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Gabby

*Turn to page 4 to read her story!*

UPC Photo by Karen Davis

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*On the topic of*



**Saturday, March 10, 2018, Berkeley, California**

**Conference Hosts:** United Poultry Concerns,  
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Speakers: Bios & Presentations

**Karen Davis, PhD** is the founder and President of United Poultry Concerns, a national organization that promotes the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl including a sanctuary for chickens in Virginia. Elected to the National Animal Rights Hall of Fame for Outstanding

Contributions to Animal Liberation, Karen is the author of *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs*; *The Holocaust and the Henmaid's Tale*, and other groundbreaking works revealing the plight of poultry and advancing conceptual and strategic approaches to effective farmed animal advocacy. In "Don't Just Switch From Beef to Chicken," Karen debunks the claim that consuming poultry harms the environment less than eating beef and explains why the environment that chickens and turkeys are raised in makes them, and consumers of poultry products, sick.



**Hope Bohanec** has been active in animal protection and environmental activism for over 20 years and is the author of *The Ultimate Betrayal: Is There Happy Meat?* She is a nationally recognized leader and speaker in the animal advocacy movement, and the Projects Manager for United Poultry Concerns.

Hope is also the Executive Director of Compassionate Living, a Sonoma County, California-based vegan advocacy organization and the primary organizer of UPC's annual Conscious Eating Conference at UC Berkeley as well as the Sonoma County VegFest. Hope will discuss the latest scientific research on fish and how these sentient sea creatures experience pain, fear, joy, and friendship. We will learn what our ocean cousins think and feel and how we can help protect them.

**Adam P. Karp** is a Martindale-Hubbell AV Preeminent-rated lawyer who practices animal law throughout Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. In his 19th year practicing law, Adam estimates having evaluated

and/or handled over 6000 animal law cases to date and authored *Understanding Animal Law*, published by Carolina Academic Press in 2016. He teaches law at the University of Washington School of Law and Seattle University School of Law and received the American Bar Association Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law award in 2012. In "Veganic Lawyering, Carnivore-Keeping, and Natalist Ruminations," Adam, a vegan of 18 years, will discuss the law and ethics of responding to false vegan advertising; of vegan conscientious objection in employment, education, and incarceration; of keeping obligate and opportunistic carnivorous animal companions; and the vegan ethics of having or not having children.

**John Sanbonmatsu, PhD**

is associate professor of philosophy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts whose works probe the nature of speciesism as a mode of production, particularly as it intersects with capitalism. His current work focuses on "locavorism" and "humane" meat discourse as a new strategy for legitimating animal exploitation and stabilizing meat as a "natural" commodity. Among his many publications, John is the editor of *Critical Theory and Animal Liberation* and a blogger for *The Huffington Post*. In "Lady Macbeth at the Rotisserie: 'Femivores,' Violence, and the New Maternalism in Animal Agriculture," John surveys memoirs written by middle class white women about leaving careers to take up animal husbandry, as a way (they claim) to empower themselves as women and to realize an "authentic" connection with animals and the land. John shows how, by uniting mothering and fertility with frank, violent sadism and death fetishism, "femivores" are playing a pivotal ideological role in legitimating speciesism and stabilizing meat as a "natural," "humane" commodity.



**(continued) 7th Conscious Eating Conference - March 10, 2018**

**Clifton Roberts** is a vegan of two decades, Humane Party Volunteer, speaker, 2016 U.S. presidential candidate, and 2018 candidate for U.S. Senate. Clifton is passionate about protecting the most innocent beings on the planet, the deteriorating health of human beings, and the preservation and revitalization of our air, land, and water resources. Clifton also works for the world's largest semiconductor producer in the company's Global Ethics & Compliance Office. He will discuss how to insert vegan advocacy into politics.



**Justin Van Kleeck, PhD** is a freelance writer, educator, and community organizer. In 2014, Justin and his wife Rosemary founded the Triangle Chicken Advocates microsanctuary in North Carolina, which inspired them to start The Microsanctuary Movement later that year. He also founded and contributes to the radical vegan blog, Striving with Systems. Justin currently serves as the Sanctuary & Microsanctuary Advisor for A Well-Fed World. Justin will discuss the humane myth, and how animal agriculture on every scale involves exploitation and suffering, as well as how efforts to come up with "better" ways to farm animals expose the roots of speciesism underlying all forms of violence towards animals.



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**Cover: UPC Photo of Gabby by Karen Davis**

In August 2015, we adopted Gabby as a baby chick from Maryland. She was saved by a kind person who gave her to a fellow animal rights activist who brought her to our sanctuary, peeping nonstop. Gabby is now a full-grown beautiful and spirited hen, who runs up the brick steps each evening to sleep on our screened-in porch. When Gabby's friend Felix the rooster died of a heart attack in our kitchen, on September 4, 2015, she ran to tell me about the terrible thing she had just witnessed and implored me with her loud peeps to follow her to the kitchen. Even as a baby, she knew something bad had happened. We are so grateful to have dear Gabby in our sanctuary.

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## Coxcomb

Here was where  
the bully could not reach.  
— Greg Kuzma

Abraham was a rooster. He'd been made to fight. He was not a fighter.

He ended up in a basement with a "No one touch the killer!"

