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Dear UPC,

I'm an avid subscriber to your magazine and would like to say thanks for your tireless work on the well-being of poultry. I stopped eating chicken around 30 years ago out of disgust for their horrific treatment, even before I switched to a plant-based diet 25 years ago.

Recently, my wife and I have come to appreciate chickens as a very interesting and enjoyable species. We moved to an estate in Singapore three years ago, where a sizable population of chickens freely roam. We understand that the chickens on our estate are the wild red jungle fowl endemic in Southeast Asia; they are not descendants of birds who have escaped captivity.

My wife and I are enjoying their presence in our lives, the crowing in the morning (sometimes VERY

early), their broods and the concern of the cocks for "their" hens, the clutches of chicks and the mothering hens, and the occasional cock fights. A few weeks ago, we witnessed with delight an amazing demonstration of physical fitness by a rooster when he flew high up into the huge ficus tree in front of our house, and then proudly announced his achievement to anyone who cared to listen to his crowing.

Often when I watch our chickens, I think of UPC. You are so right in caring for the wellbeing of these amazing birds.

Thank you!

-Martin Henz, December 15, 2021



Photos of wild chickens in the Cayman Islands by Davida G. Breier

CHICKEN DREAMING

(Ancestral memories in a metal "broiler" chicken shed.)

He sits in this house of feces and pain
 With thousands of others
 All the same, call it a triumph or
 Call it insane.
 His eyes are burning.
 His liver is leaking.
 His legs are aching and lame.
 But he will be
 Eaten with pleasure
 All the same.

His nerves, bones and tendons will be nuggets in a bucket
 Chewed by a fan
 At a game.
 His "wings" (don't ask) will prove
 What it means
 To be a Man
 Like every other
 Man and his brother,
 Inane.

His breast will water
 The mouth of a lady trying
 To lose weight with this
 Lump on her plate.
 For this he was made
 For supper.

Meanwhile he dreams his
 Impossible dream:
 Ancestral memories
 Of family and friends
 Of tropical forest all rainy and green
 From which he came
 To suffer like this
 For a foul mouth of chicken bliss.
 – Karen Davis



Modern chicken house in the United States
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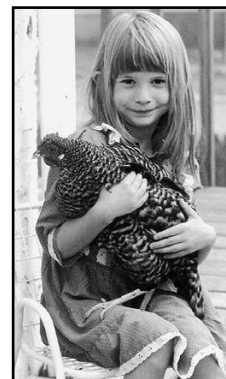
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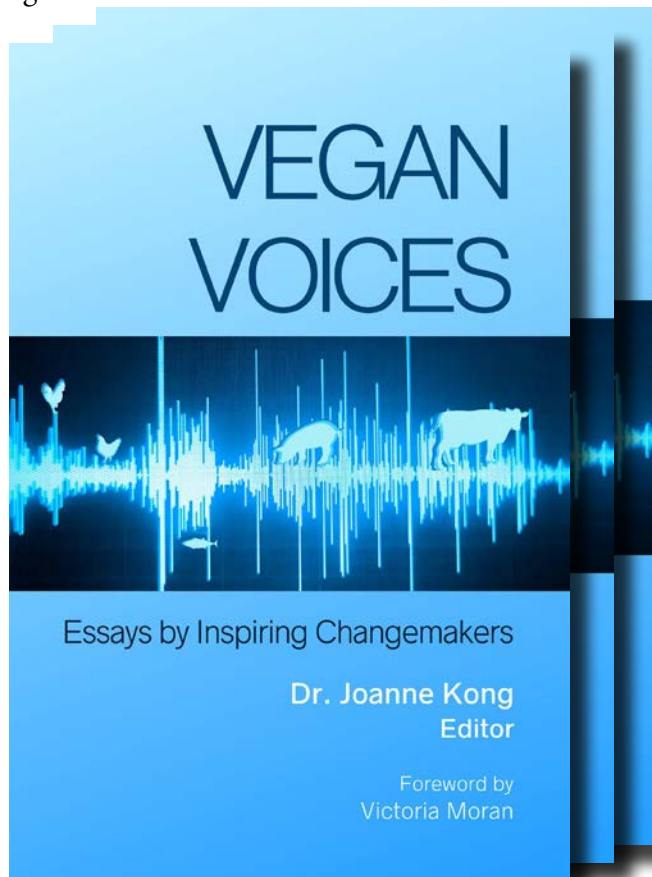
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Edited by Dr. Joanne Kong

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For The Birds: An Urgently Necessary, Deeply Moving Work

By Philosopher John Sanbonmatsu, PhD

Karen Davis is one of the most important voices in the animal advocacy movement today, so it was with great interest that I recently read “For the Birds,” her powerful and deeply moving book. The fifteen essays in “For the Birds” span decades in her life as a researcher, activist, and founder and director of United Poultry Concerns, one of the nation’s premiere animal rights organizations.

The book begins with a moving account of Karen’s childhood growing up in an avid hunting town in Pennsylvania. Karen was an unusually sensitive child and young adult, painfully attuned to the suffering of others. (When she learned about the Holocaust for the first time, she recounts, the experience proved so psychologically shattering to her that she briefly had to drop out of school.) Eventually, after college, Karen applied her long commitment to human social justice to advocacy for farmed animals, founding the national nonprofit, United Poultry Concerns, and opening a sanctuary. She has since become one of the most effective and fearless advocates for animals anywhere in the world.

Subsequent chapters in “For the Birds” cover such diverse topics as the ontology and experiences of chickens in the poultry industry, animal cognition, debates in environmental ethics, analysis of news media coverage of animal issues, and much more. Every chapter offers frequently brilliant insights into the nature of speciesism as ideology and as brutal practice.

As indicated by the book’s title, “For the Birds” centers on the experiences of avians (chiefly chickens) in the poultry industry. Karen shows how chickens and other animals are mutilated not merely physically, but psychologically and even ontologically, as the meat and egg industries employ every possible means of force to shape the chicken’s very being to conform to the prime directives of efficiency and profit. Even readers familiar already with intensive animal agriculture will learn something new here about the unspeakable cruelty enacted daily against chickens, turkeys, and other sensitive beings languishing in the human gulag. Reading about such horrors, we cannot but share her indignation and outrage at the barbarism of humankind.

