

# United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2023



UPC outdoor aviary photo by Richard Cundari

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United Poultry Concerns holds that the treatment of chickens, turkeys, ducks and other domestic fowl in the areas of food production, science, education, entertainment, and human companionship situations has a significant effect upon human, animal, and

environmental welfare. We seek to make the public aware of the ways poultry are used, and to promote the compassionate and respectful treatment of these birds and the benefits of a vegan diet and lifestyle. UPC conducts full-time educational programs and campaigns through our quarterly magazine *Poultry Press*, our Website at [www.UPC-online.org](http://www.UPC-online.org), and our chicken sanctuary in Machipongo, Virginia.

United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent office, sanctuary and education center at our headquarters at 12325 Seaside Road, Machipongo, Virginia 23405. We respond daily to Internet and telephone requests for help with bird-care problems, student projects, alternatives to classroom chick-hatching projects, and numerous other communications on the care, treatment and abuse of domestic fowl. We are grateful to all of our members and supporters for enabling us to fulfill our mission in 2023. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for support!

## Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2023

For a complete listing of UPC's action alerts, news, photos & activities in 2023, please visit News Archives 2023 at [www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/2023.html](http://www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/2023.html).

## UPC Sanctuary - 2023

*Adopted 2 wonderful chickens in need of a loving home into our 12,000 square foot predator-proof outdoor aviary for the total safety of our rescued birds!*



Photo of Matilda by Liqin Cao, March 30, 2024 at UPC

**International Respect for Chickens Day May 4/ Month of May - Celebrating the Life and Dignity of Chickens & Protesting Their Abuse in Farming Operations. For a full view of our 2023 campaign and wide-ranging activities, see [www.upc-online.org/respect](http://www.upc-online.org/respect).**

- 🐔 Podcast: International Respect for Chickens Day, April 7.
- 🐔 International Respect for Chickens - Gallery of Ideas 2023, April 10.
- 🐔 On 4th May, Wire Fence Will Donate 100% of its Profit for International Respect for Chickens Day, April 20.
- 🐔 News Release: International Respect For Chickens Day Celebrates the Joy of Chickens, May 1.
- 🐔 How Can We Promote Respect For Chickens? An Interview With Karen Davis Of United Poultry Concerns, May 2.
- 🐔 Free from Harm: Help Us Shut Down “WingOut” on International Respect for Chickens Day!, May 4.
- 🐔 Leafleting at the White House for International Respect for Chickens Day, May 6.
- 🐔 Podcast: Sarah, the Hen: Her Legs Were Made for Walking, May 7.
- 🐔 International Respect for Chickens Day/month of May: Images and Words of Kindness and Respect for Our Feathered Friends, May 9.
- 🐔 Letter: Observe International Respect for Chickens Day, *The Berkshire Eagle*, May 10.
- 🐔 The Hen is a Symbol of Motherhood for Reasons We May Have Forgotten, So Let Us Recall, May 11.
- 🐔 United Poultry Concerns tabling at Greenbelt Green Man Festival, May 13.
- 🐔 UPC at Animal Rights March in San Diego, CA, May 13.
- 🐔 Canada Goose Drawing in Honor of International Respect for Chickens Day, May 17.
- 🐔 International Respect for Chickens Month Outreach in Amherst, Massachusetts, May 24.
- 🐔 Poultry Press at Minglewood (vegan) Bake Shop in Richmond, VA, May 31.
- 🐔 Our Big Beautiful Transit Ads in Atlanta & Washington, DC Urge Chicken-Free!, June 1.
- 🐔 Help Us Shut Down Oberlin Public Library’s CRUEL Chick Hatching Events!, June 6.

### Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach Campaigns - 2023

- 🐔 Save Wilbur the Rooster Urgent!, January 21.
- 🐔 News Release: United Poultry Concerns Condemns Chicken Roping Contest, Urges Compassionate Conduct, February 8.
- 🐔 Small Town And Even Smaller Morals: Chicken & Pig Abuse Events Return To Ridgeland, Wisconsin, February 16.
- 🐔 Chicken Roping: A Way Of Life Or Another Way Of Cruelty?, March 2.
- 🐔 Urge Wyoming Officials to Oppose Unlawful Chicken Roping Contest, March 21.
- 🐔 Dangerous, Dreary “Chick Days” Resume at Tractor Supply Stores, March 8.
- 🐔 Petition: Stop Cruel Chick Hatching at Ohio Public Library, August 24.
- 🐔 Get Justice for a Goose Brutally Beaten To Death by a Golfer, September 13.
- 🐔 Petition Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt to Disavow Support for Cockfighting Group, November 28.

### Alliance to End Chicken Kaporos Campaign - 2023

The Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos is a project of United Poultry Concerns launched in 2010 to expose and eliminate the ritual of Kaporos in which chickens are abused and killed for “atonement” in many ultraorthodox Hasidic communities. Our legal and other actions and reports, 2010-2023, can be viewed on the Alliance website at [www.EndChickensAsKaporos.com](http://www.EndChickensAsKaporos.com). Here are a few highlights from 2023.