We brought him to the sanctuary. He loved peanut butter and jelly. He loved laps and Linda's pillow. He was not a fighter. He wanted

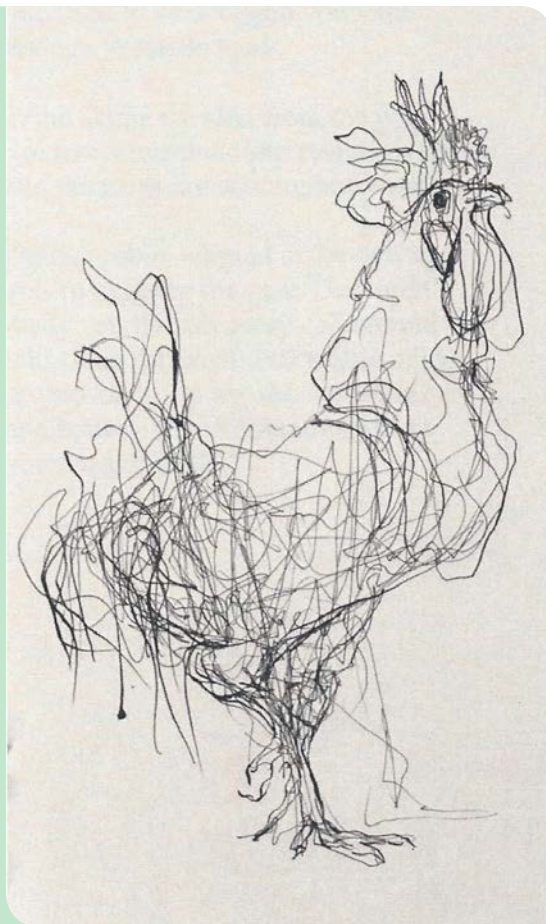
to be held by toddlers, phi beta kappas, grievors and socialists and pop stars. He wanted you to gentle his comb

between your forefinger and thumb. It was a smooth, warm piece of a smooth, warm Abe, and it blushed bliss. It was tender

like someone who had been as unloved as a chicken and then as loved as a chicken could be.

He grew old and full of love and died, rubbing his head back and forth, back and forth against Linda's arm. We planted

coxcomb, a growing glow.



This poem, by Gretchen Primack, is from her book of poems, *Kind*, published by Post Traumatic Press, with line drawings by Susan Siegel.

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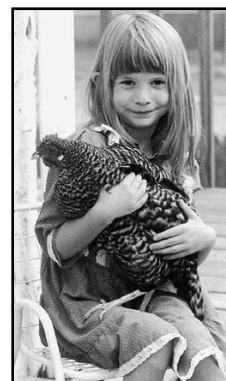
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# California Ballot Initiative to “Prevent Cruelty”

*The Prevention of Cruelty to Farm Animals Act sounds like a great idea. But is it? What is it?*

*(This is the Act as of December 2017.)*

<https://preventcrueltyca.com/sites/preventcrueltyca.com/files/Act-language.PDF>

## Background

“Prevent Cruelty California” is a campaign to put a measure on the November 2018 state ballot to remedy the failure of Proposition 2 in November 2008 to deliver on promoters’ promises. 63% of California voters supported the measure believing it would ban cages for egg-laying hens.



**Battery-caged hens.**

**Photo by Mercy For Animals, Weaver Brothers Egg Farm**

Prop 2, which was to have taken effect in 2015, required that calves raised for veal, pregnant pigs, and hens used for commercial egg production must have enough space to lie down, stand up, fully extend their limbs, and turn around without bumping into other animals, walls or bars in the confinement area. By far, the majority of animals affected would have been the state’s 20 million egg-laying hens.

Groundbreaking as the new law seemed to be, it did *not* require California egg producers to eliminate cages. Instead, it was crafted to make cage systems for egg-

laying hens more difficult to maintain, due to the, albeit minimal, space requirements for confining hens once the law took effect. California egg producers were expected to switch to “cage-free” housing, in which thousands of hens are enclosed in large “floor systems,” or in “multi-tiered” systems fitted with platforms designed to crowd more hens into a volume of space enabling egg producers to make more money from the facility.



**“Enriched” cage facility, NPR, Jan. 26, 2012**

2015 came and went, largely due to the vague language of Prop 2, which allowed California egg producers to continue keeping the majority of hens in barren battery cages, or in “enriched” battery cages. Each caged hen in the United States is recommended by the U.S. industry association, United Egg Producers, in its 2017 *Guidelines*, to have 67-86 square inches of “usable space per bird” – 67 square inches for the smaller white hens, 86 square inches for the larger brown hens, “to optimize hen welfare.”

## “Prevention of Cruelty” Proposal

The stated purpose of the proposed 2018 ballot initiative is to “upgrade California’s laws relating to the extreme confinement of farm animals.” Under its provisions, which could take years to finalize, California egg producers would still have ample time to implement it, and if by the end of 2019 or 2021 or 2022 or 2024 or whenever, they still hadn’t done so and didn’t want to,

they could lobby the CA legislature to change the law. Normally, the CA legislature may not amend or repeal an approved measure without submitting the change to voters, but this ballot measure includes a clause waiving this protection.

So how would the new ballot measure “prevent cruelty”? It wouldn’t. At best, the cruelty could be reduced. Compared to barren battery cages, the proposed law requires cage-free housing to include “scratch areas, perches, nest boxes, and dust bathing areas” for the hens. Yet even these amenities can pose problems for the deeply overcrowded hens to deal with.



Big Dutchman multi-tiered cage-free facility

### Worrisome terminology in the proposed California ballot measure:

- A farm owner or operator shall not “knowingly” cause any covered animal to be confined in a cruel manner. An operator could claim that he or she didn’t “know.” The word is slippery.
- A cage-free system is one in which “hens are free to roam unrestricted.” In principle, yes, but in practice, no. At most, each hen in a cage-free system has a maximum of 1.5 square feet; more often 1 square foot (144 square inches). This tiny allotment per hen does not facilitate “roaming.” Practically speaking, the terms *roam* and *unrestricted* are misleading.
- Regarding egg-laying hens, the proposed law in its current form defines “Confined in a cruel manner” as follows:

After December 31, 2019, confining an egg-laying hen with less than 144 square inches of usable floor space; OR After December 31, 2021, confining an egg-laying hen with less than the amount of usable floor space required by the 2017 edition of *United Egg Producers’ Animal Husbandry Guidelines for U.S. Egg-Laying Flocks: Guidelines for Cage-Free Housing*.

