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UPC Contributes to a Powerful TV Show on Live Poultry Markets and Helps Residents Stop a Market from Opening on Long Island in New York City



In April, Long Island resident Ryland Gaines and Emmy Award-winning television producer Peter Thorne both found what they were looking for on UPC's website section on Live Markets and Auctions. Gaines was trying to stop a live bird market from opening in the Town of Islip in Suffolk County Long Island, and Thorne was preparing an Investigative Report on the link between live bird markets and avian influenza for his Fact Finders program on WB Channel 11 News @ Ten in New York City.

UPC put Ryland Gaines in touch with Peter Thorne, who attended the Public Hearing in May on the proposed market/slaughterhouse, and subsequently put scenes from the hearing into his Investigative Report on Live Bird Markets, which aired on June 5. **The report features an on-camera interview with UPC President Karen Davis and extensive footage from UPC's video *Inside a Live Poultry Market*, which takes you inside the Ely Live Poultry Market in the Bronx.**

Soon after the show aired, Mr. Gaines informed

UPC that the Town of Islip Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously denied the permit to establish a live bird market in their community.

New York City currently claims 100 live animal markets – double the number of a decade ago – and more live poultry markets than any other city in the US, reflecting its large immigrant population “as foreign residents are the markets’ biggest customers,” according to a July 25 article in *AM New York*, which cites the

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kept, and there is no federal inspection because a market slaughters fewer than 20,000 birds a year. Live bird markets are breeding grounds for avian influenza. A veterinarian with New York's Department of Agriculture states the obvious: "If you have seen these markets, you know that the birds are under stressful conditions. And birds under stress are much more prone to disease" (quoted in Michael Greger, MD,

New York Department of Agriculture's ridiculous claim that it works "very closely with the markets and wholesalers to make sure they have healthy birds and they are operating a clean and sanitary environment."

In reality, the agency does not keep track of where birds entering the markets come from or where they go. Dealers round up birds from auctions in various states. Many spent "cage-free" hens end up in these markets. Dead and unsalable birds are "handled as typical garbage." Bird markets are a cash business, records aren't

Bird Flu: A Virus of Our Own Hatching, forthcoming from Lantern Books, 2006).

To learn more about live bird markets and auctions, visit: <http://www.upc-online.org/livemarkets/>. UPC's brochure, *Live Poultry Markets*, is available in English, Spanish and Chinese - 20 for \$3. *Inside a Live Poultry Market* can be purchased in VHS and DVD format for \$10. To order by credit card, go to www.upc-online.org. 

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UPC Co-sponsors Newspaper Ad Condemning the AVMA's Support for Foie Gras

United Poultry Concerns joined Animal Rights International and Animal Rights Hawaii in sponsoring this full-page ad in the *Honolulu Advertiser* on July 14, denouncing the American Veterinary Medical Association's support for force feeding ducks and geese to produce the diseased liver product known as foie gras, or "fatted liver." The ad corresponded with the AVMA's Annual Convention, which was held this year in Honolulu, July 15-19. Last year, the AVMA defeated a Resolution submitted by the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights to disallow the force feeding of ducks and geese to produce foie gras. This year, the AVMA reconsidered the Resolution and again rejected it. The Resolution states:

Resolved, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) opposes the practice of mechanical feeding of ducks and geese to produce foie gras because of the adverse effects on the birds' health and welfare associated with this practice.

What Can I Do?

🐔 Please write to the AVMA's current President, Dr. Roger Mahr, at the address provided in the ad and urge that the AVMA oppose the force feeding of ducks and geese to produce foie gras. 🐔

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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.
President



Photo by Tal Ronnen



Eighteen nations have outlawed this barbarism.

Why is the AVMA still embracing it?

Argentina, Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom have all banned the cruel force feeding of ducks and geese. Here in the US, California and Chicago have done the same. Yet the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) continues to condone this animal abuse.

It's a Disease, Stupid

Foie Gras, which means fat liver, is obtained by force feeding ducks or geese. A plastic or metal pipe is pushed down their throats in order to feed them a high carbohydrate mush of maize. The result is a liver enlarged 6 to 10 times what it would be in a duck raised normally. Poultry welfare expert Dr. Ian Duncan writes: "Force feeding quickly results in birds that are obese and in a pathological state, called hepatic lipidosis or fatty liver disease. There is no doubt," he concludes, "that in this pathological state, the birds will feel very ill."

