By Pattrice Jones

It’s time consuming but not particularly difficult, if you understand roosters. Perhaps because of their evolutionary role as sentries and guardians of the flock, roosters tend to be highly sensitive and responsive to danger. With few exceptions, roosters fight because they are afraid - not because they are naturally aggressive. In the wild, male jungle fowl (the wild ancestors of chickens) squabble over pecking order and territory but do not injure one another seriously. The same is true of feral roosters and the roosters here at our sanctuary. Roosters will, however, fight to the death to protect the flock from a predator.

Cockfighting perverts this natural and honorable behavior of the rooster into a parody of human masculinity. Roosters who have been "trained" as fighting cocks co-operate because they have been so traumatized that they are terrified, seeing every other bird as a potentially deadly predator. We rehabilitate fighting cocks by teaching them that they don't have to be afraid of other birds, and that not all human beings are terrorists like the ones who used fear and frustration to trick them into fighting each other. We use the same principles that a therapist might use in helping a person to overcome a phobia. We use the same behavioral principles that a person might use to stop smoking.

Our Methods
A former fighting cock spends most of his first few weeks with us in a large cage, from within which he can see and interact with - but not hurt or be hurt by - the other birds. The cage is portable, so that he can be outside in the shade during the day and then sleep in the coop with the other birds at night. He has his own food and water inside the cage. We also sprinkle food all around the cage, which encourages the hens and younger roosters to gather around and socialize with him as they eat. He and the older roosters may posture or even try to fly at one another but are not

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able to fight.

Several times a day, we take him out of the cage and hold him close until his heart rate is calm. Then we set him down and allow him to roam freely. As long as he gets along with the other birds in a non-aggressive manner, he is rewarded by continued freedom. But if he starts a fight, he is scooped up and put back in the cage. Gradually, the amount of time he is able to be free without starting a fight gets longer and longer until we feel it is safe to allow him to be with the other birds without supervision.

We feel awkward about doing any kind of behavioral training with an animal over whom we have total control but, given that the alternative to coming to our sanctuary is usually euthanasia, we feel it is the right thing to do in this instance. We are, after all, just undoing the damage that other people have done to these birds. Remember, the fighting cock fights only because he is traumatized and terrified. Empathy tells us that these birds are very relieved to learn how not to be so afraid. Our observation of their subsequent behavior tells us that they are very happy to be able to have normal relations with the other birds.

--Pattrice Jones is a codirector of the Eastern Shore Sanctuary & Education Center (Email: sanctuary@bravebirds.org. Website: www.bravebirds.org) and a Consultant & Internet Researcher for United Poultry Concerns. This slightly edited article, reprinted with kind permission, is a section from "Feminist Fusion: The Pattrice Jones Interview (Pt 1)" by Claudette Vaughan, Vegan Voice, No. 18, June-August 2004. Correspondence: Vegan Voice, PO Box 30, Nimbin NSW 2480 Australia. Email: Veganvoice@lis.net.au. Website: http://veganic.net.
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UPC’s 2003 Forum on Promoting Veganism Widely and Effectively (Part III). Talks are Now Available on VHS.

In August 2003, UPC held our 4th Annual Forum at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Following are summaries of talks by Lauren Ornelas of Viva!USA (vivausa.org) and Bruce Friedrich of PETA (peta.org). Other taped speakers are Zoe Weil, Paul Shapiro, Jack Norris, Karen Davis, Patrifice Jones, and Carol Adams. Order single presentations or the whole set from Video Transfer, 5800 Arundel Ave, Rockville, MD 20852. Call 301-881-0270 or fax 301-770-9131 or email videotransfer@movielab.com. All orders must be prepaid by check, money order or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, & American Express). $15 each + shipping.

We thank Annie & Neil Hornish for videotaping these inspiring, permanently valuable 45-minute presentations.