In other words, by the end of 2019, each “cage-free” hen would have to have 1.5 square feet of living space in a building with no elevated platforms, and 1 square foot of living space in a building providing “access to multiple elevated platforms with usable floor space both on top of and underneath the platforms.”

### Crowding and Contamination, Density and Despair

The barren battery cage and the “enriched” battery cage are the cruelest of all living systems for hens. Currently, 13 million



California hens are in cages. At the same time, the “cage-free” environment in standard commercial operations consists of thousands of brown or white chicken bodies from one end of the building to the other. Many more hens may be added to the “multi-tiered” version of a cage-free facility. One result of this massive, multi-dimensional density of hens is that, if those on the platforms try to flutter down to the floor, they can break or dislocate their wings, legs or breast bone in their effort to land in a space that is free of hens.

As for the provision in the proposed law that each hen must be able to fully extend her limbs, particularly her wings, what this really means is that, in the cage-free environment, one hen at a time could presumably spread both wings, not that all hens simultaneously could do so if they wished. Recall that one square foot equals 144 square inches and that half a square foot equals 72 square inches. A three-to-four-pound hen needs a minimum of 74 square inches merely to stand, 197 square inches to flap her wings, 135 square inches



## (continued) California Ballot Initiative to “Prevent Cruelty”

to ruffle her feathers, 172 square inches to preen her feathers, and 133 square inches to scratch the ground (*Poultry Digest*, May 1990).

### No Escape But In Brutal Death



Chicken Gas Chamber

In November 2017, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals posted “Why We Oppose California’s Farmed-Animal Initiative and You Should Too,” stating in part: “No one who has seen, either in person or on video, the inside of ‘cage-free’ factory farms could describe them as anything other than severely crowded hellholes. And the end for the hens in such places still comes when the petrified birds are roughly rounded up—frequently resulting in broken legs or wings—transported in all weather extremes, and subjected to the horrors of the slaughterhouse. So much for ‘humane eggs.’”

In our visits to “The Happy Hen” and Sauder’s Eggs (“Welcome to Humane Heartland”) in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and to Black Eagle Farm in Nelson County Virginia, United Poultry Concerns witnessed the sadness and madness of these “cage-free” operations, including the deafening voices of thousands of distressed hens. We experienced firsthand the attitude of the operators toward the hens, who are nothing to them but containers of “golden” eggs. The owner of “The Happy Hen” joked when we commented on the terrible condition of the hens’ feathers: *“We have a saying: The rougher they look, the better they lay.”* Ralph Glatt, the owner of Black Eagle, smirked when we mentioned the industry practice of killing “spent” hens by shoving them into metal boxes and hosing them to death with CO<sub>2</sub>, *“I think it freezes their lungs.”*

### What the Proposed Law Does NOT Do:

- The proposed California ballot measure does *not* cover the hens during their first 5 months of life while they are being raised to maturity in wire cages, as in this photograph.
- It does *not* apply to hens subjected to catching, culling, or transport.
- It does *not* apply to hens subjected to mass disposal during disease outbreaks.
- It does *not* address the destruction of male baby chicks at birth.
- It does *not* apply to hens at slaughter.
- It does *not* include live animal markets.
- It does *not* address the practice of painfully debeaking egg-laying hens – which may be done once, even twice to a hen, in keeping with United Egg Producers’ 2017 *Guidelines* on “therapeutic beak trimming.”
- The proposed measure does *not* address the toxic ammonia levels of 20 parts per million in confined-hen buildings, which the egg industry allows to reach even higher levels of toxicity to accommodate “emergencies” of unspecified duration. All mass-production systems are full of atmospheric poisons and contaminants that cause chronic respiratory infections and painful eye irritation in the hens who, unlike the workers darting in and out of the facilities with protective face masks, get no relief.



### A High Crime is a Misdemeanor

Finally, any “person” (individual, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, etc.) who violates any of the proposed provisions is guilty, not of a felony, but of a misdemeanor, punishable, if convicted, by a fine not to



exceed \$1,000, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not longer than 180 days, or both.

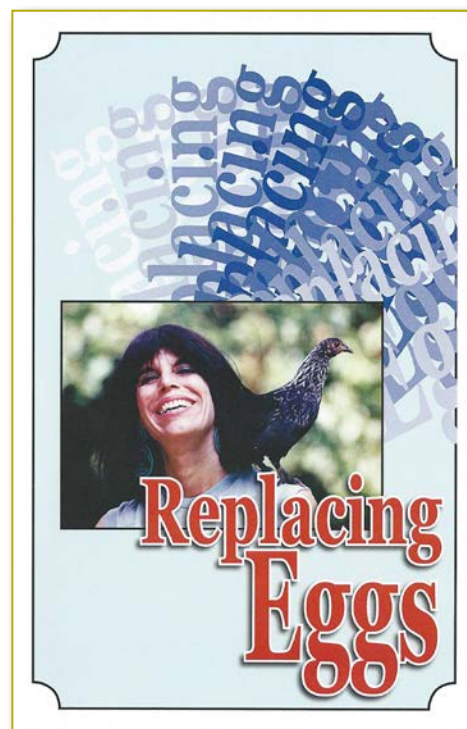
Needless to say, a misdemeanor charge is very minor and not an incentive to prosecution. Even if prosecution were pursued, it would not impose a hardship on a typical farmed-animal production operation. What government agency, under the proposed ballot measure, would *actually*, as opposed to nominally, safeguard the inmates of the nation's penitentiaries? Our bet is none. – Karen Davis, President of United Poultry Concerns

animals suffer “humanely” for our appetites. We cannot disperse false assurances.

- ❖ Please DO actively promote egg-free food products, dining, and recipes. Please promote food products, menus and recipes that are free of animal products.
- ❖ Order **Replacing Eggs** from United Poultry Concerns. 16 delicious recipes. \$1.50.