The European Union Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare also concluded that force feeding is detrimental to the welfare of the birds. In its eighty-nine page report, the committee noted that animal death rates increase by a factor of ten to twenty during the last two weeks of forced feeding. It also found that the level of steatosis (an indicator of abnormally large quantities of fat within liver cells) should be considered pathological. Extending force feeding by even a few days results in very high death rates among the birds and foie gras producers are careful to stop just before this occurs.

Liver enlargement leads to dyspnea or respiratory distress caused by the compression of the air sacs—the avian equivalent of lungs. Birds in the second half of the force feeding cycle breathe with open mouths and a rapid, shallow respiratory pattern—a completely abnormal panting.

They may also become unable to walk as the liver (and hence the abdomen) become too distended for the legs to stand with normal alignment under the body leading the birds to drag themselves with their wings, scrabbling with their feet.

Other complications include hepatic encephalopathy—a condition where the liver goes into failure and cannot remove toxins from the blood. The brain cannot function in such an environment and produces seizures, semi-comatose states, stereotypic behavior, and opisthotonus (a condition where the head arches backward over the body).

AVMA defeated a resolution to disallow force feeding last year based on comments from three of their members who had participated in visits to Hudson Valley Foie Gras to observe force feeding. This plant has been giving tours to dozens of people in the last 18 months as the controversy of foie gras production becomes public. They have perfected a display which minimizes the trauma to the birds.

Instead of the usual fifteen or so handlers rushing through their allotted 350 birds each shift, visitors were shown two to four feeders (women touted as "their best feeders") who proceeded at such a slow pace that, instead of producing 6000 birds per week, the plant would only be able to produce a few hundred. The birds who were part of this staged exhibition were not in the final stages of the feeding process and showed only early signs of suffering. Since most of these veterinary visitors were not avian experts, they did not recognize the respiratory distress they were already exhibiting—abnormally rapid and shallow panting due to their enlarged liver size.

Yet the AVMA, which professes to "protect animal health and relieve animal suffering", hypocritically chooses to ignore all the scientific evidence (not to mention the outlawing of force feeding by eighteen nations) and instead endorses the practice

of deliberately making animals sick for commercial gain.

This is not the only instance in which the AVMA routinely betrays animals. AVMA also endorses the deliberate inducement of anemia in veal calves to produce so called "gourmet" white meat and the use of gestation stalls that lead to intense suffering and countless medical complications among breeding sows.

Time for AVMA to Join the Civilized world

It's time for the AVMA to stop pandering to the agribusiness corporations who have no interest in animal welfare and care only for the bottom line. Vets are not supposed to be willing aids and abettors in making animals sick for profit.

The AVMA is light years behind the civilized world that has not only outlawed the force feeding of ducks and geese but has banned sowstalls and veal calf crating as well. The greater public clearly disapproves of animal cruelty and, where ballot initiatives have offered ordinary people that choice, they have resoundingly rejected these practices. The AVMA's backward thinking is a shameful tragedy for American animals.

Not unexpectedly, AVMA is not considered an expert on animal welfare by many individuals and organizations who must look to more enlightened institutions like the Humane Society of the United States for assistance. It is to be hoped that this year's conference starting Saturday in Honolulu will result in some ethical rehabilitation.

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UPC sanctuary assistant Carol Baker and Moses

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In memory of a bird I had the misfortune of accidentally hitting with my car today. It just flew into my windshield. My donation can't help that bird, but it can at least help me feel a little balance, so if there's a way to make this donation go straight to the chickens at your sanctuary, that'd be great. – *Matthew Liebman*

I've been wanting to send you a donation and just ran across your address in "Animal People." I wish I could give more, but here's a token in memory of all the truckloads of chickens I've wished I could hijack. – *Marilee Meyer*

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UPC Sanctuary Welcomes 28 New Residents

Felix the Baby “Broiler” Rooster Rescued from Maryland Highway



Felix

On June 9, while driving up Route 13 on the Delmarva Peninsula in Maryland, I saw a baby chicken lying on his back in the middle of the highway. As cars and trucks whizzed by, I screeched on the brakes, ran into the road, and turned the chicken gently over. He was badly bruised and wounded, but alive! With stitches, antibiotics and TLC, FELIX is doing great. UPC staffer Mary Finelli and her partner Howard Edelstein contributed enormously to his recovery. On July 10, Felix crowed his first crow at our sanctuary, where he's happy to be alive, safe, loved and enjoying his summer days. Give him a little tofu before bedtime and he chirps loudly with joy!

