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Aubrey and his friends enjoy their greens

The Turkey in America

Scientists gain new respect for turkeys

UPC President Karen Davis's article appeared in the *San Jose Mercury News*, *Boulder Daily Camera*, *InsideBayArea.com*, *Palo Alto Daily News* and the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* via the McClatchy-Tribune News Service during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The Turkey in America
By Karen Davis

Perhaps more than any other animal in America, the turkey symbolizes the ambivalence that many people have about animals. The turkey figures simultaneously as a sacrificial victim, a figure of fun, and a sacred player

in America's mythic drama about itself as a nation.

The word turkey as an all-purpose term of derision has been traced to the American theatre meaning a "third rate production." In James T. Farrell's 1932 novel, *Young Lonigan*, the character Dooley is described as "one comical turkey, funnier than anything you'd find in real life."

The term "gobbledygook" is attributed to U.S. House Representative, Maury Maverick, from Texas, who, as chairman of the Smaller War Plants Corp during World War Two, issued a 1944 order banning the bureaucratic jargon he said reminded him of his "old bearded turkey gobbler"



back in Texas who was always gobbledy-gobbling and strutting with ludicrous pomposity.”

The idea of the comical turkey persists in the litany of sarcasm that accompanies the piety of Thanksgiving each year in the United States, when newspapers and other media poke fun at the “Thanksgiving Day bird” along with the human “turkeys” in power, and holiday rituals include, or have included, everything from throwing turkeys off scaffolds and out of airplanes to forcing them to participate in turkey “Olympics” and in White House “turkey pardoning” ceremonies.

America celebrates its heritage paradoxically by feasting on a bird reflexively despised by mainstream culture as stupid, dirty, and silly, a misunderstanding reinforced by the turkey food industry, which alternates between caricaturing the turkey as a ludicrous “personality” versus representing the bird as an anonymous “production animal.” Stock photos of thousands of debeaked turkeys crowded together awaiting slaughter in nondescript sheds reinforce the popular idea that turkeys are worthless except as objects of sport and meat.

Even so, the derogatory turkey stereotype is starting to modify. In the last quarter of the twentieth century, the creation of farmed animal sanctuaries and turkey-adoption programs offered new opportunities for people to get to know turkeys differently from the demeaning stock versions of the bird.

Partly in response to these encounters, a growth in vegetarianism is occurring in the United States and elsewhere. At the same time, the avian sciences are debunking the prejudice against birds in general, and ground-nesting birds such as turkeys and chickens in particular, as “primitive.”

Avian scientists are calling for a whole new bird-brain nomenclature based on the now overwhelming evidence that birds share with humans a complexly evolved brain that processes information and gives rise to experience in much the same way as the human cerebral cortex, findings summarized by The Avian Brain Nomenclature Consortium in *Nature Neuroscience Reviews* in 2005.

An irony of the low esteem in which domestic turkeys have been held is that, as wildlife biologist William Healy points out, much of what is known about the wild turkey’s intelligence is based on work

with domestic turkeys. He defends domestic turkeys from the charge of stupidity by observing that genetic selection for “such gross breast development that few adult males can even walk” fuels the fallacy that they are “stupid.”

A further irony is that the wary turkey that dominates modern hunters’ discourse is not exactly the bird the early European explorers and colonists encountered. As John Madson writes in the *Smithsonian*, “Wild turkeys, as the first settlers found them, were as trusting and unwary as they were plentiful.”

From the seventeenth through the nineteenth centuries, wild turkeys were characterized repeatedly as showing the same kind of friendly curiosity towards people that modern visitors often discover with surprise and delight when they meet domestic turkeys at animal sanctuaries. “They often sat with their young on my fences so trustingly that I found it difficult to bring myself to shoot them,” said one person typically of the wild turkey’s amiableness towards the settlers.

It remains to be seen whether modern experiences and the advancing sciences of avian cognition and ethology will lead people to rethink, as did naturalist Joe Hutto in the course of raising young turkeys to adulthood, many of their attitudes and presumptions about “the complexity and profoundly subtle nature of the experience within other species.”

