

Poultry Press

Santeria and the Supreme Court

"The American public has a hard time seeing beyond the dead chickens."

Attorney Oliver Thomas, Baptist Joint Committee

Promoting the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl.

The Santeria case addressed the constitutionality of a 1987 ban by the city of Hialeah, Florida on the ritual sacrifice of nonhuman animals by members of the Santeria religion. On June 11, 1993, the Supreme court decided *Church of the Lukumi Babalu Aye v. City of Hialeah* after 7 months of deliberation. The court unanimously concluded that the Hialeah ordinances violated the Free Exercise of Religion rights of the Santerians.

In 1987, attorney Gary Francione of Rutgers University successfully represented the ASPCA in state court when it was sued by a Santeria group which claimed the NY anticruelty law violated the free exercise of religion clause of the First Amendment. Santeria practitioners reportedly saw off the heads of conscious goats and sheep and place the heads of conscious

birds under foot and pull their bodies apart. They may "stun" birds by bashing their heads against the ground. These animals are bled and lose consciousness very slowly. A photograph in the *New York Post*, Oct. 7, 1992, shows a practitioner performing a ceremony "to transfer one's sins to a chicken" prior to slaughtering the chicken. The practitioner reads scripture while swinging a living chicken over his head. This "transfer" custom has many analogies in ancient and modern societies whose members believe it is possible and morally permissible to displace human diseases, pain, sins, and crimes onto innocent nonhuman victims to suffer and be punished in their stead.

Francione and the Rutgers Animal Law Clinic (Phone: 201-648-5989) consider that the Supreme Court did not hold animal sacrifices to be protected. In their view, "the court held that these



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practices could not be *prohibited* by legislation that was specifically intended to target religious practices alone. A municipality may still ban animal sacrifices as long as these prohibitions are in accordance with neutral and generally applicable rules, such as a state anticruelty statute."

The issue in *Lukumi* was six Hialeah ordinances that banned animal sacrifice, slaughter, and the keeping of animals for sacrifice or slaughter, while inconsistently providing an exception for slaughter of animals in officially zoned and licensed slaughter plants and on small farms. Jorge Duarte, an attorney for the Santeria church, observed, "You can buy Chicken McNuggets in Hialeah, but you can't kill a chicken for religious reasons."

Justices Harry Blackmun and Sandra O'Connor stated in this regard: "A harder case would be presented if the Santerians were requesting an exemption from a generally applicable anticruelty law. . . . This case does not present . . . the question whether the Free Exercise Clause would require a religious exemption from a law that sincerely pursued the goal of protecting animals from cruel treatment. The number of organizations that have filed *amicus* briefs on behalf of this interest, however, demonstrates that it is not a concern to be treated lightly."

The "*amicus* briefs" refer to two *amicus curiae* (friend-of-the-court) briefs filed in October 1992 in the U.S. Supreme Court by the International Society for Animal Rights (ISAR) and 10

other animal advocacy organizations including United Poultry Concerns. Professor Henry Mark Holzer, who with a colleague prepared the briefs, explained in the ISAR Newsletter (Summer 1993): "In other words, if a law were passed not specifically aimed at the cruel practice of a particular religious group, but were part of a consistent, unified, *noncontradictory*, general attempt to deal with the problem of cruelty to animals, that might constitute a sufficiently strong government interest to overcome a claim to abuse animals for religious reasons. Thus, for the animal rights movement, the message is clear: it must redouble its effort to eliminate all forms of cruelty to animals."

WHAT CAN I DO?

► Senator Ted Kennedy has introduced a bill, S. 578, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. Contact your two Senators and insist that an amendment be added to S. 578 stating that "Nothing in this law shall be construed to prohibit any state or local government from enforcing religiously neutral anticruelty or humane slaughter statutes."

► Education is needed to erode the belief held by our society and our species that other beings and species may be employed to bear the burden of human transgressions and diseases.