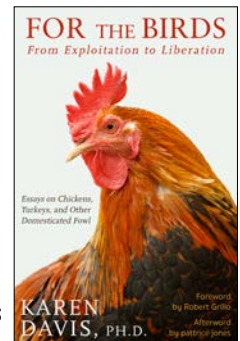
It takes a skilled writer, however, to be able to make us feel more than horror, and Karen Davis, who earned her doctorate in literature, approaches her material in an engaging way that never fails to hold our interest. When I put down “For the Birds,” I wanted to know more rather than less about the complex issues she had raised. The spare, cogent quality of her prose only heightens the pathos of her unsparing arguments, which burn with restrained anger and are framed by the author’s uncompromising moral vision. “For the Birds” is a call to moral arms, and there are few who could resist so eloquent and powerful a call.

Some of the most affecting passages in “For the Birds” are to be found in Karen’s personal observations of the chickens and turkeys in her sanctuary. She vividly conveys the intelligence and dignity of these beings, revealing them not as “types” but as individuals, each with a distinct personality, likes and dislikes, relationships, and emotional complexity. That the birds are also rescues who, in many cases, suffered severe physical and psychological trauma, only makes her stories of the birds’ resilience, affection, and trust that much more poignant.

“For the Birds” will appeal to anyone who cares about animals. However, the book will hold special interest for readers who are themselves involved in animal activism, and who stand to benefit from Karen’s invaluable, hard-won reflections on movement tactics and strategy. In her exemplary life, as in her new book, she demonstrates the importance of remaining true to one’s ideals and principles--no matter how long the odds. It takes courage, she shows, to hold a mirror up to society and demand that society see itself as it truly is, rather than as it imagines or wishes itself to be. Though it is hard to find such courage, and harder to maintain it, Karen Davis shows us why that courage is so necessary--“for the birds.” And for all the animals.

– John S. Sanbonmatsu

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Pre-Slaughter Electrical Shock Is Not “Stunning”

Benjamin Franklin described his own experience while trying to electrocute a turkey in 1750.

By Karen Davis, PhD, President,
United Poultry Concerns

It is falsely asserted that birds are “stunned” by the pre-slaughter electrified trough water through which they are dragged, face down, hanging by their heels on the disassembly line in the slaughter plants. Never was a term more misused, along with “euthanasia” (a merciful death) to describe murdering animals by torturous means.

It is not possible to humanely stun a chicken, a turkey or other birds in the slaughterhouses. The electrified water is not intended to stun them. It is not designed to render them unconscious or pain-free. It is not meant to kill them. The purpose of their being dragged face down through cold, salted, splashing electrified water, prior to partial throat-cutting, is 1) to fit them to the slaughter machinery and 2) to loosen their feathers after they are dead.

A high level of electrical current that could induce outright death is avoided since it would interfere with “plant efficiency” and cause hemorrhage – a “bloody bird,” in the words of a researcher, making the bird unsalable.

Let us please not falsify the agony endured by the electrically paralyzed birds or mistakenly urge that they be “stunned” by a process that tortures them. The language of “proper electrical stun,” referring to strictly commercial goals, disguises their unspeakable agony.



Photo by: L. Parascandola, Tyson Slaughterhouse, Richmond, Virginia



Photo by Carol McCormick, Townsend's Chicken Slaughter Plant

**“When Benjamin Franklin Shocked Himself While Attempting to Electrocute a Turkey”
– *Smithsonian Magazine***

“Franklin believed a turkey killed with electricity would be tastier than one dispatched by conventional means: decapitation.”

Timothy J. Jorgensen, the writer of this November 25, 2021 *Smithsonian Magazine* article, excerpted below, might have noted that, starting in the 1930s, the use of paralytic electricity was being experimentally researched for mass-production of birds to replace the traditional farm’s use of scrambling their brains with knives to paralyze their muscles. Maybe Franklin’s account “inspired” the burgeoning poultry industry of the 1930s to institutionalize this torturous procedure, which is how the majority of chickens, turkeys, ducks and other birds, including ostriches and emus, are immobilized to this day in the slaughter plants prior to having their necks partially cut by rotating mechanical blades:

According to the *Smithsonian* article,

“The statesman set out to develop a standard procedure for preparing turkeys with static electricity collected in Leyden jars. One day, while performing a demonstration of the proper way to electrocute a turkey, he mistakenly touched the electrified wire intended for the turkey while his other hand was grounded, thereby diverting the full brunt of the turkey-killing charge into his own body. Writing to his brother John two days later, on Christmas Day in 1750, Franklin detailed what happened next:

‘The company present ... say that the flash was very great and the crack as loud as a pistol; yet my senses being instantly gone, I neither saw the one nor heard the other; nor did I feel the stroke on my hand, though I afterward found [that] it raised a round swelling where the fire entered as big as half a pistol bullet, by which you may judge of the quickness of the electrical fire, which by this instance seems to be greater than the sound, light or animal sensation.’

Franklin continues:

‘I then felt what I know not how well to describe—a universal blow through my whole body from head to foot, which seemed within as well as without; after which the first thing I took notice of was a violent, quick shaking of my body, which, gradually remitting, my sense as gradually returned, and I then thought the bottles must be discharged, but could not conceive how, till at last I perceived the chain in my hand, and recollected what I had been about to do. That part of my hand and fingers which held the chain was left white, as though the blood had been driven out, and remained so eight or ten minutes after, feeling like dead flesh; and I had a numbness in my arms and the back of my neck, which continued till the next morning, but wore off. Nothing remains now of this shock but a soreness in my breast bone, which feels as if I had been bruised. I did not fall but suppose I should have been knocked down if I had

received the stroke in my head. The whole was over in less than a minute.’”

To conclude:

“The whole” of Franklin’s ordeal was not over “in less than a minute” according to his own testimony about the lingering aftereffects of his sudden electric shock. Birds in the slaughter plants endure sustained facial and whole body shock, following their immersion in the electrified water before slaughter. They are then kept alive and breathing for a while so that their still-beating hearts will continue to pump blood out of their bodies before they are thrown both dead and alive into the splashing scald-water tanks. This is how we treat our fellow creatures. – *Karen Davis, United Poultry Concerns*



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“We could no longer look at a piece of meat anymore without seeing the sad face of the suffering animal who had lived in it when the animal was still alive.” He told how, at the slaughter plant where he worked, *“The chickens hang there and look at you while they are bleeding. They try to hide their head from you by sticking it under the wing of the chicken next to them on the slaughter line. You can tell by them looking at you, they’re scared to death.”*

–Virgil Butler, Ex-Tyson Slaughterhouse
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Our Turkey Bus Posters Win Praises in Austin, Texas!