UPC Adopts 25 “Hurricane Katrina” Hens



Matilda

On June 17, UPC member John Huber, of Lancaster County, Pa., drove 25 “broiler” hens from Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, NY to our sanctuary in Machipongo. The hens were rescued last August together with hundreds of other chickens, of whom many were found buried alive – and saved by activists – during the hurricane. Today these large, friendly white hens roam peacefully at UPC, enjoying cool breezes under the trees and the companionship of their friends. We are deeply grateful to John for bringing these birds safely, over a long distance, to our shelter.

Frankincense, Guinevere and Gwendolyn



Frankincense

Four years ago in November, Frankincense the peacock appeared voluntarily at our sanctuary, and he's lived here ever since, perching high in the trees at night, meowing like a Cat of the Baskervilles, doing his amazing horn call, and displaying his fabulous feathers to the unfazed chickens. Now he has two new friends. On May 16, Maryland resident Janice Brose rescued two beautiful peahens, Guinevere and Gwendolyn, from a tourist resort that would no longer keep them, and brought them to UPC. Last week, just after dawn, I watched Gwendolyn from an upstairs window taking a luxurious dustbath all by herself, out in the front yard beneath the cedar trees. What a perfect way, for both of us, to start the day.

– Karen Davis, UPC President

Donations to support our sanctuary are always needed, and are gratefully received. Thank you. 🐔

Thousands of Baby Turkeys Perish in Airline Transport



Some 11,840 baby turkeys (poults) died while being transported by Northwest Airlines in two separate incidents during mid-July. The first occurred on July 13, when more than 9,000 of 11,500 poults, crowded onto a single flight from Detroit to San Francisco, died from suffocation, overheating and dehydration. The birds were being transported from a Hybrid Turkeys farm in Canada to Zacky Farms in Fresno, Ca. for breeding purposes. Then, on July 19, some 2,240 baby turkeys sat for hours in 108-degree heat in Las Vegas after the Air Canada flight they were on developed mechanical problems. According to the Peninsula Humane Society as reported in *The San Jose Mercury News* on July 22, Northwest, which handles Air Canada's baggage, disposed of the birds by tossing most of them, dead and dying, into a trash compactor. The Peninsula Humane Society/SPCA is considering pressing charges against Northwest pending an investigation.

It Happens All the Time

Baby birds suffer and die in airline transport all the time. Unlike human passengers and companion animals who fly in weather-controlled, ventilated compartments, day-old chickens, ducks, geese, partridges, pheasants, guinea fowl, quails and turkeys are shipped like luggage, according to post-office rules established in 1924 (*The Wall Street Journal*, Nov 7, 2001). These birds do not travel as "cargo," like your cat or dog, but as mail, this being the cheapest way for hatcheries to fly them for use as Easter gifts, science and 4-H projects, breeding, cock-

fighting, backyard poultry keeping, target practice, or whatever the buyer wants to do with them.

In 2001 Northwest Airlines joined United Airlines and American Airlines in refusing to carry baby birds as mail, after 300 chicks in boxes bound for Ohio were left out in the rain in Minneapolis. At the time, Northwest explained to *The Wall Street Journal* that between 60 percent and 80 percent of baby birds die on some flights, "often because of excessive heat or poor packaging by hatcheries." As well, many of the birds get crushed during flights, and they often freeze to death, or they sit unattended in mail-rooms on Sundays and during holidays. Often, purchasers simply never pick them up.

Northwest's decision, in 2001, to stop carrying baby birds as mail sparked a campaign by Murray McMurray Hatchery of Webster City, Iowa. Its lobbying group, Bird

Shippers of America, organized small-town hatcheries across Iowa to protest, with the result that Congress voted "to give the U.S. Postal Service the power to force airlines to carry 'day-old poultry' and other 'live animals' at bargain fares," according to the *WSJ*.