"My Experience Going From Working on Anti-Vivisection to Veganism" by Lauren Ornelas

When I worked on vivisection issues full-time, I often felt ineffective trying to get universities to change their practices. Gail Eisnitz’ book Slaughterhouse opened my eyes to a more direct way of helping animals and getting others to join me. I discovered how simple it is to have a big impact - by going out and talking to people and handing them literature about the suffering of animals on factory farms. I now wait eagerly for people to ask me what they can do. I'm from Texas. When you leaflet in big meat production places like that, you help young people to feel they're not alone anymore. If you talk to them about university research, they don’t feel the applicability to their own lives, whereas veganism is personally applicable and immediately doable.

We leaflet where people buy Honey-baked hams for instance. You'd be surprised how often people apologize to demonstrators about why they're buying this product, saying things like, "I thought about going vegetarian but I didn’t know how." We hand them information about how easy it is to get started. We also have food, like vegan ice cream and delicious meat substitutes. People flock to food, and we want to show them the convenient options. We say, "Save a cow, eat vegan ice cream."

We’ve investigated dairy cow and duck operations and made videos of what we found for distribution. We show people large and small operations so they see this cruelty isn’t just on big farms. We show people what goes on in their own backyard. People driving by these places often have no idea. We expose them to the facts.

One of our big campaigns is to stop the sale of duck meat. People are surprised to learn that ducks are treated just like chickens and turkeys: they’re debilled, force-molted, boiled alive, kept in cramped, filthy conditions, and forced to drink from nipple-drinkers. As waterfowl, ducks need water to maintain their health. They develop eye diseases and other infections when they can’t immerse themselves frequently during the day, and they are miserable.

No matter how bad I might feel, for the animals I go out and act positive and energetic. I have changed myself from negative to positive for their sake, and I have become well-informed. When I tell people about the animals we see in our investigations, I say, "You can see in their eyes how much they need us to speak out for them." Even if you don’t do investigations yourself, you’re making a huge difference by distributing and showing our videos. By doing that and going vegan, you’re part of the solution.

"Effective Vegan Advocacy: Look at Corporations and Steal from Their Corporate Playbook" by Bruce Friedrich

Two books have had a powerful effect on my advocacy: Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Steven continued on page 5
Covey and How To Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie. Covey shows how to avoid getting so bogged down with the "tyranny of the urgent" that we neglect what's important. Carnegie shows how to be an effective communicator. This includes thinking positively to create positive audience response. When I go "out there," I need to be smiling and upbeat.

When I ran a soup kitchen in Washington DC I had a full beard and looked sort of Jesus-like. But I changed because we owe it to the animals to look middle-class like most of our audience. Our own individuality is nothing compared to what animals are suffering, and since we want to enroll people in animal rights, this includes even eating with meat-eaters rather than avoiding opportunities to bring veganism to the table. But don't make the mistake of insisting that the waiter go back to the kitchen to make sure the veggie burger on the menu is strictly vegan. And while courtesy is mandatory, we should never minimize animal suffering or apologize for the "inconvenience we're causing" by prioritizing the animal cruelty issue. We're not sorry for the "inconvenience" - we're sorry for the animal suffering.

Our advocacy for animals is so important that it's incumbent on us not to have haphazard responses when people ask questions. We should practice our responses. Joining Toastmasters is a great way to advance your effectiveness while educating the audience who's critiquing your presentations. And even though we may be tired and don't feel like being "on," remember that the animals are always "on." Wear a button or a t-shirt in public, and when people ask, "Why are you vegan?" don't just say, "I don't support cruelty." That's too vague. Hand them a brochure (always carry literature), and explain, for example, that chickens are debeaked and that all kinds of other painful amputations and surgeries are performed on animals raised for food without anesthetic. Say, "This is like telling the vet, please spay my dog, but don't use anesthetic." Help people see the picture and make the connections. At the same time, explain why they should care about chickens and other animals raised for food. Talk about how intelligent and interesting these animals are.