### What Can I Do?

- ❖ If you're considering gathering signatures for the November 2018 ballot initiative in California, please arm yourself with the facts to inform people accurately what the proposed measure would and would not do for the hens. Study the wording of the ballot measure, and decide for yourself if putting your time into this campaign is a good way for you to help the hens over the long run.
- ❖ Please do *not* urge, encourage or ask people to purchase and consume “cage-free” eggs or any variation of “humanely-raised eggs,” “cruelty-free eggs,” and the like. As animal advocates, we cannot give people *permission* to make chickens and other



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# No Tyson in Kansas: Wichita Eagle Letter by Karen Davis



**"The new complex will include a processing plant, hatchery, feed mill and related operations." Industry photo.**

**T**yson Foods has met fierce opposition in Kansas, where the company is looking to expand its horrible chicken production operations. Recently the residents of Tonganoxie, Kansas in Leavenworth County rallied successfully to keep Tyson out, as did residents of Sedgwick County. Letters to the state's largest newspaper, *The Wichita Eagle*, have been overwhelmingly against Tyson getting a foothold. UPC president Karen Davis's Letter was published on Nov. 28, 2017. Days later, Sedgwick County formally withdrew its welcome to Tyson.

## Opposition from a chicken region

*The Wichita Eagle, Nov. 28, 2017*

Public opposition to a Tyson chicken production complex in Sedgwick County is well-founded. I hope it will be heeded. I speak as a resident of the eastern shore of Virginia which, together with Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore, is a chicken industry-dominated region with thousands of chicken sheds on the main road and back roads and gigantic slaughter plants including Tyson.

If Sedgwick County lets Tyson in, the operation will likely expand, but even if it didn't, a complex

comprising a hatchery, feed mill, slaughter plant and chicken sheds would pollute the county and lower its value as a place where people want to live, because the sight, smell and sadness of the chickens cannot be hidden, even by the shrubbery Tyson plants to hide its activities. The trucks with their sagging loads of traumatized birds are in plain sight.

Tyson targets rural counties, expecting little or no resistance from impoverished residents desperate for almost any kind of work no matter how repugnant, violent, and degrading. The company was surprised when residents of Tonganoxie successfully withdrew their welcome after educating themselves of the outcome if Tyson got inside their gates. I hope Sedgwick County residents will likewise succeed.

**KAREN DAVIS, MACHIPONGO, VA.**



**Photo by Linda Howard in UPC's  
*Poultry Slaughter: The Need for Legislation***



# Investigation of Tyson Chicken Farm in Virginia Shows Workers' Sadistic Cruelty to Chickens – Again



*Eastern Shore News* cover photo by Compassion Over Killing.

**“We are outraged.”**

**– Tyson official**

**“That’s the rhetoric, but that’s not the reality – not even close.”**

**– Karen Davis, quoted in the *Eastern Shore News*, Dec. 9 front-page article, “Hit him on the head, then kill him.”**

**O**n December 7, 2017, an undercover video by the animal advocacy organization Compassion Over Killing appeared in a horrific article in *The Washington Post*. The video shows workers at a Tyson chicken farm on the Eastern Shore of Virginia torturing the chickens by running them over with a forklift, hitting them with sticks, and impaling a live chicken with a metal nail at the end of a stick. In response, UPC president Karen Davis published “The disturbing reality of poultry production,” in the Dec. 11 edition of *The Washington Post*.

*The Washington Post*, December 11, 2017

To the Editor:

I hope the Dec. 7 Metro article “10 poultry-farm workers fired after video surfaces” wakes up readers to the reality of modern chicken farms. The video from Compassion Over Killing depicts standard industry behavior. The cruelty to the chickens in the video is business as usual.

Some people believe we are moving in the direction of “humane meat” and “animal-friendly” agriculture as we become better informed of the realities of industrialized animal production practices. However, a global decline in industrialized animal farming is not going to happen as long as billions of people buy and consume animal products.

The idea of a golden age of compassionate animal farming that could somehow be reclaimed and modernized is misplaced. A look at the books — volumes of historical poultry-keeping literature at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville for example — dispels all vestiges of belief in humane poultry farming in any era. Every cruelty in today’s industry is rooted in the past.

The growing interest in animal-free “meat” and plant protein is extremely encouraging. If there is going to be progress, this is where the action is.

**Karen Davis, Machipongo, Va.**

The writer is president of United Poultry Concerns.



(Andrey Rudakov/Bloomberg)

## Finding Paradise: *Leilani Farm Sanctuary of Maui*

By Laurelee Blanchard

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People can purchase this book online through Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Costco will carry the book throughout the Hawaiian Islands.

**Review by Karen Davis, PhD, President of United Poultry Concerns**

I first met Laurelee Blanchard in the mid-1990s when she was working for Farm Animal Reform Movement, now Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM). Later, I became aware of Laurelee as the founder of a gorgeous sanctuary for farmed animals in Hawaii. Photos showed a world of exquisite beauty inhabited by a Noah's Ark of rescued animals – chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, cows, goats, tortoises, pigs and deer.

Images like these convey no drama, but as the philosopher Hegel said, “Everything that *is* had to become so.” There was and is a struggle involved in a thing of beauty. *Finding Paradise* is about the struggle to create and maintain an earthly paradise for rescued farmed animals in a world that is not paradise. *Finding Paradise* is about the struggle to *escape* what Laurelee had once deemed the height of success – a *worldly* paradise in commercial real estate.

Laurelee grew up in Southern California and attended a high school plagued with gang violence before getting out of there. Her father had a temper and was physically abusive toward her and her cats, to birds in the yard, and a dog next door. Her parents divorced when she was in junior high, and her dad committed suicide after an injury left him disabled with pain and depression.