"Day-Old Poultry" May Be Several Days Old.

Postal regulations require only that birds be delivered within 72 hours of hatching, with no provisions for food or water. McMurray Hatchery claims that newborn chicks can go without food or water for 72 hours of hatching because, in nature, when chicks hatch with a mother hen, the earliest hatched chicks must wait for all of the chicks to hatch. They survive by absorbing their

"Under such cruel conditions, what happened to the baby turkeys will continue. This should not be allowed to happen."
 —from "Turkey deaths are unacceptable" by UPC president Karen Davis, Letter to the editor, *San Jose Mercury News* Aug. 3, 2006 www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/15187424.htm

yolk nutrients during this time. However, in nature, a clutch of chicks normally hatches between 24 and 48 hours – not 72 hours, while even chicks kept for up to 48 hours without food or water can suffer from dehydration, according to *The Veterinary Record* (1/18/92), which says that “in North America earlier hatching chicks could be held in the incubator for up to 36 hours after hatching.” This is before the flight, which may include layovers, has even begun. Many more chicks die upon reaching their final destination, because the stress and lack of food and water have left them too weak to eat and drink. Birds with dehydrated internal organs do not recover.

Chicks are Air-Mailed in International Trade

Millions of baby birds are shipped by airmail each year. McMurray alone ships 100,000 chicks a week. In 1989, more than 11.5 million “day-old” chickens, geese, turkeys, ducks and guinea fowl were exported from the United Kingdom to other countries, mainly for breeding purposes, with the usual mishaps. In 1990, Compassion in World Farming reported for example that 15,000 chicks were found dead or dying due to a lack of ventilation during a stopover in Gatwick, England on their nine-hour trip on a British Airways flight from Texas to Pakistan.

Baby Roosters are Shipped as “Packing Material”

As a postscript to this writing, UPC received a phone call from a woman in June who was looking for a home for roosters she hadn't ordered. She said she'd purchased twenty-some hens from the Murray McMurray Hatchery. When the box arrived with an additional three or four baby roosters, she asked the hatchery why, and was told that the roosters were used as packing material to provide extra warmth during shipping.

What Can I Do?

🐔 Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa has introduced Senate Bill 2395 that would remove the U.S. Postal Service's discretionary authority to help protect birds shipped in the mail and force it, inadvertently, to

accommodate the baby bird and cockfighting industries. The bill would force the US Postal Service to require certain airlines to transport birds; require those airlines to transport birds through connecting flights (thus adding hours, even days, to the travel and holding time); and require those airlines to transport birds in temperatures between zero and 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

🐔 Please contact your two US Senators and your House Representative and urge them to oppose S. 2395. To learn your Members of Congress, call the 24-hour Capital Switchboard at 202-224-3121 or go to www.senate.gov or www.house.gov.

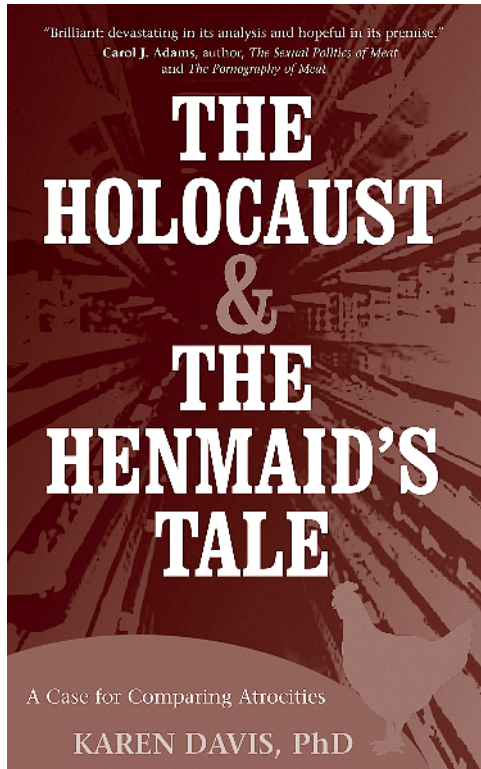
🐔 Northwest Airlines responds to consumer complaints. Tell Northwest that its horrible treatment of the baby turkeys in July (including throwing live baby turkeys in a trash compactor) will influence your choice of airlines in future travel arrangements. Urge Northwest to stop shipping live birds as mail and request a written response.