I believe we are winning. Compared to just a few years ago, 60% of people in the US now support strong laws to protect farmed animals. Even the fast food chains agree that while certain things may be legal, they're not okay. Remember that it took from the 1520s to the 1860s to abolish the slave trade. I think we're reaching a time when the eating of corpses will be as unbelievable as past atrocities that were once accepted as normal.

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From United Poultry Concerns and all our Feathered Friends, we thank you for helping to ensure our future!

Sincerely,
Karen Davis, Ph.D.
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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:

Please accept my donation to support your work in memory of my mother, Barbara C. Kearney. - Lynne K. Stevens

New York Times Runs Full Page Ad Blasting the AVMA

United Poultry Concerns is pleased to have been a sponsor of this powerful full-page ad in the June 21 New York Times, p. A17

For an extensive discussion of the AVMA’s anti-animal policies, you can listen to the June 7 edition of KPFK’s Watchdog, in which Karen Dawn interviewed UPC president Karen Davis, Animal Rights International president Peter Singer, and veterinary consultant for the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, Holly Cheever. It is archived online at http://www.DawnWatch.com/Watchdog.htm. Click on AVMA - June 7.
Has anyone betrayed more animals than the American Veterinary Medical Association?

Betrayed is a strong word. But look at the facts.

The AVMA veterinarian’s oath promises to “protect animal health and relieve animal suffering.” Yet, astoundingly, the AVMA endorses practices that intentionally make animals sick while supporting some of the cruelest conditions for raising farm animals to be found anywhere in the world. So cruel they are banned or being phased out in Europe. But they are common right here in the United States every year. Can you think of anyone else who has betrayed so many?

Here are some of AVMA’s worst betrayals.

Sow Stalls: A Lifetime of Immobility

In 2002, Florida voters outlawed the use of sow stalls in that state. Sow stalls are barren metal cages barely larger than the sow herself in which the pregnant animal spends most of her life. She can’t turn around or lie down comfortably, let alone exercise.

But when California legislators tried for a similar ban, it was quickly derailed because AVMA policy says it is fine to confine pigs in a cage so small they are unable to walk or even turn around for most of their lives.

Laying Hens: Starvation and Death by Wood Chipper

AVMA again showed its anti-animal philosophy in California last year when, according to San Diego County authorities, Dr. Gregg Cutler, a vet on AVMA’s Animal Welfare Committee, advised an egg farmer to get rid of twenty-five thousand live hens with a wood chipper after their laying slowed down.

“Cutler remains on AVMA’s Animal Welfare Committee. In spite of widespread public outrage, Dr. Gregg Cutler, a vet on AVMA’s Animal Welfare Committee, advised an egg farmer to get rid of twenty-five thousand live hens by throwing them, alive and fully conscious, into a wood chipper—advice that was gruesomely followed.”

In a large operation, prolonged starvation kills many of the birds and leaves the survivors with weakened immune systems and endemic levels of salmonella—hardly ethical medical care.

Veal Calves: Intentionally Sick

Veal crating is another U.S. practice that will soon be illegal in Europe. Pale veal is produced by intentionally making the calf anemic and debilitated. The calf spends his whole life squeezed into a two foot wide wooden crate and then many must be dragged to slaughter.

AVMA: Beholden to Industry, not Medicine

Most vets are decent people who care about animals. That same concern to help animals, not hurt them, must be the guiding principle at the AVMA. Instead the organization panders to agribusiness giants. Giving the AVMA’s seal of approval to unscrupulous producers promotes rather than alleviates, disease and suffering. For billions of American farm animals, it is the ultimate betrayal.

Your Voice Can Upgrade AVMA Policies

The AVMA can change if you and your veterinarian get involved. Give your vet a copy of this ad (printable copies can be downloaded at: www.ari-online.org/cruelavma) and ask him or her to urge the AVMA to adopt ethical positions on animal welfare. And please protest to the AVMA yourself using the contact information below.