- 🐔 280 chickens were rescued and quarantined without a single positive case of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI).
- 🐔 Video: Our Nine One-winged Warriors and over 200 of Their Friends Need Your Help!, September 26.
- 🐔 Last Week, Practitioners of Kaporos Swung and Slaughtered at Least 100,000 Chickens in Brooklyn Alone, September 25.
- 🐔 Video: Activists Showed up for Thousands of Kaporos Victims and Rescued Six Baby Chickens from Hell, September 19.

## Fabulous Kiosks & Bus Posters for Chickens and Turkeys! – 2023

- Our Big Beautiful Transit Ads in Atlanta & Washington, DC Urge Chicken-Free for the month of May.



- UPC Runs Bus Ads in Los Angeles for Turkeys, month of November.

## Thinking Like a Chicken Podcasts - 2023

- Can We Assume Consciousness or Happiness in Other Animals?, January 13.
- Leafleting for Animals: A Time-Honored Activist Tradition, January 24.
- “Dominance Through Mentioning”: The Fiction of Fair Coverage of Farmed Animals, January 27.
- “Good” Anthropomorphism versus “Bad” Anthropomorphism: What is the Difference?, February 10.
- Do Chickens Mind Seeing Other Chickens Killed in Their Presence?, March 10.
- Podcast: International Respect for Chickens Day, April 7.
- Letter to a New Vegan, April 21.
- Sarah, the Hen: Her Legs Were Made for Walking, May 7.
- The Futuristic Fate of Birds and the Other Earthlings, May 26.
- Focused Campaigns versus Closed Circle Campaigns: What Would a Chicken Say?, June 15.
- Lost in the Vast, Dark World of Gene-Editing, July 21.

- Karen Davis: This Conversation Will Change How You See Chickens, *Species Unite Podcast*, August 16.

## UPC Webinar Presentations – 2023

- Anthropomorphism as Activism: How to Promote Animal Liberation, March 6.
- Book Launch Party for *The Humane Hoax: Essays Exposing the Myth of Happy Meat, Humane Dairy, and Ethical Eggs*, April 17.
- Compassionate Living’s 4th Annual Humane Hoax Conference, June 13.
- “What Does Animal LIBERATION Really Mean?”, July 11.

## UPC Website Videos – 2023

- Boo, a Dearly Beloved Rooster: Happy Valentine’s Day!, February 14.
- In Celebration of Dr. Karen Davis, United Poultry Concerns February 3.
- Chicken Love – Three Sweet Videos!, March 24.
- Glimpses of Happy Chickens at United Poultry Concerns, June 28.
- Video Interview: True Sanctuary With Karen Davis, September 8.

## New UPC Website Articles – 2023

- WILD ANIMALS AND HUMAN LIFE* - Savage Din, Soft Lyre and the Call of Wild Natures January 6.
- The Agony of Farmed Animals: Betrayed by the AVMA, Ignored by the Media, Abandoned By Almost Everyone, January 18.
- Vet Record: ‘The veterinary profession should not condone killing animals by heatstroke’, January 30.
- MIXING WITHOUT PAIN: Animal Rights and/or Deep Ecology by Karen Davis, February 21.
- False Equivalencies Between Humans and Other Animals, March 17.
- (Why) Would the Media Want Plant-Based Meats to Fail?, May 24.
- “Animal Liberation Now”: Nothing to Crow About, May 30.
- What’s Wrong with ‘Humanely Raised’ Poultry and Eggs?, July 5.

- 🐔 Are Farmed Animal Sanctuaries at Risk?, August 1.
- 🐔 Animal Outlook's Investigation of Tyson Grower Reveals Mass, Systemic Cruelty, August 4.
- 🐔 The Humane Hoax: Essays Exposing the Myth of Happy Meat, Humane Dairy, and Ethical Eggs, August 9.

**Additional Community Outreach - Exhibits & Demonstrations - 2023**

- 🐔 Leafleting at the White House for International Respect for Chickens Day, May 6.
- 🐔 Greenbelt Greenman Fest, MD, May 13-14.
- 🐔 Lancaster VegFest, PA, June 3-4.
- 🐔 Pittsburgh VegFest, PA, July 5.
- 🐔 Richmond Vegfest, VA, September 7.
- 🐔 Peaceful demonstration for Turkeys, Olney, MD, November 12.
- 🐔 Hampton Road VegFest, October 28.

**UPC Opinion in the News:**

- 🐔 Our Letters to LA Times Chide Egg Shortage Complaints, January 12.
- 🐔 Letter to the editor: 'Cage-free' eggs are not humane for hens, March 4.
- 🐔 UPC Letter in NYT: "Missing element in the article", July 22.

**Financial Report - 2023**

**United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1 - December 31, 2023**

Revenues.....	\$525,674
Public Support.....	476,301
<b>Expenses.....</b>	<b>\$408,483</b>
Programs and Education.....	375,729
Organizational Management.....	32,754
<b>Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year.....</b>	<b>\$1,204,674</b>

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*In memory of Karen Davis, PhD, President & Founder (1944-2023)*



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