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Northwest Airlines Customer Care
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Toll-free: 800-225-2525

🐔 Contact US Postmaster General John E. Potter and urge the Postal Service to stop shipping live birds as mail. Request a written response.

The Honorable John E. Potter
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Forced Labor on the Factory Farm



From *The Holocaust and the Henmaid's Tale: A Case for Comparing Atrocities* by Karen Davis, PhD (Lantern Books, 2005)

A primary difference between a factory farm and a concentration camp would appear to be the role of forced labor. “Work was the central function of most Soviet camps,” according to Anne Applebaum in *Gulag: A History*. In Nazi Germany, Hitler built camps to terrorize the population into compliance, and, after war broke out, to provide German industry with cheap, expendable labor. “The entire existence of Nazi concentration camps was marked by a constant tension between work and extermination,” says Enzo Traverso in *The Origins of Nazi Violence*.

Compared to our usual concept of “work” as physical and/or mental effort exerted to do or make something, the notion that chickens on a factory farm “work” may seem strange. Granted, “egg-laying” hens are caged in horrible conditions, but while they are there, aren’t they just laying eggs the way apples fall from a tree?

In fact, the formation and laying of an egg is an extremely demanding biological activity for a hen.

And while chickens raised for meat have been forced to become, in the words of Michael Watts, wretched “sites of accumulation,” **how does becoming buried in one’s own flesh constitute work, let alone forced labor?**

If this seems a stretch, consider Watts’s imagery in his essay “The Age of the Chicken,” where he writes that “the designer chicken establishes the extent to which nutritional and genetic sciences have produced a man-made broiler, a cyborg, to fit the needs of industry.” There is “something grotesque,” Watts argues, “about the creation of a creature which is a sort of steroidally enhanced growth machine, producing in unprecedentedly short periods of time enormous quantities of flesh around a distorted skeleton. . . . What is striking about the chicken is the extent to which the biological body has been actually *constructed* physically to meet the needs of the industrial labor process.”

In the 20th century the domesticated chicken was divided through genetic research into two separate utility strains, two separate “divisions of labor,” one designed for egg production, the other for meat production. The model of the chicken, in both cases, is based on machine metaphors derived from industrial technology. **Factory-farmed chickens are not only in factories: they are regarded by the chicken industry as factories.** The hen, originally a wild jungle fowl, and once an archetype of motherhood, has been converted, economically and rhetorically, to an “egg-laying machine.”

If hens spoke human language, they would say with the women whose value in Margaret Atwood’s book *The Handmaid’s Tale* resides solely in their reproductive organs, “We are containers, it is only the insides of our bodies that are important,” and of their captors, they would agree: “they didn’t care what they did to your feet or your hands. . . . For [their] purposes your feet and your hands are not essential.”

Like the existence of prisoners in concentration camps, the existence of chickens in the poultry industry is marked by a ceaseless interplay between forced labor and extermination, between existence as bodily “performance” and existence as industrial waste. “At the end of the laying period the meat-type breeder flock must be liquidated,” says *Commercial Chicken Production Manual*, with Orwellian nonchalance.

Internalized Forced Labor

The forced labor of chickens on factory farms is internalized forced labor. Like everything else in their lives, including their lives, the work imposed on these birds is invisible. This is because, **in addition to its being conducted inside total confinement buildings, the work has been built into the chicken's genome.** The bird's body is now locked into a state of perpetual warfare with itself and with the essential nature of the chicken as such.

A former chicken farmer captures something of the cruel and unnatural burden embedded within these birds when she writes that "the sign of a good meat flock is the number of birds dying from heart attacks."

Factory-farmed chickens are designed not only to be slaughtered at early ages, but to die prematurely regardless. They are forced to produce too many eggs if they are "laying" hens and to generate, from the overstrained pumping of their hearts, too much muscle tissue if they are "broiler" chickens.

Chickens Hysteria

Industry sources say that hens used for egg production are so overwrought that they exhibit the "emotionality" of "hysteria," and that something as simple as an electrical storm can produce "an outbreak of hysteria" in four-to-eight-week-old broiler

chickens. **Pathologies of the human psyche have thus been passed into the chicken as an alien experience representing a distortion of the chicken's own natural form of existence.** These chickens are suffering in systems inimical to their basic nature, in ways that could equal and even exceed the suffering of human prisoners.