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More information on the AVMA can be found at AVMAHurtsAnimals.com

Photographs of sow and veal crates courtesy of www.farmsanctuary.org

1 For an explanation of how the starvation of hens forces them into a new laying cycle go to www.ari-online.org/molting or www.upc-online.org/molting/

This ad was produced and paid for by Animal Rights International (ari-online.org), PO Box 532 Woodbury, CT 06788, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (peta.org), United Poultry Concerns (upc-online.org) and Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights (avar.org)
Sixth-Grade Student on Long Island NY Saves Ducklings from Slaughter

"Thank you again for your help in what I have named 'The Duckling Project. You were behind it all.'" - Tim Eisemann to UPC

After Tim Eisemann's 6th-grade class raised ducklings from an incubator in May, the 20 baby birds would have gone to slaughter if Tim had not taken action. Instead he sent out an imploring email to United Poultry Concerns: "Please help me if you can."

Following a weekend of fruitless efforts to find a home for the ducklings, we referred Tim to Sara Whalen of Pets Alive in Middletown, New York (www.petsalive.org). Whalen published an Internet alert, and within minutes, Angels Gate hospice on Long Island offered sanctuary to the ducklings.

Tim challenged the Babylon Memorial Grade School's practice of hatching ducklings for destruction. To help prevent further occurrences, UPC sent his teacher our booklet Hatching Good Lessons: Alternatives To School Hatching Projects. The booklet shows how to teach students intelligently about birds without encouraging the view that animals are disposable objects. Schools typically provide no veterinary care for the many sick and deformed birds hatched needlessly in classrooms. And like all baby birds, ducklings need their mothers.

Tim is a hero. Thanks to his refusal to be spoon-fed animal suffering as "education," 20 doomed ducklings now have a home. Sadly, most birds hatched in classrooms never find homes. A slaughterhouse is not a home, and animal shelters and sanctuaries are overwhelmed with unwanted animals, reflecting society's - and many schools' - contribution to preventable pet overpopulation. As a step in the right direction, we encourage parents, teachers, and students to contact UPC for our free educational literature. (We request a donation, if possible, to support our work.) Tim spoke for many students who are silent out of fear when he wrote, "I am an animal lover, and it would break my heart to see these ducklings go away to a cruel death." By turning his compassion into action, Tim is a mentor for all of us. Email Tim at animaquarius@optonline.net.

In response to our putting Tim's successful "Ducking Project" on the Internet, the Doris Day Animal Foundation (www.ddaf.org) has honored Tim Eisemann with an Animal Kingdom Kindred Spirit Award.

For information on ducks, visit http://upc-online.org/ducks/ For information on hatching project alternatives, visit http://upc-online.org/hatching/ or order from our merchandise pages.

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The Story of Feathers

By Jeri Kratina

Being active in wild bird rescue in New Jersey, a typical phone call I receive involves a person finding an injured bird and not knowing what to do for it or a request to help transport the injured ones to a licensed avian rehabilitation center. Such was the call I received one Saturday afternoon in December 2000 requesting help in transporting some injured birds housed at a local animal shelter to rehab. This call, though, would be anything but typical. I was about to get an education into the world of chickens and gain a new friend for life. One very sad chicken was about to enter my version of chicken heaven.

Arriving at the shelter I was taken into their garage "holding area," and my eyes were immediately drawn to a small cage in the corner. In it was an adult red hen with the saddest looking eyes I'd ever seen. She was housed next to a cage holding two injured pigeons. I asked about the hen and was told she was picked up by animal control in a very large, inner city business/retail area near a county courthouse. While transporting the "wild ones" I couldn't get the sad-eyed hen out of my mind. On my way home I returned to the shelter and brought home one hen and two pigeons. I was amazed at the thinness of the hen - she was literally all lice-infested feathers and bone. Given fresh food and water, she wasn’t interested. Her very ill health became obvious the next morning when I found her lying on her side in the corner of her pen emitting a deep cough.

