Synopsis: United Poultry Concerns' *Conscious Eating Conference* brings expert speakers to Berkeley, California to share their ideas about the best food choices we can make for the planet, ourselves, and other animals. We will explore the ethics of eating and the effect that each food choice has, and why it matters. *You don't want to miss this exciting day of information exchange and advocacy support!*

Location: David Brower Center, 2150 Allston Way, Berkeley, CA 94704 (Near the UC Berkeley Campus)

Date: Saturday, March 19, 2016 • Registration: 9am • Program: 10am - 6pm

Registration: FREE for students with IDs. To register as a student, email hope@upc-online.org. \$15 all others. To register, send check or money order to UPC, PO Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405, or register by credit card at www.upc-online.org/forums/2016.

> Food: For all participants, continental breakfast of vegan scones and fruit. Lunch will be a vegan, organic delight courtesy of Hella Vegan Eats.

Speakers:

Michael Bedar

East Bay Healing Collective

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Hope Bohanec

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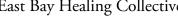
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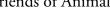
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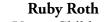


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United Poultry Concerns: Letters to the Editor

JAN. 25, 2016

UPC President Karen Davis's Letter Published on *The New York Times Science* Page

Chickens With Dignity TO THE EDITOR:

Re "Chickens Weren't Always Dinner for Humans" (Jan. 19): The claim that "chickens get no respect" is not quite true. In the United States and around the world, the number of sanctuaries for rescued farm animals, including chickens, is growing. One of the great things about a farm animal sanctuary is the opportunity it provides for staff and visitors to get to know animals that most people think of only as dinner.

I hope that the "Cultural & Scientific Perceptions of Human-Chicken Interactions" project discussed in the article will draw attention to the intelligence, dignity and endearing qualities of chickens that so many of us who keep chickens recognize. The interaction between people and chickens in a sanctuary setting is an illuminating experience that those who study such relationships need to know and to share in their published accounts.

Karen Davis Machipongo, Va. The writer is president of United Poultry Concerns, a nonprofit organization.

Of Chickens and Trees

Hope Bohanec, UPC's Projects Manager, and videographer Kamal S. Prasad, who records our annual Conscious Eating Conference each year, published Letters to The Editor in the North Bay *Bohemian* in California, January 20, 2016, challenging the notion that "chicken" production is better for the environment than "beef."

TO THE EDITOR:

It was interesting to read that there is a new "-atarian" in town, the climatarian! ("**Climate Menu**," Jan. 13). The growing awareness of the impact of our

food choices on the planet is encouraging, but this article only takes us halfway across the road of climate disaster.

While it's true that beef and dairy contribute significantly to climate change, when compared to plant foods, pork and chicken are extremely harmful as well. If everyone in the United States skipped one serving of chicken per week, the carbon dioxide savings would be the equivalent of taking more than half a million cars off our roads. From an ethical standpoint, because chickens' bodies are so much smaller than cows', they feed less people, so choosing chicken over beef can cause more animals to suffer and die. Don't just switch from beef to pork or chicken; get the slaughterhouse out of your kitchen and choose a carbon-friendly, compassionate vegan diet.

Hope Bohanec

Executive director, Compassionate Living, Penngrove

TO THE EDITOR:

While it is true that a single bovine has a larger greenhouse-gas footprint than one of the smaller animals we breed for human consumption, switching to eating chicken is not the way to solve the climate problem. Over 8 billion of the 9 billion animals bred for human consumption every year in the United States are chickens. The sheer number of chickens being bred every year puts their environmental footprint on par with the larger animals. It may even be worse.

For example, billions of chicks are hatched in incubators, which require vast amounts of energy to run, for the egg-laying industry. Half of those chicks will be male and therefore no use to the egg industry and will be killed within hours of their birth. The bottom line is that animal agriculture cannot be made sustainable in a world with a growing human population and demand for animal products, and a dwindling supply of resources to support it.

Kamal S. Prasad Santa Rosa



INTERNATIONAL RESPECT FOR CHICKENS DAY, MAY 4 is an annual project launched by United Poultry Concerns in 2005 to celebrate chickens throughout the world and protest the bleakness of their lives in farming operations. The entire month of May is International Respect for Chickens Month!

Please do an ACTION for chickens on or around May 4. Ideas include leafleting on a busy street corner, holding an office party or classroom celebration, writing a letter to the editor, doing a radio call-in, tabling at your local church, school or shopping mall, hosting a vegan open house, or simply talking to family, friends or strangers about the plight – and delight – of chickens and how people can help them. Order posters & brochures at www.upc-online.org/merchandise/. UPC, PO Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405



Molly the Emu: The Latest News 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.

n the Summer and Fall 2015 issues of *Poultry Press*, we reported how a young man in Comanche, Texas named Cassius Aden Mankin, accompanied by two or more other adults and some juveniles, entered the property of Bob and Carol Falk on February 14, 2015, stole their pet emu, Miss Molly, punched her eyes out, and choked her to death. On April 24, 2015, Mankin was formally indicted by the Grand Jury for the County of Comanche and charged with CRUELTY TO LIVESTOCK ANIMALS for his intentional and knowing torture of a livestock animal.