Each November we pick a city in which to run public transportation ads urging a compassionate holiday. This year we chose Austin, Texas. One person who saw our ad exclaimed, *“There has never been an ad like this in Austin!”*

Others wrote or left phone messages as follows:

“You’re clearly making a lot of impact, because a student at UT [University of Texas] saw your poster on the bus, posted it in the GroupMe chat group to share with others, and that’s how we came across it!”

“I live in Austin and saw a bus with an advertisement that encouraged people to not buy and eat turkeys on Thanksgiving. I was very curious about this ad because I support animal rights organizations and started learning and reading more on your website.”

“I saw your turkey ad on one of our buses and almost drove off the road! I used to work in a chicken slaughter plant, so I have total appreciation for what you’re talking about.”

“I saw your turkey ad in Austin – I love it! It’s unbelievable! I just stumbled over it. My girls are my pets!”

What Can I Do?

To support our bus transit ads, please donate and designate this project. Each spring we also choose a city or two in which to run a transit ad for our International Respect for Chickens Day May 4/month of May campaign.

A city transit ad campaign costs \$30,000 for one month.

Thank you for your support!



UPC Targets American Humane on Behalf of Turkeys

Consider some new traditions

LETTER TO THE EDITOR, *THE RIVERDALE PRESS*, NEW YORK

Posted December 21, 2021 and published in the print edition December 15, 2021.

To the editor:

(re: *"Think about the animals," Nov. 25*)

I am writing in response to a letter by the president of American Humane, Robin Ganzert, promoting her group's "Humane Certified" label, urging people who "care" about animals — turkeys in particular — to purchase the turkeys her group certifies for the holiday table.

Reading this letter closely, one does not see a single detail about how the Humane Certified turkeys are actually raised and slaughtered. Searching American Humane's website, I did not find any specific guidelines or an informative definition of "humane" relating to turkey production.

For example, do the "Humane Certified" turkeys mate naturally, or are they "milked" and inseminated artificially by teams of workers, as in standard operations? How exactly are the Humane Certified turkeys killed? And are they slaughtered on the farm, or are they transported to slaughterhouses?

I would also like to know what American Humane's policy is regarding the partial beak and toe amputation that is routinely practiced by standard commercial operations. In recent years, undercover investigations of so-called humane farming operations — including turkey operations — have revealed startling animal cruelty.

Butterball suppliers have similarly been shown to treat their turkeys badly.

Contrary to urging people to celebrate the holidays with a turkey, I urge people to consider new traditions that forego the turkey in favor of a truly compassionate table.

Karen Davis
The author is president of the Virginia-based United Poultry Concerns



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The pain of losing them is the price we pay for the privilege of knowing them and sharing their lives . . .

We thank those people who have contributed to our work with recent donations *In Loving Memory and in Honor and Appreciation* of the following beloved family members and friends, both those who have passed away and those who are with us.

My donation is in honor of Alice Kottmyer of Laurel, Maryland. – *Elizabeth Muhleisen*

Happy Birthday, Denise! From your feathered friends. – *Charles Bivona*

Dear UPC, Thank you as always for all you do! I think of you often with admiration and gratitude. We lost our senior chickens (the last three, out of six) this past winter and spring, our two hens Carmelita and Dusty Rose and our rooster Roosie. We think of them and miss them, daily. Our donation is in memory of them. – *Cheryl Viisainen Hopkins and David Hopkins*



Carmelita, Dusty Rose and Roosie



Dear UPC, having had a pet chicken, I relate to you folks. – *Jerry Anderson*

Dear UPC, please accept my donation in memory of my beloved Barred Rock, Lightening Lemonade Bug. – *Sierra Bright*

Dear UPC, I'm renewing my membership in memory of my sister, Patti, who died this past summer. She loved animals and birds, and ducks were her special favorites. Also in memory of two very special little roosters, Tony Tornado and Foxy, who were both killed by predators this past summer. – *Barbara Moffit*

Hello - My gift is in honor of Sarah Kindrick who, over the decades, has provided loving homes and great care to so many animals including chickens and turkeys. – *Margaret Kenan Carpenter*

Dear UPC, my niece Melanie's doggie, Sandy, passed away, and as I do every time a loved one of mine loses a beloved animal, I promised I would make a donation to a nonprofit Animal Rights organization in Sandy's memory. If you could include my note honoring Sandy in your magazine, that would be great! – *Karen Emanuel*

Hi! This donation is in loving memory of Mike Amerson. He loved all animals and even had a pet pig live in the house. He will be missed! Bless you for all your good work. – *Gail Wilson*

Hi UPC – My donation is for my husband of 28 years, Raymond, who died on May 10, 2021. He admired you very much. – *Joanne Douglas*

Dear UPC, my donation is in memory of Daphne Duck. – *Merry Thompson*

Dear UPC, my donation is a gift of love for Rina Deych and the entire Alliance to End Chicken Kaporos Rescue Team. Thank you! – *Emily Fano*

My donation is a Christmas present for a chicken. Thank you for your work. – *Glenda Wood*

Dear UPC, my donation is in memory of Tiny my little hen. She will always be remembered for her feisty spirit. She was a good mom. I will miss her following me around the backyard awaiting her treats of grapes.

– Victoria Figurelli

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

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

Massachusetts Legislature Betrays “Egg-Laying” Hens & Voters

A Dec. 20, 2021 article, “Mass. Legislature passes animal welfare law changes, set to ease egg supply fears,” published in *State House News Service*, describes the process whereby “A last-minute legislative deal to rewrite key sections of a voter-approved animal welfare law landed on Gov. Charlie Baker’s desk on Monday, less than two weeks before the scheduled start of new regulations that could impact the availability of eggs and pork in Massachusetts.”

“After House and Senate negotiators announced a deal on Sunday night, the branches on Monday quickly agreed to a bill (S 2603) updating the standards for housing egg-laying hens and delaying by seven and a half months the start of a ban on the sale of pork products from cruelly confined animals.”