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Monday morning was the first of many veterinary visits for us. She was found to have two intestinal parasites. After one oral worming, two injectable wormings, and a course of antibiotics, she began to improve. My rule of rehabbing birds is never to name my patients because it makes finding them a new home harder for me. The red hen was called "red hen." I quickly violated my own rule one morning when I woke to find her sleeping in her straw bed surrounded by most of her feathers that had fallen out in the night. Stress molt is a scary thing if you’ve never seen it before. I therefrom called her "Feathers."

Four years later, Feathers lives with me and her good friend Grace, a fancy pigeon who survived a collision with a car and lost the sight in one eye and has neurological damage. Feathers’ first buddy was Peter, a 9-year-old Pekin duck with a fracture in his lower spine as a result of being stepped on in a county park. After nine months, Peter had to be euthanized because of problems remaining from his injury. After Peter was gone, Feathers stopped eating. Again she went into a stress molt. She became herself again only when Grace came home.

Feathers is now living the life I only wish for all chickens. Her pen encompasses most of my backyard which I recently covered with heavy top-netting to keep her safe from our neighboring red tail hawk. She sunbathes in the grass and has two large dustbath holes she’s dug for herself. I start every morning chopping up fresh spinach, Romaine lettuce and red grapes as part of her poultry diet. Every spring, I plant an entire lettuce garden just for her, and she’s allowed to munch on the plants before they’re picked regardless of how small they are. Because of high temperatures in deep summer, her pen now has a "cool chicken" cabana made of special mesh that keeps the air inside 10 degrees cooler than outside.

I’m very fortunate to have Feathers as a friend. She has a strong personality, she is extremely smart, very sensitive, and she really enjoys her life. When I come home from work daily, she comes racing across the yard to me. We then have a great time walking my entire property together searching for hidden little bugs. Feathers is one of the most loved, most spoiled creatures on this earth. According to The Chicken Health Handbook by Gail Damerow, the maximum lifespan of a chicken is 30-35 years. If that is true, we’ll take it!

(UPC Editor’s Note: The maximum lifespan of a chicken appears on page 43 of this useful book published by Storey Publishing. Call 1-800-827-8673) 🦃
GLOBAL WARMING

Ira Glass is Moved by His Visit to UPC to Stop Eating Chickens and All Meat

Many of you will remember UPC’s campaign from 1997-1999 protesting the Poultry Slam hosted by public radio personality Ira Glass on This American Life. Aired on NPR between Christmas and Thanksgiving, the poultry slam ridiculed chickens, turkeys and ducks. Asked for an interview, UPC president Karen Davis accepted on the condition that Glass would first visit our sanctuary and meet our birds. He came on November 22, 1998, met our chickens, saw how innocent they were, and included our interview on his November 27 show: “In this portion of our show,” he said, “Karen Davis explains what it is that we just don’t understand about poultry, and why the whole idea of this poultry show was wrongheaded from the start.”

On July 3, 2004, Ira Glass was a guest on the NPR program Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me. He started talking about the Poultry Slam and how he had received hundreds of letters from irate animal rights activists spearheaded by one woman (Karen Davis of UPC). He said he thought it was so stupid that with the holocaust killing of hundreds of thousands of chickens every day, we would target his show, as if it would make any difference. He said he went to our sanctuary and saw that some of our birds were shy and others were outgoing. After that, he thought of our chickens every time he ate chicken. Someone asked Ira when he last had chicken. He said about 5 years ago, that he has given up meat and that we had the last laugh.

What Can I Do?