As the single most visible animal symbol in America, the de facto symbol of the nation and “icon of American food,” the turkey highlights the growing conflict in Western culture between the age-old presumption that animals exist solely for humans to exploit and the view that nonhuman animals are kin to humans with value and autonomy in their own right. – Karen Davis 🐔

“The turkey is ‘more than a meal’ in the sense that every creature is more than a meal outside the range of those who prey on it.” To learn more about turkeys, their marvelous intelligence, playfulness and vitality, and their tragic encounter with human beings, **read Karen Davis’s book *More Than a Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality***, published by Lantern Books and available from UPC for \$20. (Price includes shipping.)

United Poultry Concerns, Animals' Angels Plead for Turkeys in *Des Moines Register*



Cold is cold, no matter how you measure it

Des Moines Register, Des Moines, Iowa USA, Nov. 30, 2007 <http://desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?category=Opinion>

Regarding “Group: Turkey Deliveries in Cold Make Birds Suffer” (Nov. 21): Celsius or Fahrenheit – it does not matter. What matters is that temperatures on Jan. 25 [2007] when a truckload of turkeys were shipped were freezing cold.

Animals' Angels investigators followed an uncovered turkey truck for four hours that afternoon from south of Des Moines to the Sara Lee slaughter plant in Storm Lake. Photos show ice and snow stuck to the metal transport cages in which the turkeys were huddled.

They sat for two more hours in the cold as the truck waited in line to enter the plant. Under such conditions, turkeys are susceptible to painful frostbite, hypothermia, and death.

We presented a joint press release to the Register's Philip Brasher stating our reasons for urging Sara Lee to cover its trucks with tarpaulins, sideboards and/or other protective devices in cold weather – a simple act of

kindness that would reduce much suffering for these birds.

We were disappointed and frankly surprised by the shallowness and flippancy of the coverage that took precedence over substantive reporting on this issue.

Karen Davis, President of United Poultry Concerns (www.upc-online.org)
Sonja Meadows, Executive Director of Animals' Angels USA (www.animals-angels.com)

Background


Responding to our concerns, Sara Lee claims the company “adheres to strict animal welfare guidelines established by the National Turkey Federation and the U.S. Department

of Agriculture.” However, note the following points:

First, “guidelines” are not requirements. Though better than nothing since they establish professed minimum standards and are thus a touchstone for judging what is actually being done, they are not binding.

Second, the U.S. Department of Agriculture intentionally excludes from livestock transport regulations (which aren't enforced anyway) the 10 billion turkeys, chickens, ducks and other birds being trucked to slaughter every year in the United States.

Third, the National Turkey Federation's “Market Live Haul” section of its *Animal Care Best Management Practices for the Production of Turkeys* Guidelines merely says regarding weather protection for the birds: “Truck travel, distances, weather and other factors can affect the birds' well-being enroute and must be considered. . . . Wind protection in winter and water cooling in summer is important to minimize stress.” The Guidelines can be read at <http://www.eatturkey.com/about/service.html>.

To view Animals' Angels' investigative video, click on: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KV95U0QF7uY> 



What Can I Do?

"A simple act of kindness would reduce much suffering for these birds."

Sara Lee Foods includes Hillshire Farms, Jimmy Dean and Ball Park brand names.

🐔 Tell Sara Lee President Brenda Barnes how shocked you are to learn how cruel the company is to these poor birds. Urge Sara Lee to cover its trucks taking turkeys to slaughter with tarpaulins and sideboards. Request a written reply.

Brenda C. Barnes, President, CEO
Sara Lee Corporation
3500 Lacey Road
Downers Grove, Illinois 60515
Phone: 630-598-8661
Fax: 630-598-8653

🐔 You can also leave a message for Sara Lee at <http://www.saralee.com/ContactUs.aspx>.