“The bill overhauls a law voters passed via ballot question in 2016 just weeks before enforcement is set to begin, drawing fierce criticism from the Humane Farming Association, whose executive director accused other animal rights groups who support the measure of being ‘co-opted’ by business interests.”

The article explains that “Under the compromise legislation, farmers could house hens with a single square foot of floor space per bird if they are placed in ‘multi-tiered aviaries, partially-slatted cage-free housing systems or any other cage-free housing system that provides hens with unfettered access to vertical space.’ Single-level enclosures would still need to offer 1.5 square feet per hen.”

In fact, single-level enclosures are being replaced industry-wide by the multi-tiered systems.

As United Poultry Concerns and The Humane Farming Association have repeatedly observed, these “multi-tiered aviaries” for laying hens, rather than



Multi-tiered facilities are stacked with tiers crowded with hens. There is no “unfettered access to vertical space” in these densely packed facilities.

increasing the hens’ “welfare,” decrease it. The multi-tiered housing system is designed by the egg industry to pack more hens into a facility’s volume of space than is possible in a system in which all the hens in the facility are on the floor in so-called single-level enclosures.

And, contrary to claims that this multi-tiered housing system “provides hens with unfettered access to vertical space,” in reality, it “fetters” their access to the platforms (tiers) above the floor because the spaces are so overcrowded with hens, there is no available space for a hen to “access” without landing on other hens. This situation encourages the hens to “stay put” in their single square foot of living space per hen while increasing the likelihood of broken and fractured leg and wing bones in hens who try to fly up or down without hitting the hens above or below them.

This legislative betrayal of the birds, and of the will of the 77 percent of Massachusetts voters in 2016, supports the egg industry. It has nothing to do with making an already miserable life better for the hens.

The Kaporos Rescues of 2021

A Retrospective by Jill Carnegie, Kaporos Rescue Team Coordinator for UPC's Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos in New York City

"We truly have an extended network of human angels delivering above and beyond every year to make this happen." – Jill Carnegie



Preparing our network of sanctuaries in every region of the United States

Every year we hope that Kaporos won't happen – of course. As the week of rituals approaches in New York City, the intimate group of humans who make up the Official Kaporos Rescue Team put everything else in our lives on hold. Personally, I have to start that process about eight weeks in advance. And we all anticipate that our side of the work will continue at least three-four weeks after the rituals conclude. Fully a quarter of our year is 100% dedicated to this one effort in what has become the largest annual animal liberation in the United States. As much as rescuers face such violence, death, risk, and other horrors, it is the most gratifying project we could possibly dedicate ourselves to.

Just like every year, the folks on the team in charge of placement work year-round to cultivate and nurture relationships with sanctuaries and private homes across the country. The chickens used in New

York City as Kaporos are Cornish-Cross chickens, genetically modified beyond any form recognizable as natural. Therefore, they require a different type of care than other chickens. **The homes we partner with recognize these birds as individuals worthy of the best opportunity at life we can offer.** Though they are bred to live only a month or two and will, for the rest of their lives, be prone to heart attacks and mobility issues, these chickens are also affectionate, extremely curious, and have the loveliest personalities.

In 2021, we were proud to welcome a new region into our network of homes: Hadassa Nicole DeJack-Reynolds, of Tikkun Olam Farm Sanctuary in Phoenix, Oregon, reached out to us, as she already provided top-notch care to five generations of Kaporos survivors. She was ready to not only work with a more organized rescue effort, but also to level up her sanctuary's year-round advocacy from the Jewish perspective. Since the Official Kaporos Rescue Team is a formal part of the Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos, this partnership was inevitable. In forming this relationship, our rescue effort extended its placement network to every region of the United States, with the Pacific Northwest now included. In addition to this new community of sanctuaries, our placement team supported the homes we've worked with previously to increase their capacity and prepare them to take in 2021 survivors. By the time Kaporos rituals were set to begin, we had secured qualified homes for hundreds of chickens.

We are fortunate to work with a unique space in Brooklyn in recent years to set up our hospital and triage center, and this space and access to needed amenities is granted to us at no cost. With Tamerlaine Sanctuary and Preserve leading, and with the help of activist volunteers, our hospital was stocked and prepared to give those rescued their best chance of survival. This year, we accepted donated towels, sheets, and carriers from the broader community of folks who oppose the use of chickens as Kaporos, and the community did not disappoint! Along with invaluable donor funds, the Official Rescue Team was ready for the week of rituals, which started on a Wednesday night in September in 2021. By Friday morning, over 100 survivors had already gone through triage and were recuperating at our highly-skilled foster homes outside of the city!

Overtaken chicken transport truck caught us by surprise



Then, the rescue crew was caught by surprise: A transport truck carrying chickens to Kaporos sites in Brooklyn had taken a sharp turn off a highway, throwing multiple crates packed with baby chickens into a busy street. Animal Care Centers of New York City had been contacted and NYPD was on the scene, but the Kaporos Rescue Team arrived first (with support from board members and leadership of Voters For Animal Rights). **We saw dozens of chickens loose and scared and sprang into action to get them out of harm's way.** Trucks had to be stopped in the middle of the street so that activists could dive under them to retrieve chickens attempting to hide beneath. We also found dozens of birds who had died, some clearly dead from the impact of hitting the street, others likely already dead in the crates before the accident.

We rushed the victims to our hospital, and 14 birds had severe compound fractures and head wounds, requiring immediate veterinary attention. Our vet partners were on standby for Kaporos Week, so fortunately we were able to get them comprehensive medical care right away. ACC arrived at our triage site, and we counted 239 birds rescued. ACC managed to

place 225 of the chickens with their partners, while the Official Kaporos Rescue Team assumed responsibility for the medical treatment and placement of the 14 birds at the vet. If our hospital and team had not arrived when they did, those critically injured birds would have suffered transport to the ACC partners and may not have survived. This collaborative work was appreciated by both groups, and will be explored further in anticipation of 2022 Kaporos.