Impregnating chickens with human-induced pathologies and forced-labor pain starts in the genetics laboratory. Experiments on chickens are conducted in an underworld of corporate terrorism euphemized as "basic research," "biomedical research," "toxicity research," and "agricultural research."

Just as there were no restraints on what the Nazis felt they could do in the concentration camps to human prisoners, so there are no restraints on what human beings are doing and will continue to do to chickens.

*The technology [is] built into buildings and equipment as well as embodied genetically into the chicken itself – Bell and Watson, eds., **Commercial Chicken Meat and Egg Production***

*Unless they were productive, their lives were worthless to their masters. – Anne Applebaum, **Gulag: A History***

This article slightly modified appeared in the Nov. 2005 issue of *Animal People* (www.animalpeople-news.com)

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United Poultry Concerns works with individuals and groups around the world on issues relating to the treatment of domestic fowl. UPC president Karen Davis is on the steering committee of the California Animal Association, a coalition of advocacy groups representing the interests of animals at the California State Capitol, and a member of the Advisory Board for the award-winning magazine, *VegNews*. In 2005, United Poultry Concerns was certified by Independent Charities of America to receive donations through the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign. Our CFC Agency Code for 2006 is #1844.

United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent full-time office and 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 fulfil our mission in 2005. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your strong and continuing support.

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2005

Sanctuary

- ♥ Adopted 19 abandoned chickens from Pets Alive in Upstate New York, June 26
- ♥ Adopted 44 chickens abandoned on a Brooklyn parking lot, Oct. 28

Actions * Investigations * Campaigns

- ♥ Urged Pier 1 Imports to stop selling feather-filled products. Successful!
- ♥ Urged "The Family Pet," News 12 Long Island, to stop supporting duck-hatching projects in the schools
- ♥ Urged Albertsons grocery chain to stop selling duck meat
- ♥ Researched information for and actively supported California Assembly Bill 1587 to prohibit certain methods of killing farmed animals, and CA. Senate Bill 662 to include spent hens and small game birds under California's Methods of Slaughter law. Both bills received media coverage but failed to pass.
- ♥ Supported California Assembly Bill 1685 to outlaw the slaughter of farmed animals on high school campuses. The bill did not pass.
- ♥ Urged University of Delaware to stop using live birds in classroom "nutritional" experiments, Feb 8. This is an ongoing effort.
- ♥ Urged AARP to stop promoting ostrich races
- ♥ Pressured the National Chicken Council, McDonald's and KFC to adopt less cruel poultry slaughter methods. This is a major ongoing campaign.
- ♥ Launched INTERNATIONAL RESPECT FOR CHICKENS DAY, MAY 4. This is a major annual UPC project including library displays and other outreach activities.
- ♥ Held INTERNATIONAL RESPECT FOR CHICKENS DAY Demo in Takoma Park, MD, May 8
- ♥ Co-authored a letter with the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights to every state veterinarian in the US urging the least cruel methods of mass-killing birds in disease outbreaks, May 17
- ♥ Urged Essex County, MA District Attorney to prosecute three teenaged boys who killed and tortured chickens at Camp Evergreen in Andover, Mass on May 11. In Oct these criminals were found delinquent on charges of

vandalism and animal cruelty.

- 🐔 Urged Congress to Support HR 817, the Animal Fighting Prohibition Enforcement Act
- 🐔 Held World Farmed Animals Day Leafleting in Silver Spring MD, Oct 3
- 🐔 Urged the Humane Society of the Black Hills (SD) to investigate Reptile Gardens' "chicken basketball" and "tic tac toe" tourist attraction
- 🐔 Urged the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) to support the least cruel methods of killing poultry in disease outbreaks