National Turkey Federation (trade association for the U.S. turkey industry)

🐔 Urge the National Turkey Federation to develop and implement a strict transport policy including specific insulation devices such as tarpaulins and sideboards for protecting turkeys from frigid temperatures, humidity and cold winds.

Ted Seger, Chairman
Joel Brandenberger, President
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🐔 For more information on our Sara Lee campaign, please go to www.upc-online.org and click on Sara Lee.

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United Poultry Concerns takes this opportunity to thank **Bryan and Carla Wilson** and the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida for hosting a wonderful fundraising dinner for UPC at the Garden Café in Orlando December 8, 2007. And we thank **Marian Hailey-Moss** and


Supreme Master Television for “For the Love of Chickens” – a tribute to Karen Davis and United Poultry Concerns broadcast on November 9, 2007. The show can be watched on your computer at AnimalWorld_2007.11.09_421.asf. Supreme Master TV airs only positive news. www.suprememastertv.com 



Photo by: Franklin Wade

“Thanksgiving without turkey?” by Brenda Keino, November 21, 2007, Scripps Howard Foundation

“Karen Davis, president of United Poultry Concerns, together with other protesters spent part of Thursday [Nov 15] on the White House sidewalk to protest the eating of turkey on Thanksgiving. “

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Cognitive Blindness in Human Perception of Chickens and Other Birds

Veterinary Schools, Animal Sciences Need to Provide More Enlightened Teaching

*We see the mammalian line of evolution as the trunk of the evolutionary tree, because eventually it led to humans, and birds as being on a side branch of the trunk. . . . Instead of seeing the branches of the tree of evolution as lesser than the trunk, these days some of us prefer to refer to an evolutionary vine, rather than a tree, in order to recognize the differences between species but not to place them in a hierarchy. Different "intelligences" have arisen on different branches of the vine, many times over. – Lesley J. Rogers, *Minds of Their Own: Thinking and Awareness in Animals*, p 58.*

During her veterinary residency at Cornell University, **Dr. Emily Levine** did a research project investigating how veterinary students perceive an animal's ability to think and feel emotions. She writes: "overall everyone seems to believe that poultry are less capable of being able to think and to have emotions. Most believe that cats and dogs are most capable of these things and other farm species fell in between. If individuals do not believe farm species can think or feel emotions then it is unlikely they will fight for higher standards of welfare. Animal behavior, welfare, and cognition should be a required course in every vet school and undergraduate animal science program."

Veterinarian Dr. Holly Cheever, Vice President of the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights and a member of United Poultry Concerns' Advisory Board, responded to this dilemma in an email on December 4, 2007:

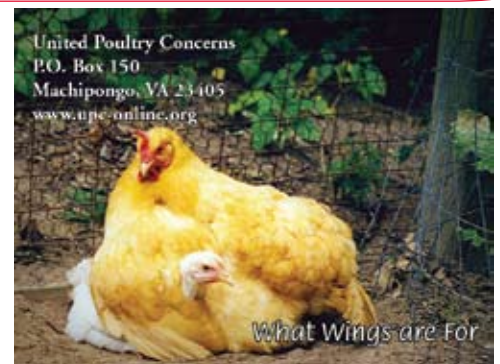
"Emily's Cornell research, in which students showed that they felt poultry have less ability to think and feel emotions than other 'farmed' and companion animals, exemplifies the usual human shortcoming: if we do not become sufficiently familiar with a species to know what goes on behind its eyes, we simply decide that its members lack sentience because WE think that if we see nothing, the deficit must be in the species in question, and never in us.

"I say this as a veterinarian caring for 'pet' poultry and the mother of a chicken-passionate daughter. We have had various chickens come inside our home for visits. BlackieCrow came in for tea parties by our wood stove routinely and also sat next to our daughter Brenna on a tree limb while Brenna read her stories, and she would cluck and chortle (excuse me, 'vocalize') in response. Monsieur would come inside to join Brenna for naps, and I did not realize this until I would wake Brenna up in the mid-afternoon, and find a sleeping rooster on her chest. Neither of these chickens soiled indoors, by the way.