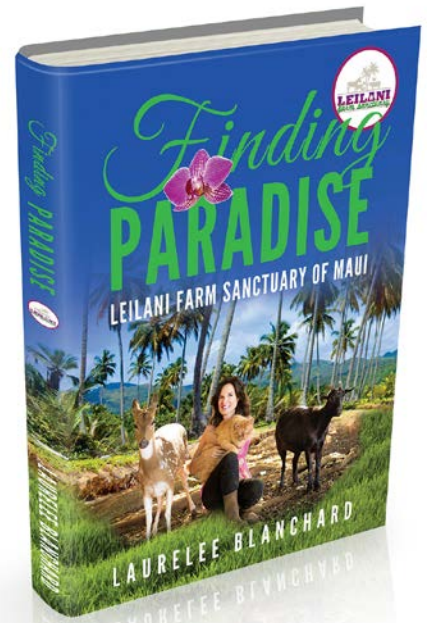
In the 1980s, Laurelee worked as a radiological technologist at St. Jude's Hospital and married a medical doctor. Together they enjoyed “the good life,” which Laurelee avidly pursued after leaving her job in the thrall of ideas set forth in the book *The Magic of Thinking Big*. “I felt motivated to seek a career with unlimited earning potential,” she says of her aspirations at the time; meanwhile, an “inner animal activist” struggled to awaken.

This happened in a real estate office in 1992 where, one morning at work, she discovered a mouse stuck in a glue trap. Helped by two fellow brokers, she freed the mouse in a field, disposed of all the glue traps in sealed envelopes, and signed on to a campaign urging Home Depot to stop selling glue traps.

Enjoying her booming career and glamorous lifestyle, symbolized by a luxurious black Jaguar, Laurelee began trapping homeless cats and taking them to veterinarians for spay-neuter surgeries. News of horrendous cruelties to animals in everyday life entered her consciousness. She joined Orange County People for Animals, where she picked up a pamphlet describing the environmental destructiveness of factory farms and their monstrous mistreatment of animals, whereupon she and her husband Rick “agreed that the most powerful way to help animals was to stop consuming them.”

They discovered the world of delicious vegan food products including the health benefits. Still a commercial real estate broker, Laurelee plunged ever more deeply into animal rights, protesting the anal electrocution of foxes and animals being skinned alive, tortured, mutilated and murdered for fashion and food. She saw the cheap ploys of animal exploiters, as when a fur store owner “wheeled out her paralyzed son draped in a fur coat, claiming that fur was the only way to keep him warm.” She was arrested and handcuffed by a security guard inside a department store on Fur Free Friday. When he turned his back, she managed to struggle out of the cuffs, thinking “How could this be happening to a business executive like me?”

A visit to Farm Sanctuary in Northern California introduced Laurelee to real live turkeys, enabling her





to speak to the media and others with personal feeling about them as well as industry facts, and inspiring her and Rick with “the appeal of living in the country, far away from the crush of humanity.”

## Moving to Maui

In 1999, their search brought them to the beautiful Hawaiian island of Maui, where they'd honeymooned years before, to establish an eight-acre paradise for themselves and the farmed animals they would lovingly rescue and care for.

*And they all lived happily ever after.*

In fact, the elation of relocation was fraught with troubles. Hawaii is beautiful, but for animals at the mercy of hunters, farmers, cockfighters and more, it is hell. Laurelee discovers two horrific battery-caged hen facilities close by, from which she rescues hens traumatized by the squalor and brutality they've endured just so humans could eat their eggs. She enters “the sad, dark cavern” of a pig factory where mother pigs are “nursing their young through metal bars” and pregnant sows lie in stalls so small they can't move.

She describes these and other animal torture chambers and maniacal devices and the pitiless indifference of the owners and managers she meets toward the animals who are just a business to them or a form of entertainment like cockfighting which, a mere misdemeanor in Hawaii, is rampant. At one point she grabs a rooster from a cockfighting compound where hundreds of “sad souls” are tied by their legs to teepees and forced to stand “in piles of stinking manure” with empty water bowls. Gripping a rooster, she is chased to her car by gunshots.

All kinds of troubles erupt for Laurelee in her shaky sanctuary paradise, including financial ruin, a failed marriage, property problems, severe depression, things that would cause a less determined and resilient person to give up. Laurelee fights through these trials for the sake of her sanity, the sanctuary, and the animals whom she loves and whose stories she vividly tells in words and through the many expressive photographs that make this book a treasure and a virtual visit to a place where animals who have been saved find joy, peace and loving



Laurelee and Matthew

care, because Laurelee Blanchard fought to make this place for them. Leilani Farm Sanctuary became a bona fide nonprofit in 2007.

The sanctuary teaches visitors about the animals they encounter. “Visitors,” says Laurelee, “are amazed to discover that chickens are soft and cuddly and that they love petting just like cats do. . . . We show them that they can cuddle chickens by holding them close and feeling their heartbeats against their own chests.” Many people, she says, “tell us that, once they’ve looked a chicken in the eye, they can no longer eat these animals: they have, in fact, had an epiphany, after which they now see these ‘food animals’ as living beings worthy of love.”

Anyone who dreams of starting a farmed animal sanctuary should buy *Finding Paradise* and read it before taking on a Romance that, though infinitely rewarding for those who can do it, is replete with staggering responsibilities, uncertain outcomes, and the heartbreak of animals suffering and dying in front of your eyes, despite all you do to help them recover from the traumas that brought them to your door.

Laurelee says she went from chasing lucrative deals in commercial real estate to finding fulfillment in animal rescue and humane education. What she calls the “fabulous life” she now has as the director of Leilani Farm Sanctuary is indeed a mission accomplished, but it is also a mission that can never be over. — *Karen Davis*

\*All proceeds from the sale of this book are donated to Leilani Farm Sanctuary, an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization.