This American Life welcomes comments. You may thank Ira Glass by contacting him c/o Elizabeth Meister, This American Life. WBEZ Radio, 848 East Grand Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. Phone: 312-948-4600. Email: web@thislife.org

Karen Davis’ Recent Speaking Engagements Include

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Animal Liberation Student Association Conference, Syracuse University
Animal Rights 2004 National Conference
North American Vegetarian Society Summerfest

To schedule a guest lecture contact Karen Davis at 757-678-7875 or Karen@upc-online.org

UPC President Dr. Karen Davis Welcomes Speaking Engagements

“On behalf of EarthSave Miami, and all the folks who attended the Eighth Annual Turkey-Free Thanksgiving this year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you. Your talk created a greater awareness of other animals as individuals and allowed each of us to more fully appreciate the importance of recognizing the precious interiority of our fellow creatures - particularly our feathered friends.” - Jeffrey P. Colton, Chair, EarthSave Miami, December 2003

“I just wanted to tell you that I appreciated your lecture in my class. I was impressed at your handle on the science and understanding of the bird. This gives you lots of credibility.” - Professor Mark E. Cook, Department of Animal Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2004
Terrorists or Freedom Fighters?
Reflections on the Liberation of Animals, 2004

"Finally, a serious look at the latest liberation movement from an historical, philosophical and activist perspective. A must read for anyone concerned about the future of the movement for animal liberation." - Michael Gregor, M.D.

The first anthology of writings on the history, ethics, politics and tactics of the Animal Liberation Front, Terrorists or Freedom Fighters: Reflections on the Liberation of Animals joins academic and activist perspectives to offer powerful insights into this international organization. From Thomas Aquinas to the Patriot Act - plus personal experiences - the contributors explore the history of civil disobedience and sabotage and examine the meaning of words like "terrorism," "democracy" and "freedom."

Contributors include UPC President Karen Davis, Steve Best, Patrice Jones, Rod Coronado, Kevin Jonas, Judith Barad, Maxwell Schnurer, Tom Regan, Ingrid Newkirk, Anthony Nocella, Karen Dawn, and more!

Here are just a few of the dynamic essays in this historic book:

"Behind the Mask: Uncovering the Animal Liberation Front" by Steven Best, PhD and Anthony J. Nocella II

"Open Rescues: Putting a Face on Liberation" by Karen Davis, PhD

"My Experience with Government Harassment" by Rod Coronado

"Mothers with Monkeywrenches: Feminist Imperatives and the ALF" by Patrice Jones

"At the Gates of Hell: The ALF and the Legacy of Holocaust Resistance" by Maxwell Schnurer, PhD

"It's War! The Escalating Battle Between Activists and the Corporate State Complex" by Steven Best, PhD

"Bricks and Bullhorns" by Kevin Jonas

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United Poultry Concerns holds that the treatment of chickens and other domestic fowl in food production, science, education, entertainment, and human companionship situations has a significant effect upon human, nonhuman, and environmental welfare. We seek to make the public aware of the ways in which poultry are treated and to advance the compassionate and respectful treatment of chickens and other domestic fowl. UPC conducts full-time educational programs and projects, including our quarterly newsletter PoultryPress, our website at www.UPC-online.org, and our sanctuary for chickens.

United Poultry Concerns works with individuals and groups around the world on issues pertaining to the treatment of domestic fowl. Our sanctuary is accredited by the American Sanctuary Association and The Association of Sanctuaries. UPC is an active member of The Summit for the Animals, an annual meeting of the heads of national animal protection organizations in the United States. In 2003 United Poultry Concerns was a financial sponsor of Farmed Animal Watch (farmanimalwatch.net), a weekly email digest of information on farmed animal issues, and of the Animal Rights 2003 National Conference.

United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent full-time office, sanctuary, education center, and poultry adoption, sponsorship, and placement service at our headquarters at 12325 Seaside Road, Machipongo, Virginia 23405. We are grateful to all of our members and supporters for enabling us to fulfill our mission in 2003. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your strong and continuing support.