"As we observed our small flock of chickens over the years, we saw affections and loyalties and problem solving behaviors and even trickery, and of course we saw the extraordinary maternal behavior of hens raising their chicks. I say this only to point out that poultry are not as non-sentient or insensate as we mammals, who cannot read their expressions, might think.

"We should give all animals the benefit of the doubt that they are fully sentient, even if our senses are too dull to appreciate fully their intelligence." – *Holly Cheever, DVM* 🐔

Please plan an ACTION for International Respect for Chickens Day May 4th. May is International Respect for Chickens Day month!



Mary Britton Clouse of Chicken Run Rescue Joins UPC's Advisory Board



Vincent Atlas and Mary

Exposure of veterinary and animal control professionals to personal contact with chickens has been met with enthusiasm and new respect for the birds.
-- Mary Britton Clouse

We are pleased to announce that Mary Britton Clouse, artist and founding director of Chicken Run Rescue, has joined our Board of Advisors. The following article appeared in *Animal Rights Coalition News Fall 2007*.

How Chicken Run Rescue Hatched by Mary Britton Clouse

Chicken Run Rescue . . . Where Non-Violence Begins at Breakfast

Every year, domestic fowl, mostly chickens, are impounded by Minneapolis Animal Control (MAC). These birds are victims of neglect, abuse, and abandonment, sometimes used as a source of eggs or intended for slaughter, fighting, or ritual sacrifice. Some are the discarded outcome of “nature lessons” for children or a hobby that no longer holds interest. After their release from MAC, Chicken Run Rescue provides the birds with temporary shelter and veterinary care, locates and screens adopters within 90 miles of the Twin Cities, and transports the birds to their new homes.

The evolution of Chicken Run Rescue has been as unlikely as it was inevitable – shaped each step of the way by the conviction that every animal has a right to a life of their own that is of importance to them apart from their usefulness to us. The unlikely aspect was that my husband Bert and I live in the inner city and neither of us had ever held a chicken before. Our beliefs made Chicken Run Rescue inevitable once we discovered that chickens needed help and had no one else.

Chicken Run Rescue is the only urban chicken rescue organization in existence. This is remarkable and tragic since chickens represent the most abused land animals on the planet both in terms of sheer numbers and magnitude of suffering.

My first involvement with chickens came in 2000. An installation at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts included two live chickens, Mabel and Scout, who were to hang in a cage on a wall for the duration of the exhibit. As a visual artist, I was disturbed by the increasing use of animals as inanimate art objects for the shock value. United Poultry Concerns and local activists mounted a vigorous campaign and the birds were removed from the show. Joined by several other local animal activist artists, Justice for Animals Arts Guild was formed to promote artists who value the rights of animals and to protest art that harms or exploits animals.

In 2001, Minneapolis Animal Control seized 13 Thai roosters in a cockfighting bust. We learned that MAC routinely impounded domestic fowl and, with



Photo by: Chicken Run Rescue

Pa Zsa, Nicky, Bing Bong and Olive join friend Bert

available birds with potential adopters. At this writing we have placed over 233 birds using rigorous adoption screening standards.

Chickens and other domestic fowl deserve the same standard of care as other companion animals, so we have developed a list of veterinarians willing to provide chicken care. Exposure of veterinary and animal control professionals to personal contact with chickens has been met with enthusiasm and new respect for the birds. We receive daily inquiries about care and behavior from all over the country.

Our promotion of chickens as companion animals is an effort to introduce them to the world as individuals and cause people to examine why some animals are "pets" and others are "meat." Each year in the U.S., over 10 billion chickens suffer from intensive confinement, cruel handling, and painful terrifying deaths. "Free range" and "cage free" birds live much the same tortured lives and meet the same horrific fate as their factory farmed cousins at the same slaughter plants. Changing how the world treats animals ought to start with the ones hanging off the end of a fork. 🐔

What Can I Do?

rare exceptions, euthanized them as they had nowhere for them to go. Since I was known to the management of MAC through my work with the Minnesota Spay Neuter Project, they allowed me to find homes for six of the roosters (seven had to be euthanized due to injuries). The next time a chicken came in, they called to see if we could place her and the rest is history.