Daily chicken care actions through September 2021

Members of the Rescue Team were on hand at the daily Chicken Care actions, where advocates negotiated for the surrender of injured birds. Where possible, police were involved and helpful in getting several birds out. By the weekend, over 20 birds were receiving extensive medical care by our fosters, and nearly 400 others were either stabilizing in foster care or had already been taken to their permanent homes along the East coast by our volunteer drivers. On that Saturday, we also welcomed Anna Boarini of VINE Sanctuary, who would be staying at triage around the clock the remaining days of Kaporos. She joined Viola Agostini and Gabrielle Stubbert of Tamerlaine Sanctuary and Preserve who were also on-site daily as our expert caregivers.

The morning after the final (and largest) night of Kaporos rituals is one of our biggest opportunities to rescue birds. By dumpster-diving, finding loose birds at Kaporos sites after the rituals are over, and through

(continued) The Kaporos Rescues of 2021

relationships with a few of the non-Hasidic workers who slaughter at the sites, rescuers got over 100 more birds out of danger.

Shortly after the Kaporos sites were all broken down and the “grab” portion of the NYC rescue was over, we were contacted by activists in New Jersey who were overwhelmed with hundreds of birds from their Kaporos efforts. We took responsibility for 50 of the birds under their supervision. Most of these babies had open festering wounds and needed the qualified treatment of the caregivers we work with every year. We look forward to supporting the rescuers in NJ we helped this year with next year’s efforts.

In the weeks following Kaporos, our fosters went above and beyond to provide love and care to over 150 chickens while the logistics for the cross-country transport were finalized. At the end of September, Matt Marshall drove a large climate-controlled van with over 115 survivors from New York all the way to Northern California, stopping at multiple homes along the way to deliver the 6-week-old chickens to their permanent homes at last. He did this with no sleep for 2.5 days in order to minimize the transport time for the birds and keep them stable. Sanctuaries along the way also supported him and the birds with cleaning, refreshed

water and food, and other necessities. Every bird was delivered healthy and energetic!

Official Kaporos Rescue Team accomplishes largest annual animal liberation in the U.S.

We broke a new record in 2021- 708 Kaporos survivors were saved, triaged, treated, transported, and homed with qualified people who understand the special care they need. The core Rescue Team itself is comprised of only about a dozen activists, most of whom have been rescuing at Kaporos for eight years. Year after year, this is the one time these skillful people come together, and the result is simply remarkable. The Official Kaporos Rescue Team accomplishes the largest annual animal liberation in the U.S. only with the incredible support of our partner homes, volunteer transporters, volunteers at triage, and the spectacular monetary contributions made by the larger community. The 2021 rescue cost over \$20,000, not including the value of the spaces, goods, and hours donated throughout the course of this effort. Those costs were fully covered thanks to donations.

The only positive moments of New York City’s Kaporos do glow brightly - the hundreds of lives saved, and the unification of so many humans who love them.
 – *Jill Carnegie, Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos, December 3, 2021*

708

708 Kaporos survivors in 2021 saved by the Official NYC Kaporos Rescue Team!

Each bird triaged, treated, and going to safe forever homes thanks to your support.

@kindkaporos

United Poultry Concerns thanks everyone who generously contributed to the success of our 2021 rescue, medical care, and homing of 708 chickens who would otherwise have been brutally slaughtered or died neglected on the streets of Brooklyn, New York. We are pleased to report a balance that will carry over to our 2022 Kaporos Rescue Team’s operation.

Total Expenditures: \$28,943.38

Total Donor Contributions: \$40,927.11 (\$15,197 Facebook + \$10,000 Matching + \$11,705.11 PayPal + \$4,025 donation checks).

REMAINING BALANCE: \$7,443.38

“Responsible” Down: Beware * Don’t Buy * Don’t Wear!

Do not be fooled by claims of “responsible” or “humanely-obtained” feathers or down.

A company called Allied Feather + Down (www.alliedfeather.com) labels its feather-down-filled wearing apparel as “sustainably sourced” and “responsibly sourced.” Environmental buzzwords like “sustainable” and “responsible” comfort customers with visions of environmentally-friendly feather-farming. Similarly, feathers and other avian products may be marketed as “humanely sourced” when in fact these products come from factory-farmed birds and are neither environmentally friendly nor humane.



Photo by Society for the Advancement of Animal Wellbeing

While the term “factory farmed” normally refers to animals raised and slaughtered for food, it applies to all commercially mass-produced animals. The following promotional statement by Allied Feather + Down suggests that the ducks raised for this company have their feathers ripped out – perhaps multiple times – before the survivors are slaughtered for duck meat.

Industrial Farm

Today, down is collected from farms and collectors following the raising of these birds for sustenance.

“The value of the down and feathers in this supply chain are estimated at between 2% and 5% of the value of the bird. An overwhelming amount of the value comes from the meat. This is why no birds are simply raised for their down alone. It’s also interesting to note that the changes we have pushed for in building a standard like the Responsible Down Standard don’t only benefit the outdoor and apparel industry but have made marked changes to the global poultry supply chain.” – Allied Feather + Down

Down – the soft, tight breast feathers of birds – is pulled by workers from factory-farmed ducks and geese, leaving them bleeding in excruciating pain. Other

feathers are byproducts of the foie gras industry, in which ducks and geese are force-fed with metal tubes to produce diseased livers for gourmet appetizers.

Birds who are not plucked alive but whose feathers are similarly stuffed in pillows, comforters, and clothing are packed in filthy sheds the same as the live-plucked birds. Ornamental feathers and fishing lures are pulled from the tail feathers of roosters who are factory-farmed solely for this purpose and then trashed. Whiting Farms in Colorado (www.whitingfarms.com) keeps blood off the feathers by gassing the birds painfully to death by forcing them to breathe carbon dioxide (CO2). Every inhalation to try to get oxygen and expel the poisonous gas from their lungs tightens the slow strangulation and agony of suffocation.



Allied Feather + Down receipt

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What Can I Do?

- ❗ If you are thinking of buying a feather fashion accessory, please don't. Choose feather-free jewelry and other ornaments.
- ❗ Do not buy a coat, jacket, comforter, pillow or other clothing, bedding or household product filled or decorated with feathers/down, fleece or fur. When making hotel reservations, ask that foam-filled pillows and coverlets be in your room when you arrive. When you get to your room, examine the pillows and read the tag. It will say if the filler is feathers/down or polyester/foam. If your request has been overlooked, politely ask the front desk to replace the feather/down pillows with feather-free ones and explain why.
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The Great Outdoors: Oct.-Dec. 2021!