Cassius Mankin is charged with felony animal abuse for torturing and killing Miss Molly.

The case against Mankin, previously set for jury trial on October 5, 2015, was reset for February 29, 2016.

What Can I Do?

Please send a polite but firm message to the District Attorney's Office urging that Cassius Aden Mankin (Case No. CR03870) be convicted of the Felony Cruelty to Livestock Animals with which he is charged. In addition to conviction, Mankin, who performed an intentionally sadistic act of animal cruelty in the company of juveniles and other adults, should be required to undergo intensive mental counselling with a permanent felony conviction on his record for cruelty to animals. The DA's office told UPC that they've received a flood of mail and phone calls urging justice for Miss Molly. Please make a final push for her before Mankin's trial on February 29.

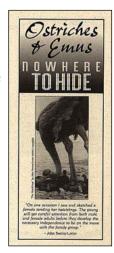
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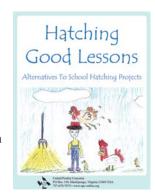
▼ To learn more about emus and ostriches – the oldest living birds on earth – please visit our webpage Report *Nowhere To Hide* at www.upc-online.org/ostriches. Our brochure "Ostriches & Emus: Nowhere to Hide" is also a powerful source of information about these flightless nomadic birds. Order 20 for \$3.00.



Thank you for demanding justice for Miss Molly.

Why Choose Alternatives to Chick-Hatching Projects?

any teachers place fertilized eggs in classroom incubators to be hatched within three or four weeks as a lesson in embryonic development. These projects are typically conducted in the Spring and Fall of the school year. Chickens, ducks and quails are usually chosen, but mostly



chickens. Our booklet *Hatching Good Lessons: Alternatives To School Hatching Projects* urges teachers to replace these projects with learning activities that teach life processes without the use of live birds. Here's why.

Hatching projects encourage the view that animals are disposable objects instead of requiring a lifetime of care and commitment. They encourage children to want to bring more baby animals into the world, like litters of puppies and kittens that no one wants when the animals grow up. They place a burden on animal shelters and busy parents who can't keep the birds, and zoning ordinances often prohibit the keeping of chickens, particularly roosters, even though more than half of all surviving chickens are going to be roosters. And while children should be learning the importance of veterinary care for animals who depend on them, most schools do not provide veterinary care for the many birds who are born sick and deformed in these projects.

Hatching-project birds are deprived of a mother hen. This is a big reason why so many classroom chicks are born sickly, dehydrated and crippled. Chick organs often stick to the sides of the shell as a result of not being turned properly in the mechanical incubator. By contrast, a mother hen turns each of her eggs, individually, as often as 30 times a day, using her body, her feet and her beak to move each egg precisely to maintain the proper temperature, moisture, ventilation, humidity and positioning of each embryo she is sitting on. The embryo signals its needs to her, and the hen responds with the necessary adjustment of her eggs.

Salmonella is also a concern. More and more children have egg allergies and complications of seasonal flu and vaccines. Dr. Pascal James Imperato, dean of the Graduate Program in Public Health at the State University of New York, has explained that due to "insufficient regulation of

the poultry industry," *Salmonella* is "widespread among chickens and other poultry." **The risk of infection,** he said, is "especially high for young children who come into contact with baby chicks and ducklings" ("Salmonella Common in U.S. Poultry," *The Washington Post*, Jan. 23, 2009).

For all these reasons, we urge teachers to replace hatching projects with programs 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 without incubating motherless chicks in machines and hatching them in barren environments.

What Can I Do?

- ✓ If you hear that a chick hatching project is being conducted in a children's classroom near you, please provide the school principal, classroom teacher, and school district supervisor with a copy of *Hatching Good Lessons*. This 16-page guide is filled with information, quizzes, stories, pictures, activities, and curriculum resources for children that teachers, parents and people of all ages will be pleased to teach and learn about chickens and other birds.
- ✓ Order *A Home For Henny* for a child, teacher, friend, school library. *A Home For Henny* tells the story of Melanie, a 3rd grader who, like her teacher and classmates, is excited about a chick hatching project in her class until they discover the dark side of the project. *A Home*

For Henny explores the problems with school hatching projects while evoking the lively and sweet personality of the one chicken who is saved, named Henny, and her loving relationship with Melanie and ultimate adoption by United Poultry Concerns.

To order A Home For Henny (\$6.99 for 1, \$15 for 5) and Hatching Good Lessons (\$2.50 for 1, \$5.00 for 5), go to www.upc-online.org/merchandise/ or send check or money order to UPC, PO Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405.

Vegan Recipe Corner

Raspberry Coconut Thumbprint Cookies

Recipe From The Costco Connection, December 2015

- ½ cup dairy-free margarine
- 5 tablespoons melted coconut oil
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract (optional)
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- ½ cup cornstarch
- 1 ½ cups flour
- ½ cup shredded coconut
- 2 tablespoons plant-based milk

RASPBERRY FILLING

- ½ cup shredded coconut
- ½ cup raspberry (and/or apricot) jam

DRIZZLE

- 1 tablespoon melted coconut oil
- ½ cup powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla-flavored plant-based milk

Heat oven to 350 F. Line a cookie sheet with parchment paper. Combine margarine, coconut oil, coconut extract and powdered sugar in a bowl; stir well. Add cornstarch and flour; stir well. Add plant-based milk gradually until soft dough forms. Refrigerate dough 15 minutes.