As the number of incoming birds increased, we needed to make a long-term commitment to continue the work. Bert and I built a coop, added fenced pens to our backyard, and applied for a City poultry permit to house the birds at our home. We can't imagine a life without them now, and they are welcome residents in our neighborhood. We have seven permanent family members now and average about four additional fosters at a time.

Every bird is an individual, so I write personal profiles and photograph each bird, creating a database of history, health, and adoption records. Through the Chicken Run Rescue Adoption Chronicles emailed to list members and a website on PetFinders, we connect

🐔 Please join **Chicken Run Rescue and United Poultry Concerns** in recognizing **May as International Respect for Chickens Month**. We invite you to capture the beauty, joy, intelligence, dignity, agility and zany exuberance of your birds in a photograph. Each year, twelve winning photos will be published in a **Chicken Run Rescue Calendar** and winners will receive a free calendar. All of the proceeds of the calendar sales will enable *Chicken Run Rescue* to continue to help chickens for another year. To order your 2008 calendar, go to: chickenrunrescue@comcast.net.

🐔 For more information about Chicken Run Rescue and how you can help, please visit: <http://www.brittonclouse.com/chickenrunrescue/> and <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/chickenrunrescue.html>.

Freddaflower Memorial & Appreciation Fund

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

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:

From all the dogs and cats I care for in memory of Luce, my beloved rooster. – *Laurie Melichar*

Please accept my donation in loving memory of Regina Hyland, a great lady and one of the few “true” Christians I have ever known. May her legacy of love and compassion for *all* of God’s creatures live on forever. – *Pat Neskavich*

My donation is in honor of my 20-year anniversary of going to that wretched auction to rescue birds. On Dec. 5, 1987, 20 years ago to this date, I rescued 5 red hens and a bronze turkey hen I named “Friendly.” I’ve gone to the auction nearly every weekend since then! – *Barbara Moffit*

In honor of Leonard, Nathaniel, Julie, Fredericka, and Bertha. When the veterinarian told me that my Bertha was dying, she said, “Mr. Deane, can I let her go?” and I said yes. I’ve heard that men don’t cry. They do. – *Paul Deane*

In loving memory of my mother, pioneer award-winning animal advocacy journalist & poet Ann Cottrell Free. – *Elissa Free*

In loving memory of Helmut the rooster. – *Jennifer Russell*



Photo by: Paul Deane

Bertha

Thank you so much for your Christmas card of your lovely rooster. My donation is in memory of my boyfriend who died of cancer. He also loved chickens. – *Catherine Broadhead*

Please accept my donation honoring UPC’s Christmas card rooster, Chesterbuddy. – *Rhoda Christopher*

Best wishes to UPC, in remembrance of Chesterbuddy.– *Bud Forsberg*

Thank you again for all your help and love for our hen, Phyllis. – *Daniel Caldwell*

United Poultry Concerns takes this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed through the years in memory of their departed loved ones to our Freddaflower Fund.



Liqin Cao and Freddaflower

You are cordially invited to attend
United Poultry Concerns' 8th Annual Conference
on the topic of

**“Cage Free, Animal Friendly, Go Vegan
-What’s the Problem?”**

Saturday, March 29 - Sunday, March 30, 2008

This conference asks: Is there a conflict between working for welfare reforms and urging people to stop viewing animals as edibles and go vegan? Should activists work to reduce the suffering of billions of chickens and other animals who will never live to see a vegan world, or is such work counterproductive – a moral betrayal of animals? And what about terms like “humane meat,” “compassionate standards,” and “victory”? – What message do they send to the public? We invite you to join the discussion and hear what leaders from within the animal advocacy movement have to say about these issues.

Early Registration: \$80. After March 15: \$95

To registers, send check or money order to
UPC, PO Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405.