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UPC sanctuary photo of Mary Finelli,
Jennifer Porter, and Karen Davis



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UPC Hens in a Favorite Roosting Tree



Sonoma County VegFest in Santa Rosa, CA



Richmond Vegfest, Virginia



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Richmond Vegfest, Virginia



Loudoun County Vegfest, Virginia



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Whole Foods in La Jolla, CA



Trader Joe's in Encinitas CA



Peaceful demonstration in Olney, Maryland



Peaceful demonstration in Olney, Maryland

Vegan Recipe Corner

Banana Bread Pudding

Recipe by Lucie Javorska at OneGreenPlanet.org.

Ingredients

- 7 ounces whole grain spelt bread, cubed (or any hearty bread)
- 3/4 cup non-dairy milk
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup or another sweetener
- 1 teaspoon ground flax seeds
- 2 bananas, cut into thick slices
- 2 tablespoons natural peanut butter
- 1/4 teaspoon cardamom (optional)
- More maple syrup, for serving (optional)

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. Combine all ingredients in a bowl until thoroughly mixed.
3. Divide into ramekins (or other small baking dishes) and bake for about 20 minutes, until golden on top.
4. Time varies depending on the oven and ramekin size used.
5. Serve hot or cold and drizzle with maple syrup, if you like.

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



Photo by Liqin Cao

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"Chickens - To Know Them is to Love Them"



"Misery is Not a Health Food"

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- "Viva, the Chicken Hen / Chickens Raised for Meat"
- "Jane-one tiny chicken foot"
- "Starving Poultry for Profit" (forced molting)
- "Poultry Slaughter: The Need for Legislation"
- "The Rougher They Look, The Better They Lay" (free-range egg production)
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- "Celebrate Easter Without Eggs"
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- "Guide to Staffing Tables: Do's & Don'ts"
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- "Avoiding Burnout"
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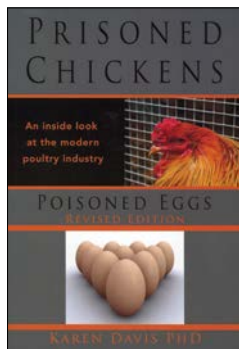


BOOKS

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

By Karen Davis

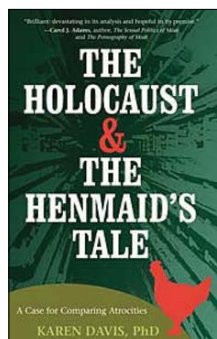
This newly revised edition of *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs* looks at avian influenza, food poisoning, chicken suffering, genetic engineering, and the growth of chicken rights activism since the 1990s. Presents a compelling argument for a compassionate plant-based cuisine. "Riveting . . . Brilliant."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

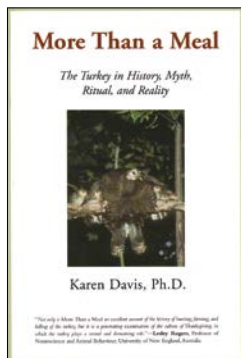
In this thoughtful and thought-provoking contribution to the study of animals and the Holocaust, Karen Davis makes the case that significant parallels can – and must – be drawn between the Holocaust and the institutionalized abuse of billions of animals on factory farms. "Compelling and convincing .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



More Than a Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality

By Karen Davis

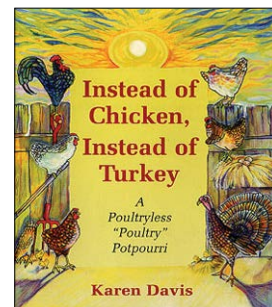
Karen Davis shows how turkeys in the wild have complex lives and family units, and how they were an integral part of Native American and continental cultures and landscape before the Europeans arrived, while drawing larger conclusions about our paradoxical relationship with turkeys, all birds and other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



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

By Karen Davis

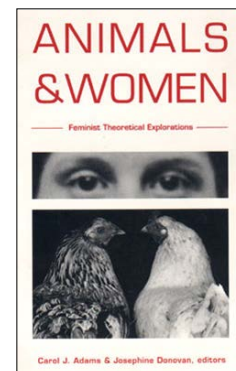
This delightful vegan cookbook by United Poultry Concerns features homestyle, ethnic, and exotic recipes that duplicate and convert a variety of poultry and egg dishes. Includes artwork, poems, and illuminating passages showing chickens and turkeys in an appreciative light. \$14.95



Animals and Women: Feminist Theoretical Explorations

Edited by Carol J. Adams & Josephine Donovan

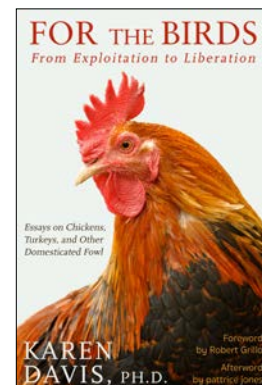
"Karen Davis's brilliant essay [Thinking Like a Chicken: Farm Animals and The Feminine Connection] brings together the book's central concepts, leading to conclusions that rightly should disturb feminists and animal advocates alike." – Review by Deborah Tanzer, Ph.D. in *The Animals' Agenda*. \$16.95



For the Birds: From Exploitation to Liberation

Essays by Karen Davis

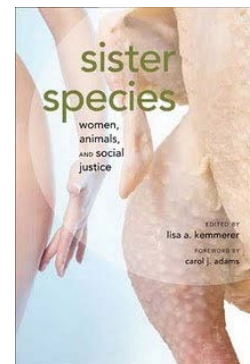
FOR THE BIRDS "Can Only Be Described with Superlatives" – *Animal Culture Magazine*. \$20



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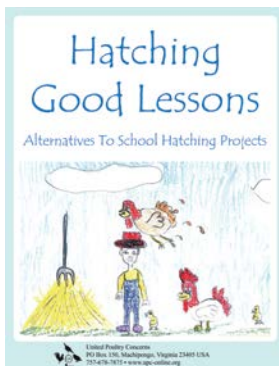
CHILDREN'S BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Hatching Good Lessons: Alternatives To School Hatching Projects

By *United Poultry Concerns*

A guide booklet for elementary school teachers and other educators including parents. 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

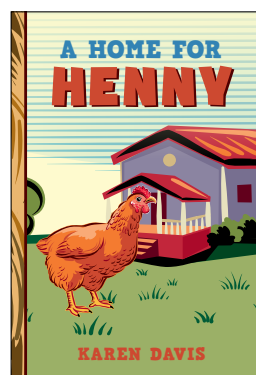
www.upc-online.org/hatching.