## 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.

I recently lost my uncle Mike Raulerson. He raised the most beautiful chickens. He loved them so much and lathered them with much love and adoration. My donation is in loving memory of him. – *Tina Bailey*

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## Trump Administration Rules “Organic” Hens May Be Treated As Badly As Conventionally-Raised Hens

**T**he *Washington Post* reported on December 15, 2017 that the Trump Administration has reversed a U.S. Department of Agriculture policy requiring that hens deemed “organic” must be given more space and light than standardly-raised hens receive, as well as some degree of outdoor access. USDA vetoed a proposed rule that would have prohibited large-scale “organic” egg producers, like Eggland’s Best, from keeping 180,000 hens in a facility crammed with three hens per square foot, as reported by *The Post* last July. The proposed rule would have required “organic” producers “to give hens at least a square foot of space inside as well as access to the outdoors.”

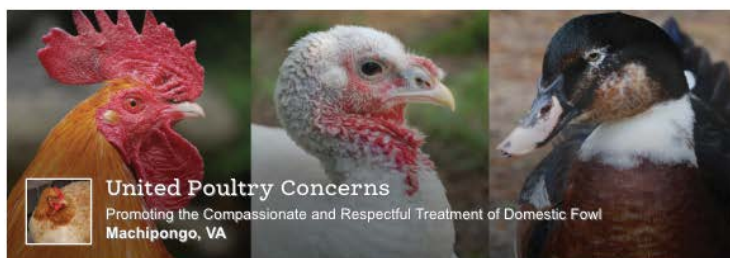
According to *The Post*, “Advocates for the rule blamed the outsize influence of large ‘factory farms’ for the USDA’s decision to withdraw it. Those farms, they argue, use the ‘USDA Organic’ label to fetch

higher prices for their products, without conforming to consumer expectations for organic practices.”



**Eggland’s Best, one of the largest “organic” egg operations in the United States, keeps 1.6 million hens and continues to grow. Photo by The Cornucopia Institute**

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## Our Fall Activism for Turkeys



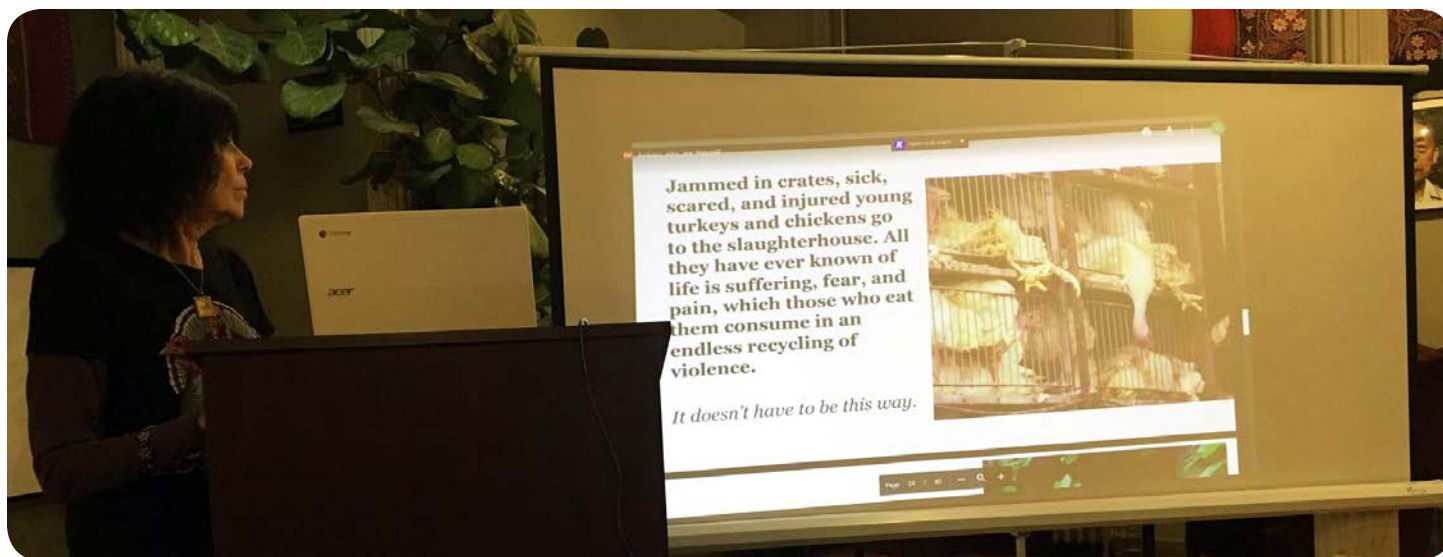
Whole Foods in Del Mar, CA

UPC's Hope Bohanec gave a presentation on Sunday Nov. 19 at a ThanksLiving event in Detroit, Michigan.

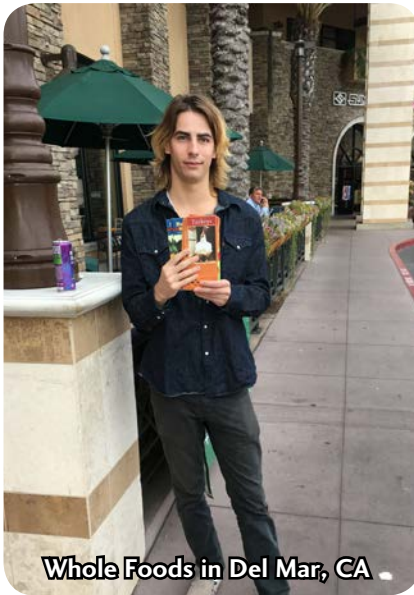


West Sonoma County Crafts Fair

"Turkeys – Who Are They?" - a presentation by UPC president Karen Davis, was organized by Animal Justice Advocates at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Nov. 15, 2017.