New Literature and Website Documents

- 🐔 "A Tale of Two Holocausts" by UPC President Karen Davis, PhD, *Animal Liberation Philosophy and Policy Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 2, Jan. (www.cala-online.org/Journal/)
- 🐔 New Book: *The Holocaust and the Henmaid's Tale: A Case for Comparing Atrocities* by UPC President Karen Davis, PhD. Published by Lantern Books
- 🐔 The Avian Flu Crisis in Canada: Ethics of Farmed-Animal Disease Control," Feb. 28 (www.upc-online.org/Welfare/)
- 🐔 Future Trends in Animal Agriculture Symposium "Chicken Behavior," Aug 11 (www.upc-online.org/Welfare/)
- 🐔 "The Life of One Battery Hen," Spring (www.upc-online.org/lifeofhen.htm)
- 🐔 "Hens Will No Longer Starve But They Will Still Suffer," June 9 (www.upc-online.org/molting/60905suffer.htm)

Teachers Conferences

- 🐔 Minnesota State Teachers Conference, St. Paul, Oct 20
- 🐔 Virginia Association of Science Teachers Association Convention, Roanoke, VA, Nov 17-19

Animal Agribusiness Conference Participation

- 🐔 Future Trends in Animal Agriculture, USDA, Washington DC, Sept 21

Public Comment Submissions on Poultry Welfare to US Department of Agriculture

- 🐔 "Treatment of Live Poultry Before Slaughter," Oct 25 www.upc-online.org/Welfare/102505treatment.html

Keynote Speaking Engagements & Exhibitor Tables

- 🐔 Two Days of Thinking About Animals in Canada, Brock

University, St. Catherines, Ontario, Feb 24-25

- 🐔 Environmental Law Conference, University of Oregon, Eugene, March 3-6
- 🐔 Grassroots Animal Rights Coalition Conference, New York City, March 31-April 3
- 🐔 Conference on Holidays, Ritual, Festival, Celebration, and Public Display, Bowling Green State University (Ohio), June 3-5
- 🐔 Animal Rights 2005 National Conference, July 7-11
- 🐔 Taking Action for Animals, Washington, DC, July 16-18
- 🐔 Farm Sanctuary Hoedown, Watkins Glen, NY, Aug 5-7
- 🐔 American Vegan Conference, Summertown, TN, Aug 10-14
- 🐔 Toronto Vegetarian Food Fair (Canada), Sept 9-11
- 🐔 Future Trends in Animal Agriculture, US Department of Agriculture, Washington DC, Sept 21
- 🐔 Salisbury University (MD) Environmental Philosophy Class, Oct 24

Additional Community Outreach – Exhibitor Tables

- 🐔 Livestock and Poultry Welfare Symposium, Marine Humane Society, Novato, CA, Sept 22
- 🐔 9th Annual Charlottesville (VA) Vegetarian Festival, Sept 24
- 🐔 Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary's 8th Annual Open House, Sept 25
- 🐔 13th Annual Eastern Shore Birding Festival (VA), Oct 7-9
- 🐔 Vegetarian Society of Washington, DC, Thanksgiving Celebration, Nov 24
- 🐔 United Poultry Concerns annual Thanksgiving Open House, Nov 26

UPC in the News: Articles * Letters-to-the-editor *

Display Ads

PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications)

- 🐔 *Activate For Animals (AV Society) Feb issue*
- 🐔 *The Washington Post Feb 12*
- 🐔 *Long Island Press (NY) March 30*
- 🐔 *Earth First! March-April issue*
- 🐔 *Satya Magazine April issue*
- 🐔 *The Diamondback (University of Maryland-College Park) Display Ad April 14*
- 🐔 *The Western Producer (Canada) April 21*
- 🐔 *Minnesota Daily (University of Minnesota) Display Ads April 21, 28, May 2*
- 🐔 *Satya Magazine (Display Ad) May issue*
- 🐔 *The Gazette (Takoma Park, MD) May 11*

- 🐔 *Inter-County Leader (WI) May 18*
- 🐔 *Earth First! May-June issue*
- 🐔 *Takoma Voice (Takoma Park, MD) June issue*
- 🐔 *Lexington Herald-Leader (KY) June 20*
- 🐔 *Minneapolis Star Tribune July 15*
- 🐔 *Columbus Dispatch (OH) July 31*
- 🐔 *Feedstuffs: The Weekly Newspaper for Agribusiness Aug 1*
- 🐔 *Democrat and Chronicle (Rochester, NY) Aug 19*
- 🐔 *Chicago Sun-Times Sept 6*
- 🐔 *Eastern Shore News (VA) Oct 13*
- 🐔 *Animal People (article, book review, display ad) Nov issue*
- 🐔 *Utne Magazine Nov-Dec issue*
- 🐔 *Minnesota Daily Dec 8*