Or register by credit card at www.upc-online.org/Forums/08forumreg.html

The Saturday session will be held at the Norfolk Hilton in Norfolk, Virginia. The Sunday session will be held at United Poultry Concerns' headquarters & sanctuary in Machipongo, Virginia. Continental breakfasts and vegan luncheons will be served both days. Transportation will be arranged from Norfolk to Machipongo on Sunday for those without cars.

Saturday, March 29 • 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday, March 30 • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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SPEAKERS:

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Harold Brown, *President of Farm Kind*

Bruce Friedrich, *Vice President of PETA*

Patty Mark, *President of Animal Liberation Victoria in Australia*

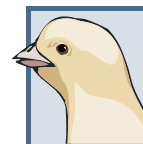
Christine Morrissey, *Director of East Bay Animal Advocates (California)*

Roberta Schiff, *President of Mid-Hudson Vegetarian Society (New York)*

Paul Shapiro, *Senior Director of HSUS's Factory Farming Campaign*

**Presentations will be videotaped by Neil & Annie Hornish
of the Compassionate Living Project**

On Saturday evening, UPC members Doreen and Jim Dykes will host a wonderful buffet dinner for all participants in their lovely home in Virginia Beach.



UPC's 8th Annual Conference explores the controversy within the animal advocacy movement over philosophy and strategy on behalf of farmed animals and the best ways to promote a vegetarian world of compassion, global responsibility and animal rights. From their recent writings, here is a sample of the challenges offered by our speakers.



Karen Davis, President of United Poultry Concerns: “If the public is told it can eat humanely raised and slaughtered animals, what incentive do people have to explore the range of delicious and nutritious vegan products on the market? Should animal advocates make it easier and more comfortable for people to consume meat, milk and eggs?”



Harold Brown, President of Farm Kind: “Ask yourself, ‘Why would any multinational corporation make a change that wasn’t going to be profitable?’ In my opinion, the move away from gestation crates for sows is designed to assuage the concerns of consumers. Granted, this is a slight improvement, but no one should call it a victory for the pigs or for the animal rights movement.”



Bruce Friedrich, Vice President of PETA: “I believe that animal activism should involve applying the golden rule across the species barrier, asking ourselves this question: ‘If I were a calf in a crate or a hen being starved for two weeks or crammed into a battery cage, how would I want a human animal rights activist to behave?’”



Patty Mark, President of Animal Liberation Victoria in Australia: “The majority of the animal movement continues with the same approach we’ve taken for 25 years and things are getting worse for animals. The numbers killed have *never* been higher – 55 billion *each year* globally, and growing – and this doesn’t include aquatic animals. It’s a poor use of our time to engage with animal industries, big business and governments trying to encourage them to treat the animals who are at their mercy “better.” It’s time for us to set the pace and to be proactive. The real work isn’t negotiating with the animal industries, but with educating the public. The biggest threat to animal farming is veganism.”



Christine Morrissey, Director of East Bay Animal Advocates: “Clanking big-rigs barrel past Sunshine Donuts in Livingston, California, carrying 4,500 feces-caked chickens to the Foster Farms processing plant one block to the left. The Livingston plant kills nearly 600,000 chickens daily. It’s the largest slaughterhouse in the world. Maintaining a campaign website entitled FosterFacts.net, we slammed Foster Farms on its poor treatment of chickens, resulting in lively corporate outreach efforts and penetrating false advertising complaints.”



Roberta Schiff, President of Mid-Hudson Vegetarian Society in New York: “I know there are organizations who believe that making conditions for farmed animals somewhat less inhumane is the only thing possible given the voracious demand for meat, eggs, and milk. But two fast food chains agreeing to purchase a small percent of their flesh from animals treated with a bit less cruelty is hardly either exciting or a victory. It is a measured amount of progress, at best. Please let none of us do things or state things in such a way as to influence people to think these products have no price.”