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

By *Roberta Kalechofsky*

This wonderfully gifted children's story, set in modern Israel, is about a young boy's quest for moral independence. An intelligent book for all ages. Winner of the Fund for Animals "Kind Writers Make Kind Readers Award." \$10



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



Dave Loves Chickens

By *Carlos Patino*

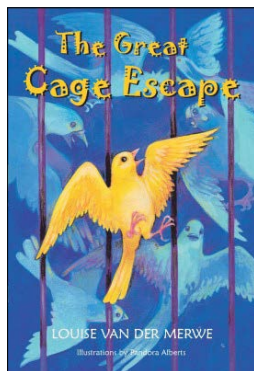
Dave is a quirky monster from another planet who loves chickens and all animals on Earth. He encourages people to share his love and not eat any

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

The Great Cage Escape

Grades 4-7. By *Louise Van Der Merwe*

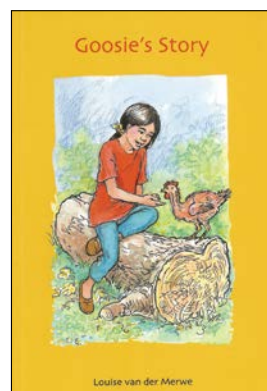
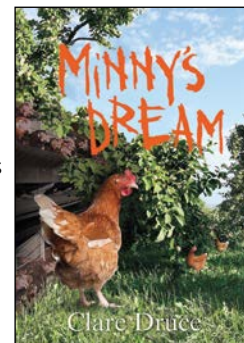
The birds in a pet shop think they are happy until a brown box punched full of air holes is left overnight on their front door step. The creature inside looks very weird at first. But as his feathers begin to grow, his true identity becomes apparent, and the stories he tells inspire the pet shop birds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



Minnie's Dream

By *Clare Druce*

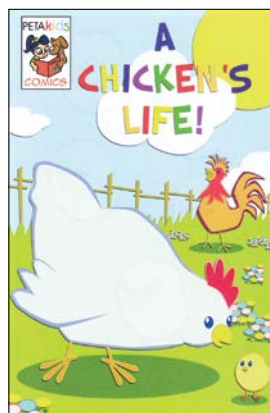
What happens when a young girl from the city discovers a battery-hen operation in the country? What happens when a "battery hen" named Minny speaks to her? What must she do when her friend Minny is going to be killed? This book is a must for the young person(s) in your life, age 8-14. \$10



Goosie's Story

By *Louise Van Der Merwe*

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



A Chicken's Life!

Grades 4-6. *PETAkids Comics*

This cute comic book illustrates a group of children visiting an animal sanctuary where they meet a flock of chickens and learn all about them including the differences between Nature's Way and The Factory Farm Way. "Are these chickens really your friends?" they ask. "I've never met a chicken before." *A Chicken's Life* includes a puzzle for elementary school students to unscramble

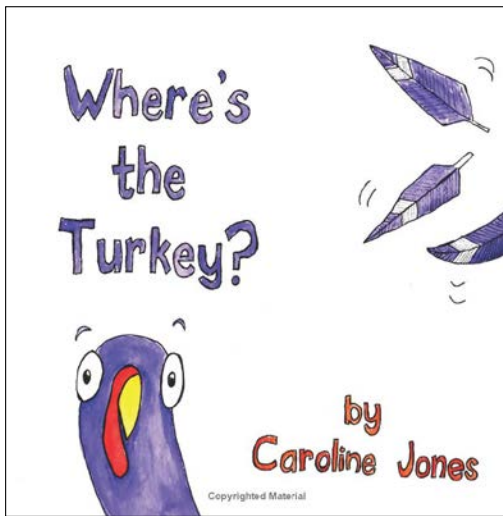
words including barn, beak, cluck, feathers, grass, hatch, peck, peep, wings, and lots more. \$1.50 each. 10 for \$10.

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(continued) CHILDREN’S BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Where’s the Turkey?, by Caroline Jones, is a charming and adorable book for young children. The child is engaged in a journey, with visual clues in the illustrations, toward discovering where the turkey is, which is not on the table. Young children love the “look-and-find” challenge page by page. I recommend this book most highly. It illustrates a Happy Thanksgiving with the whole family and a delicious Thanksgiving feast for which the turkeys themselves can give thanks for enjoying the day in their own happy “turkey” way. \$6.99

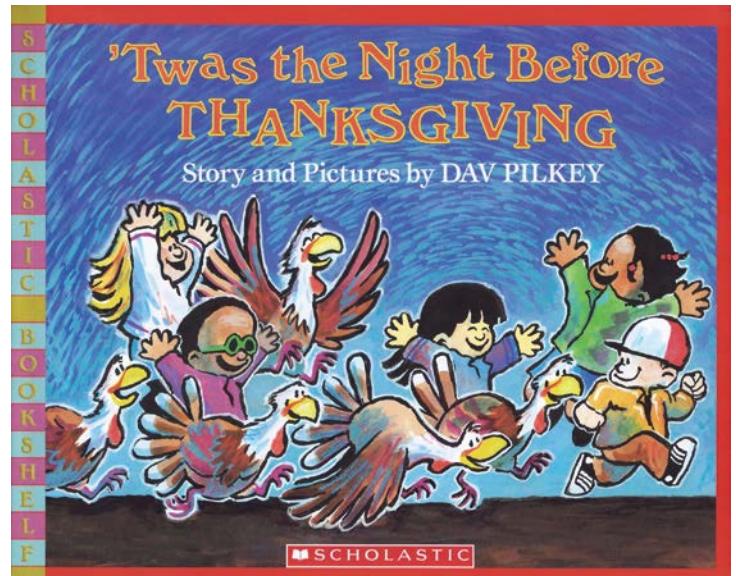
– Karen Davis, United Poultry Concerns



'Twas the Night Before THANKSGIVING

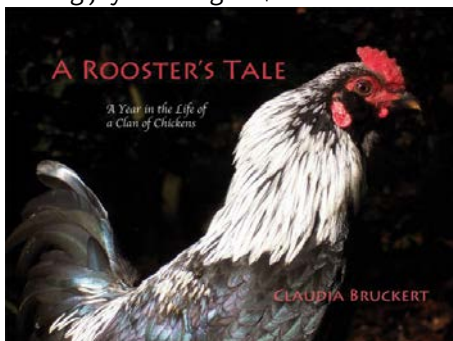
Story and Pictures by Dav Pilkey, Scholastic Book Shelf