BROADCAST MEDIA (Radio and Internet Live & Taped Interviews)

- 🐔 *Jeff Katz Radio Show, KNEW San Francisco Jan 14*
- 🐔 *Mark and Kim Show, STAR 102.1 Knoxville, TN Jan 31*
- 🐔 *Diane Thompson Show, KNX Los Angeles April 25*
- 🐔 *Go Vegan Texas! KPFT Houston April 25*
- 🐔 *Animal Concerns of Texas, NPR-KTEP El Paso May 23*
- 🐔 *KOHU Radio, Hermiston, OR April 29*
- 🐔 *Animal Talk with Suzanne Dragan, WCTU New Brunswick, NJ May 1*
- 🐔 *Watchdog with Karen Dawn, KPFK Los Angeles June 7*
- 🐔 *Background Briefing, ABC Radio National Network Sydney, Australia June 26*
- 🐔 *Tom & Judy Show, WMST Radio Mount Sterling, KY July 6*
- 🐔 *Rural Route, KFRM (Clay Center, KS) & KSIR (Fort Morgan, CO) July 27*
- 🐔 *www.Vegcast with Vance Lehmkuhl, Philadelphia, PA Nov 7*
- 🐔 *Horizons with Tyrone Barksdale, WHUR-FM Washington, DC Nov 10*
- 🐔 *Vegan Freak Radio Show with Bob & Jenna Torres, Upstate NY Nov 12*
- 🐔 *Stan Milam Radio Show, WCLO Janesville, WI Nov 16*
- 🐔 *1550 Today with Paul Roberts, WNTN Newton, MA Nov 16*
- 🐔 *This Morning with Stephanie Ross, KWIX-Land Moberly, MO Nov 17*
- 🐔 *The Frankie Boyer Show, The National Radio Network (Boston, MA) Nov 18*
- 🐔 *The Morning Show with Jonathan Mark, WHHO Hornell, NY Nov 21*
- 🐔 *Northland Notebook with Ted Elm, WWJC Duluth, MN Nov 22*

- 🐔 *Living Jubilee with Diane Summers, KFUD St. Louis, MO Nov 23*
- 🐔 *Wyoming Today with Bob Beck, WPR-KUWR Laramie Nov 23*
- 🐔 *Animal Matters with Karen Meicht, KZFR Chico, CA Dec 29*

Financial Report

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005

Revenues.....	\$130,118
Public Support.....	126,455
Expenses.....	\$137,826
Programs and Education.....	117,043
Organizational Management.....	10,165
Fundraising.....	10,618

Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year...\$139,050

Thank You!

Karen Davis, PhD
President

United Poultry Concerns takes this opportunity to thank the following foundations and trusts for assisting our programs in 2005:

- The Marino Foundation
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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

By Chickens' Lib/ Farm Animal Welfare Network

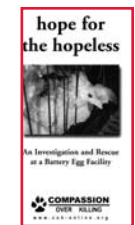
This vivid half hour video exposes the cruelty of the battery cage system and intensive broiler chicken, turkey and duck production. VHS. \$10



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By Farm Sanctuary

This fully narrated video illuminates the intolerable conditions imposed on egg laying hens and unwanted male chicks by the US egg industry. 14 minutes. VHS. \$10



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

By Karen Davis

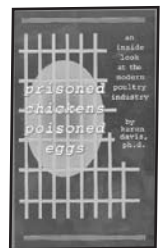
Karen Davis shows how turkeys in the wild have complex lives and family units, and how they were an integral part of Native American and continental cultures and landscape before the Europeans arrived while drawing larger conclusions about our paradoxical relationship with turkeys, all birds and other animals including other human beings. \$20



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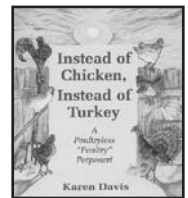
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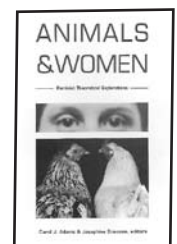
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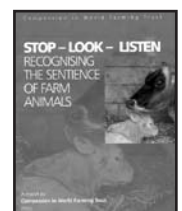
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