Paul Shapiro, Senior Director of HSUS's Factory Farming Campaign: “The trend is clear: battery cages for egg-laying hens are being relegated to the dustbin of history faster than anyone would have imagined. We must be careful, however, in describing the campaign to the public to put forward a truthful message. *Cage-free* is a factual statement that describes the hens’ housing – simply that these birds are not confined in cages. It’s one thing to state that not using battery eggs helps reduce animal suffering and is a move in the right direction. It’s another to claim that cage-free eggs are by definition ‘cruelty-free.’”

What Do *You* Think? Enrich the discussion with *your* participation in our conference March 29-30, 2008. Early registration: \$80. After March 15: \$95. To register, send check or money order to: UPC, PO Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405. Or register by credit card at www.upc-online.org/Forums/08forumreg.html. *Farmed Animals have voices but they need your voice: Register Now!* 🐔

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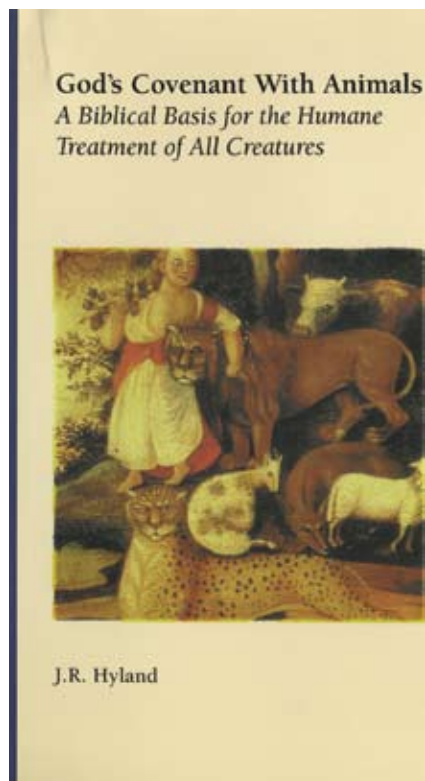


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Regina Hyland, Author of *God's Covenant with Animals*, has Passed Away

She asked that donations in her memory be sent to United Poultry Concerns



By Karen Davis, President of United Poultry Concerns

Regina Hyland, who wrote under the name of J.R. Hyland, died from breast cancer in October. She was sixty-four years old. Regina was an ordained evangelical minister who worked in prison ministry and with migrant farmworkers as well as actively supporting issues of female equality and animal rights. Regina became and remained a strong supporter of United Poultry Concerns from the time we started in 1990.

Regina's book, *God's Covenant with Animals: A Biblical Basis for the Humane Treatment of All Creatures*,

published by Lantern Books, offers a compelling argument on the place of animals in the Bible. I drew upon this concise and informative book in writing my own book, *The Holocaust and the Henmaid's Tale*, also published by Lantern Books, where I quote directly from *God's Covenant with Animals* in my chapter on animal sacrifice, "Scapegoats and Surrogates."

On November 4, 1993 I received a gift copy of the original version of *God's Covenant with Animals* entitled *The Slaughter of Terrified Beasts: A Biblical Basis for the Humane Treatment of Animals*, published in 1988. This book and its follow-up continue to inform and strengthen my own outlook and the work of United Poultry Concerns to stop forever the slaughter of terrified birds.

We are honored by Regina Hyland's request that donations in her memory be sent directly to United Poultry Concerns and to know that United Poultry Concerns was one of her favorite organizations.

To learn more about Regina Hyland and about purchasing *God's Covenant with Animals*, please visit <http://www.lanternbooks.com/blog/entry.php?id=592>. Or call 800-856-8664 (you'll reach Steiner Books, distributor for Lantern Books).