Roll cookie dough into 1 inch balls and roll in coconut. Place on prepared sheet, 1 inch apart.

Prepare the filling: Stir the filling ingredients together in a bowl.

Create an indentation in each cookie dough ball. Spoon filling into the indentations. Bake 12-15 minutes, until golden.

Prepare the drizzle: Place coconut oil and powdered sugar in a bowl; stir well. Stir in milk until creamy. Drizzle over cookies. Makes approximately 2 dozen.



For more great recipes, go to www.upc-online.org/recipes!

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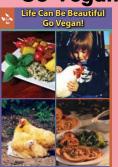


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"Philosophic Vegetarianism: Acting Affirmatively for Peace"

"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"

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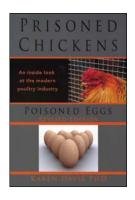


BOOKS

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

By Karen Davis

This newly revised edition of *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs* looks at avian influenza, food poisoning, chicken suffering, genetic engineering, and the growth of chicken rights activism since the 1990s. Presents a compelling argument for a compassionate plant-based cuisine. "Riveting . . . Brilliant." – *Choice magazine, American*

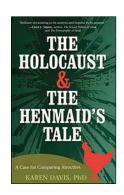


Library Association \$14.95. 40% off bulk orders of 5 (\$8.97 each) = \$44.85 for 5.

The Holocaust and the Henmaid's Tale: A Case for Comparing Atrocities

By Karen Davis

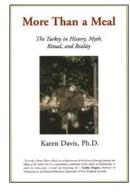
In this thoughtful and thoughtprovoking contribution to the study of animals and the Holocaust, Karen Davis makes the case that significant parallels can — and must — be drawn between the Holocaust and the institutionalized abuse of billions of animals on factory farms. "Compelling and convincing... this bold, brave book." - Charles Patterson, author of Eternal Treblinka \$14.95



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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



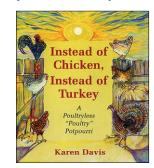
including other human beings. "The turkey's historical disfigurement is starkly depicted by Karen Davis in 'More Than a Meal.' " - The New Yorker \$14.95

Instead of Chicken, Instead of Turkey: A Poultryless "Poultry" Potpourri

By Karen Davis

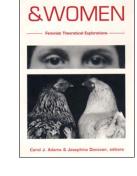
This delightful vegan cookbook by United Poultry

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.

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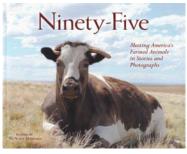


ANIMALS

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

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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



CHILDREN'S BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

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

A Home for Henny

By Karen Davis

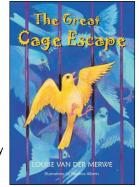
Melanie is a 3rd grader who is excited about a chick hatching project in her class at school. The project seemed like a good idea at first, but unexpected problems arise and the whole class learns a lesson in compassion. When the project is over, Melanie adopts one of the chicks she names Henny. A Home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

while evoking the lively personality of Henny and her loving

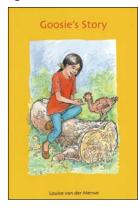
relationship with Melanie. \$6.99

The Great Cage Escape

Grades 4-7. By Louise Van Der Merwe
The birds in a pet shop think they are
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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



DANE LOVER CHICKENS

Dave Loves Chickens

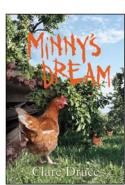
By Carlos Patino
Dave is a quirky monster
from another planet who
loves chickens and all animals on Earth. He encourages people to share
his love and not eat any

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

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A Chicken's Life!

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of chickens and learn all about them
including the differences between
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Way. "Are these chickens really
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Life includes a puzzle for elementary
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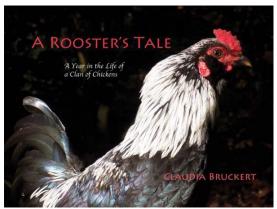
words including barn, beak, cluck, feathers, grass, hatch, peck, peep, wings, and lots more. \$1.50 each. 10 for \$10.

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(continued) CHILDREN'S BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

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Chickens at Play

By United Poultry Concerns

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By Sue Coe, OR Books, 2012
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Sanctuary: Portraits of Rescued Farm Animals By Sharon Lee Hart,

Animals By Sharon Lee Hart, Charta Books, 2012

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International Respect for Chickens Day

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Full-color poster vividly captures the truth about factory chickens for the public. Vegetarian message. 18"x22".



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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".



ys Great Are Too Neat To Eat 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".

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January 2016 Calendar Photo of Rae by Amy Leinen, courtesy of Chicken Run Rescue in Minneapolis, Minnesota Rae must be thinking to herself, "I've had quite enough of 'Prisoned Chickens.' Thankfully I was

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