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## Vegan Recipe Corner

### Killer Tofu

*Recipe by Deb Lindsey for The Washington Post*

4 Servings.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 small onion
- 1 medium green or red bell pepper (optional)
- 1-pound block extra-firm tofu
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 ounces (generous 1 cup) frozen corn kernels
- 3 tablespoons yellow mustard
- 3 tablespoons ketchup
- 3 tablespoons barbecue sauce (your choice)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons Sriracha or other hot sauce

#### Directions

Cut the onion into small (1/4-inch) dice. Seed the bell pepper, if using, and cut into small dice. Rinse the tofu and pat it dry, then cut it into medium (1/2-inch) dice.

Heat the oil in a wok or large skillet over medium-high heat. Once the oil shimmers, add the onion and pepper, if using; stir-fry for 1 to 2 minutes, until fragrant and softened a bit.

Add the tofu; stir-fry for 1 minute, then add the corn, mustard, ketchup, barbecue sauce and Sriracha (to taste); stir-fry for about 5 minutes or until the mixture is heated through and evenly blended.

Serve hot.

*For more great recipes, go to  
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"The Rougher They Look, The Better  
They Lay" (free-range egg production)  
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"Japanese Quail"  
"The Use of Birds In Agricultural and  
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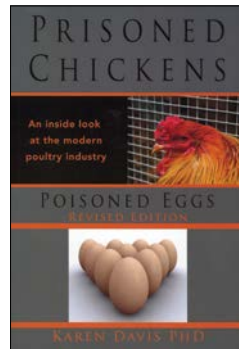


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**Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs:  
An Inside Look at the Modern  
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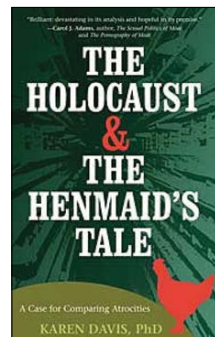
By Karen Davis

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."  
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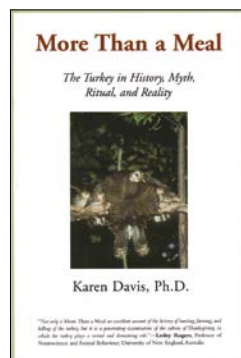
By Karen Davis

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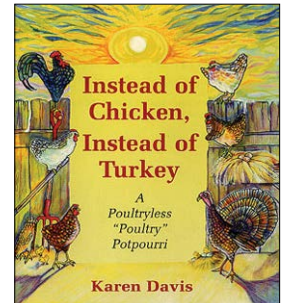
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Karen Davis shows how turkeys in the wild have complex lives and family units, and how they were an integral part of Native American and continental cultures and landscape before the Europeans arrived, while drawing larger conclusions about our paradoxical 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

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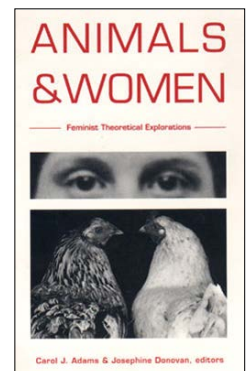
By Karen Davis

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

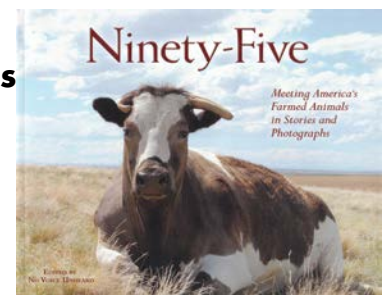
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Feminist Theoretical  
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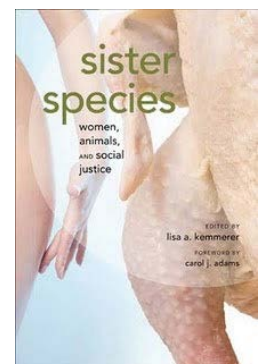
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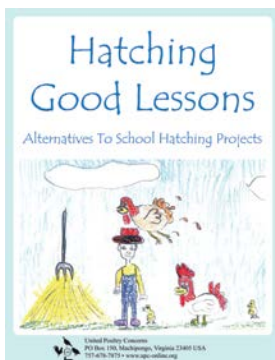


## CHILDREN'S BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

### Hatching Good Lessons: Alternatives To School Hatching Projects

By United Poultry Concerns

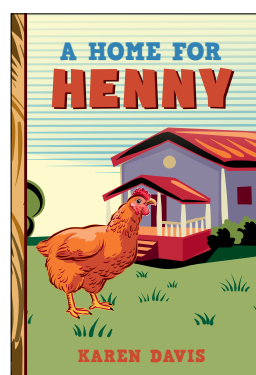
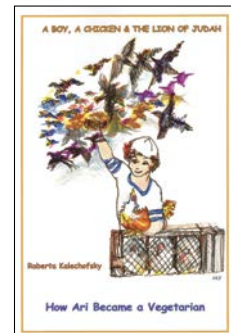
A guide booklet for elementary school teachers and other educators including parents. Revised & Updated, 2013. 16 pages of information, storytelling, classroom activities & color photos. Grades K-6 (some activities are designed for K-12). \$2.50 per booklet. 5 for \$5. It can be viewed and printed out at [www.upc-online.org/hatching/](http://www.upc-online.org/hatching/).