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? \$6.99



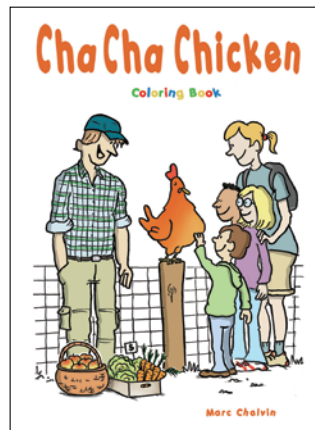
A Rooster’s Tale: A Year in the Life of a Clan of Chickens, by Claudia Bruckert,

transports readers to the fascinating world of Change, who tells the real life story of his chicken family during his first year of life. Enchanting experiences and intriguing facts, chronicled and photographed beautifully over the course of one year, convey deep insights into the daily life of chickens. Grades 3-12 and a reading joy for all ages. \$20



Cha Cha Chicken Coloring Book By Marc Chalvin

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Written by Marian Hailey-Moss and illustrated by Marc Chalvin, Cha Cha shows children that chickens are people too and invites them to color their world beautiful! *Cha Cha Chicken Coloring Book* is a delightful gift for children K-3. \$10

Chickens at Play

By United Poultry Concerns

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International Respect for Chickens Day

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A Heart Beats in Us the Same as in You

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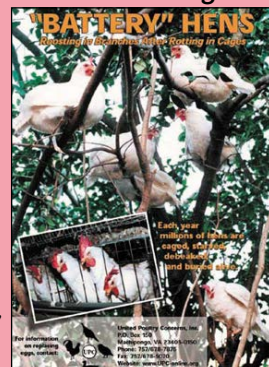
Photo by Dave Clegg. Full color, 18"x22" poster.



"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".



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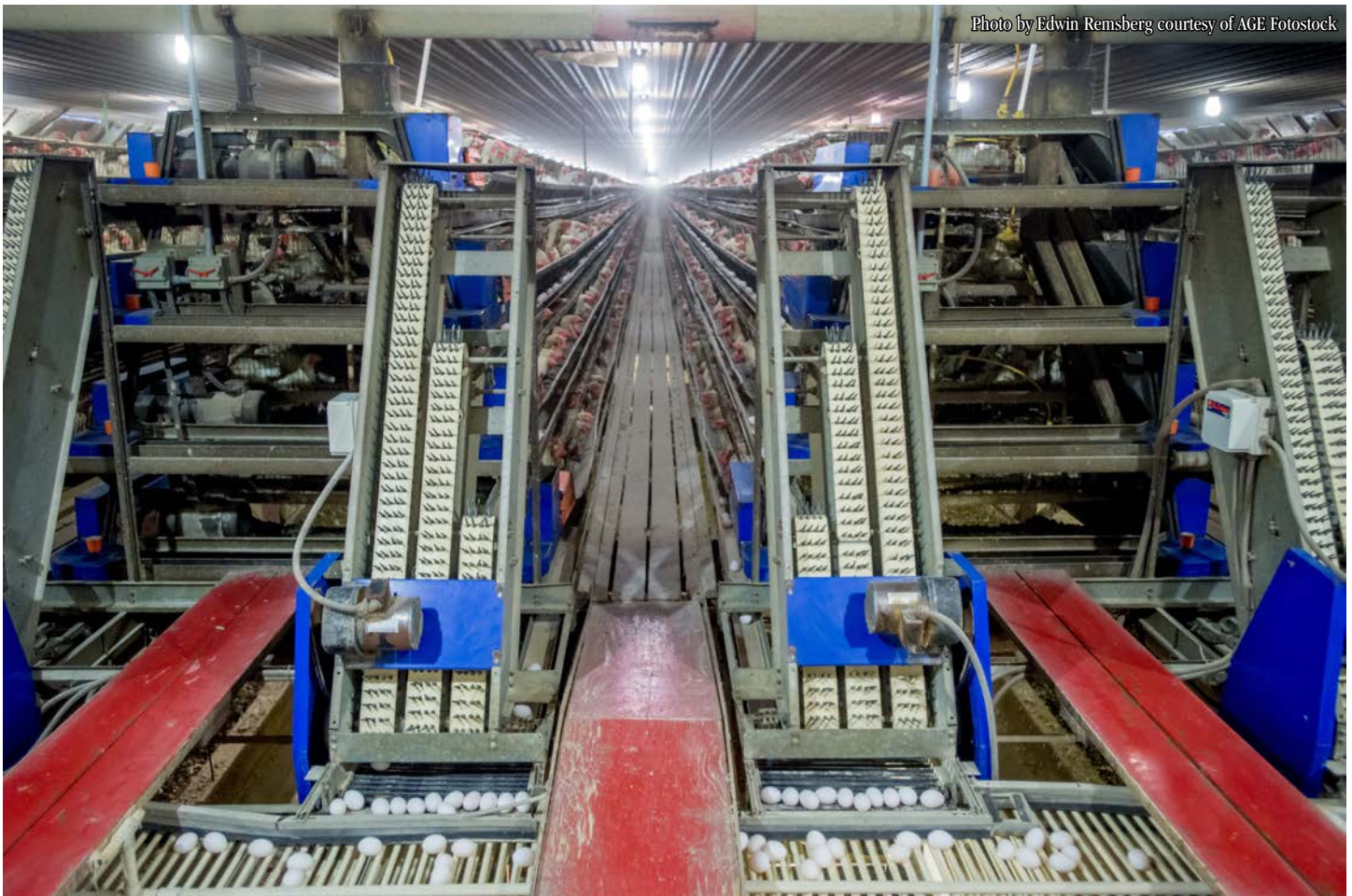


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A battery-caged hen facility in Maryland viewed from the back.