To donate to United Poultry Concerns by credit card in Regina memory, please go to our website at www.upc-online.org and click on the Donate button. Or you may send your check or money order to UPC, PO Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405. Thank you for remembering and honoring Regina Hyland by providing a caring gift in her name to United Poultry Concerns. We are deeply grateful for your strong and continuing support. 🐔

Morningstar Farms Responds to Plea for Egg-Free Foods

1 million fewer eggs means 4,000 fewer hens will suffer in battery cages each year

In the Spring 2007 issue of *Poultry Press* we urged our members to urge Morningstar Farms – a Kellogg company and a leader in providing delicious vegetarian foods – to remove eggs from its products and create more vegan products. Morningstar listened! In December, Compassion Over Killing and Vegan Outreach, who organized the campaign, announced that Morningstar Farms has stated it will use one million fewer eggs in 2008 and offer more egg-free products. According to company spokeswoman

Kathleen Eckler, “We’re committed to announcing even more new vegan products for our customers.” 🐔

What Can I Do?

- 🐔 Please PURCHASE Morningstar’s VEGAN Foods. Show the company that vegan foods are profitable!
- 🐔 Please THANK Morningstar Farms at 1-800-962-1413 or write to: Morningstar Farms, c/o Kellogg Consumer Affairs, PO Box CAMB, Battle Creek, MI 49016.

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Several of our members have made financial contributions in the form of stock to United Poultry Concerns through our securities account. We are deeply grateful for these gifts, and anticipate more in the future. There are two obvious benefits in making stock contributions. Please consider these advantages in making your future gifts to United Poultry Concerns.

Donors may give as much stock as they want to a nonprofit organization without impinging upon their estate. By giving this way, they avoid paying a capital gains tax on their assets, because they are gifting their assets.

The benefits to the nonprofit are obvious. In giving a gift of stock, you enable the nonprofit of your choice to grow and do more. It’s as simple and important as that. Everyone wins.

United Poultry Concerns has a securities account with **UBS Financial**. For information on how you can donate to us this way, please call our financial advisor, **Claudia Puopolo**, at UBS at **757-490-5639** or **800-368-4070**.

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

Sincerely,
Karen Davis, Ph.D.
President



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by Virgil Butler

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By Compassion Over Killing

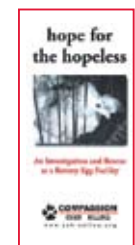
This 12-minute video shows the pathetic industry treatment of the more than 8 billion baby "broiler" chickens slaughtered each year in the US. VHS and DVD. \$10



Hidden Suffering

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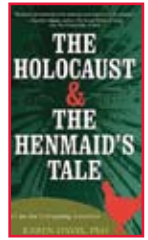


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The Holocaust and the Henmaid's Tale: A Case for Comparing Atrocities

By Karen Davis

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By Karen Davis

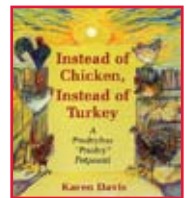
This book is a fully-documented source of up-to-the-minute information about chickens, including everything from how a chick develops inside an egg to the causes of salmonella, and much more. Provides a chilling account of the morally handicapped poultry & egg industry. \$14.95



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

By Karen Davis

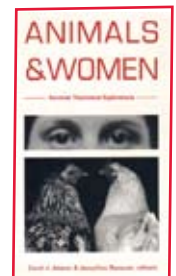
This delightful vegan cookbook by United Poultry Concerns, Inc. features homestyle, ethnic, and exotic recipes that duplicate and convert a variety of poultry and egg dishes. Includes artwork, poems, and illuminating passages showing chickens and turkeys in an appreciative light. \$14.95



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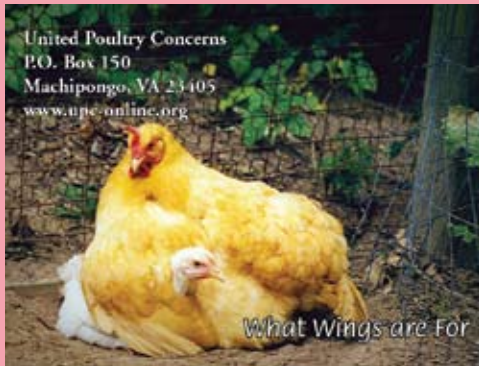


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