### A Boy, A Chicken and The Lion of Judah – How Ari Became a Vegetarian

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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



### Dave Loves Chickens

By Carlos Patino

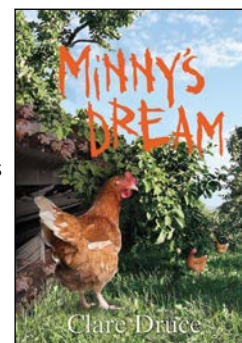
Dave is a quirky monster from another planet who loves chickens and all animals on Earth. He encourages people to share his love and not eat any

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### Minnie's Dream

By Clare Druce

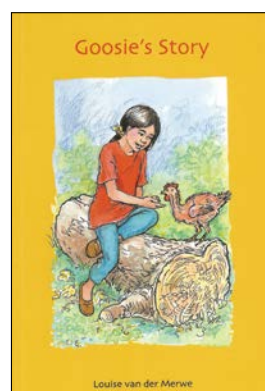
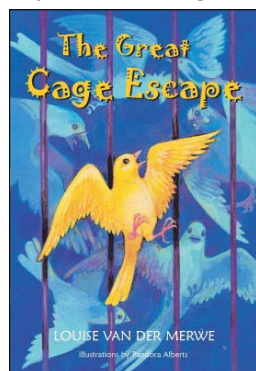
What happens when a young girl from the city discovers a battery-hen operation in the country? What happens when a "battery hen" named Minny speaks to her? What must she do when her friend Minny is going to be killed? This book is a must for the young person(s) in your life, age 8-14. \$10



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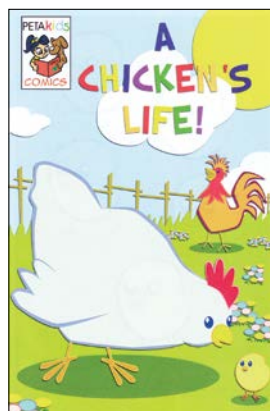
The birds in a pet shop think they are happy until a brown box punched full of air holes is left overnight on their front door step. The creature inside looks very weird at first. But as his feathers begin to grow, his true identity becomes apparent, and the stories he tells inspire the pet shop birds 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



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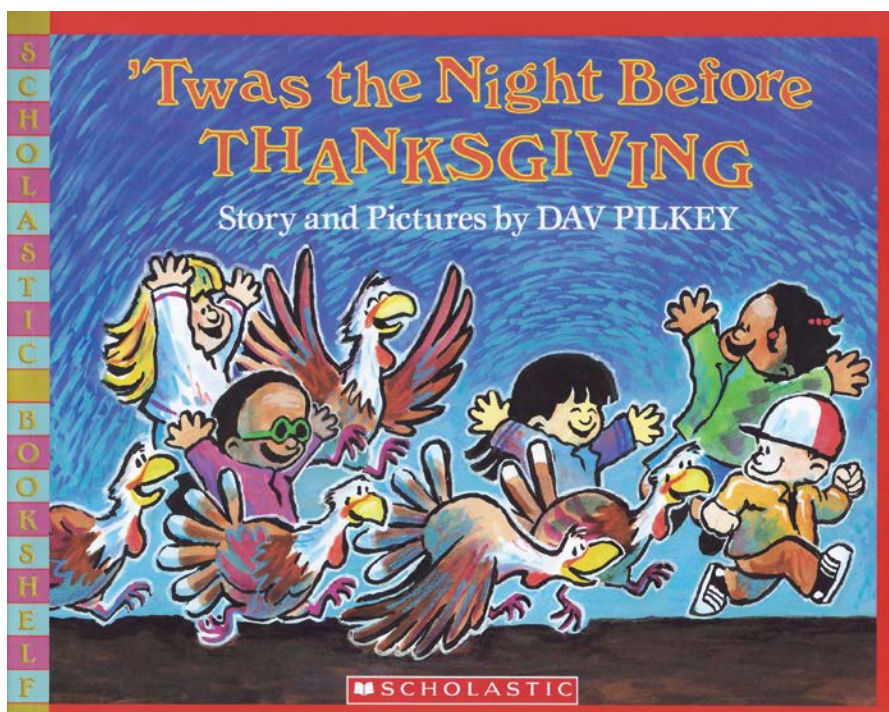
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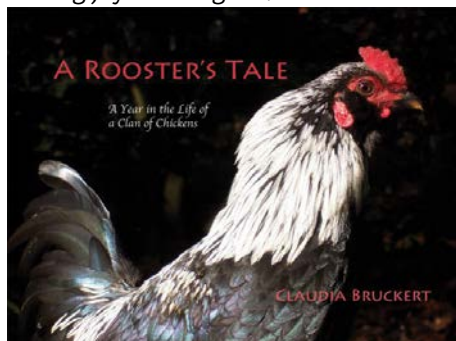
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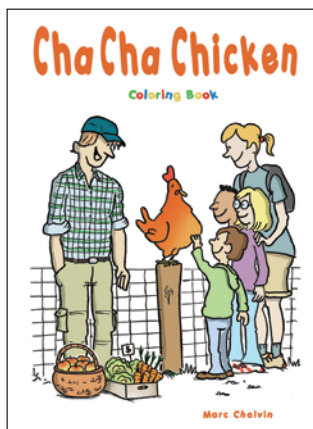
Turkeys don't usually celebrate Thanksgiving. And they wish we wouldn't either! Here is a tale of eight children who meet eight turkeys who are in big trouble. Only the kids can keep the turkeys from meeting their Thanksgiving fate. But how will they save the turkeys?

**A Rooster's Tale: A Year in the Life of a Clan of Chickens**, by Claudia Bruckert,

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### WHAT WINGS ARE FOR



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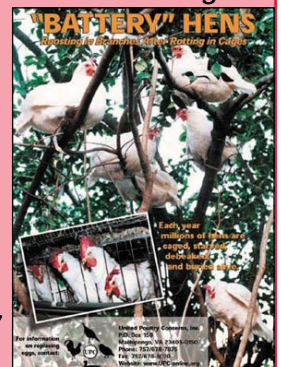


### "Battery" Hens

Roosting in Branches After Rotting in Cages

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This beautiful color poster shows the rescued Cypress hens at UPC. Perfect for your office, your home, your school. 11.5"x16".



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It may be the Bleak Midwinter, but that doesn't stop our chickens from being out and about in our sanctuary yard breathing the frosty air!