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2003

Sanctuary
- Adopted 20 "spent breeder" hens from the Eastern Shore chicken industry
- Adopted 5 chickens who fell off slaughterhouse-bound trucks
- Adopted 60 Buckeye hens
- Built a fenced predator-proof chicken house (making 6 houses in all)
- Helped individuals and humane societies around the country place chickens, turkeys and ducks in good homes

Actions * Investigations * Campaigns
- Urged the San Diego County DA to Prosecute the Ward Egg Ranch for Throwing Thousands of Live Hens into Wood-Chippers
- Urged the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) to Remove Gregg Cutler from Its Animal Welfare Committee
- Urged the AVMA to Adopt a Policy Statement Opposing Forced Molting
- Urged the American Association of Avian Pathologists to Withdraw an Award from Gregg Cutler
- Challenged the University of California, Berkeley to Supply Records on the Student Killing of a Chicken in an Art Class
- Stopped the Harvard Phoenix Club from Conducting Chicken Abuse Fraternity Rituals
- Asked Baking Companies to Include Vegan Alternatives to Eggs in Package Instructions & Recipes
- Asked President Bush to Stop Using Chickens to Detect Deadly Chemicals in Kuwait
- Urged the CA Dept of Food & Agriculture to Stop Killing Birds to Control Exotic Newcastle Disease
- Condemned Fox Broadcasting for Promoting Chicken Abuse to Boost Ratings
- Urged Trader Joe’s to Stop Selling Eggs from
Battery-Caged Hens
- Urged Prosecution of Sadistic Tyson Chicken Slaughterhouse Workers in Grannis, Arkansas
- Urged the Poultry & Egg Industry to Adopt Basic Chicken Welfare Standards: National Chicken Council, KFC, Tyson, United Egg Producers
- Publicized Virgil Butler’s Testimony on Cruelty to Chickens By Tyson Foods
- Urged Congress to Stop Reimbursing Cockfighters with Taxpayers’ Money
- Urged the NHSPCA Not to Serve Animal Products at Fundraisers
- Got Dairy Queen To Remove Chicken Abuse Ad
- Helped Stop Miller Brewing Co. Sponsorship of the Annual Chicken-Flying Contest in Berryton, Kansas

Public Education Materials & Website Documents
- Brochure: "No one knows how many . . . The Use of Birds in Agricultural and Biomedical Research." Published by NEAVS in collaboration with United Poultry Concerns

Teachers & Sanctuary Conferences
- NSTA National Convention, Philadelphia, March 27-30
- "Sanctuaries 2003," The Association of Sanctuaries, Portland, April 27-29
- Virginia Association of Science Teachers, Portsmouth, Nov 13-15
- NSTA Convention, Kansas City, MO, Nov 13-15

Animal Agribusiness Conferences
- Exotic Newcastle Disease meeting, Los Angeles, Feb 13
- Future Trends in Animal Agriculture, Washington DC, May 28
- Future Trends in Animal Agriculture, Washington DC, Sept 17
- Cloning Issues Relating to Animals Raised for Food, Wash DC, Nov 4:
  http://upc-online.org/genetic/102803gc.htm

Public Comments Submissions
- Comments (50 pp) to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture Re: Humane Standards for Farm Animals:
  http://www.upc-online.org/industry/CommentsEdit1.pdf

Keynote Speaking Engagements
- University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Feb 25-26
- Compassion for Animals Action Symposium, Tampa, FL March 7-9
- Animal Rights Conference, Washington DC June 27-July 1
- UPC Annual Forum, Promoting Veganism, Boulder, CO, Aug 16-17
- Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary Fundraiser, Poolesville, MD Sept 21
- VegFest DC 2003, Vegetarian Society of Washington DC, Oct 25
- EarthSave Miami 8th Annual Turkey-Free Thanksgiving Nov 29

Additional Community Outreach
- Vigil for Chickens, Washington DC, April 18
- White House Easter Egg Roll Protest, Washington DC, April 21
- Delmarva Chicken Festival Protest, Dover, DE, June 21
- Protested at the AVMA Convention re AVMA’s Endorsement of Forced Molting - Leafleted Thousands of Veterinarians, Denver, July 18-19
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