CHICKENS LOSE STAUNCH COMRADE

The death of Ruth Dahl from cancer in April is a loss to farm animals everywhere. Ruth was an original member of UPC. She kindly donated to UPC's library the beautiful children's book *How Chicks Are Born* and the scholarly book on the role of chickens in society, *The Chicken Book*, by Page Smith and Charles Daniel. Ruth grieved over the fate of chickens. In their discussion on the origins of the battery cage, Smith & Daniel write, "The rows upon rows of neat, clean birds, with their mutilated beaks, in the small cages, were like a glimpse into an Inferno as terrible in its own way as any of the circles of Dante's hell." To which Ruth added, "and no one cares and helps them!"

Ruth's letter to the editor in *The Animals' Agenda* (June 1987), pleading for more attention to the plight of farm animals, was instrumental in the formation of United Poultry Concerns. Ruth's spirit continues to live in our dedication to relieving the plight of domesticated fowl.

Plan Now to Attend and Show the World People Care About Chickens
Humane Slaughter Campaign Focus of Fourth Annual
Spring Mourning Vigil for Chickens 1994

On Friday, April 29, 1994, United Poultry Concerns will hold the 4th Annual Spring Mourning Vigil for Chickens at the Townsends chicken slaughter plant on RT 24 in Millsboro, Delaware. Townsends, the 10th largest chicken slaughter company in the U.S., kills 3 million broiler chickens a week at its 7 locations. Millsboro, DE is located in Sussex County, the county that slaughters the largest number of broiler chickens in the U.S. One and a half million chickens die at Townsends in DE each week.

Chickens continually fall off Townsends trucks on RT 24 to die by the roadside and get hit and run

Industry, Inc. UPC recently asked the director of DPI whether Townsends stuns its chickens and was told he "doesn't know" and "will have to look into it."

The U.S. poultry industry will not take responsibility for the welfare of birds at slaughter until federal law requires it.

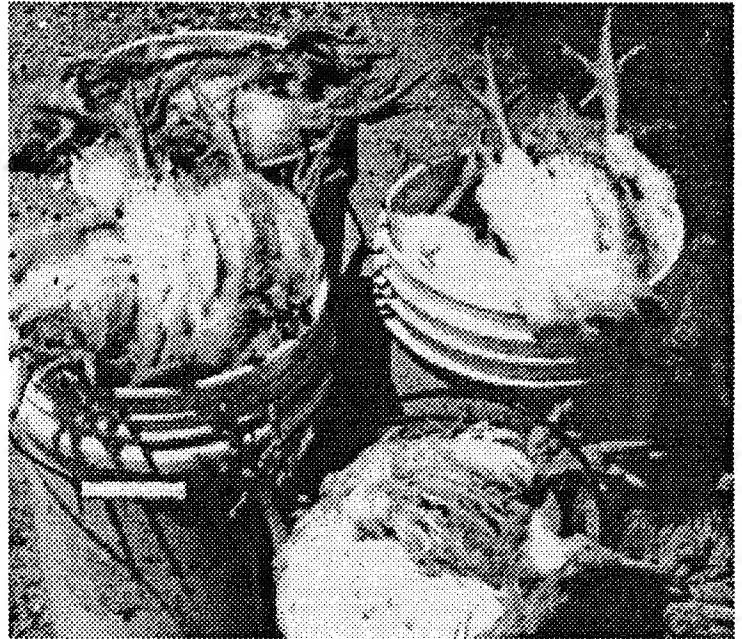


Photo: Debbie Behr

"Birds bleed, hurt and cry just like any other creature."

*Congressman
 Andy Jacobs,
 sponsor of the Humane
 Methods of Poultry
 Slaughter Act of 1993
 (H.R. 649)*

over by heavy traffic. UPC has been informed that Townsends does not stun its chickens.

Townsends is part of the Delmarva poultry industry, the 4th largest broiler chicken-producing area in the U.S., comprising Delaware and the Eastern Shore counties of Maryland and Virginia. Its trade group is Delmarva Poultry

WHAT CAN I DO?

► Please urge your U.S. Senators to sponsor a companion bill to H.R. 649, the Humane Methods of Poultry Slaughter Act. Urge your House Representative to cosponsor H.R. 649.

Address your Representative:
 Honorable _____, House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515 (Dear Ms. or Mr. _____):

Address your Senators:
 Honorable _____, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510 (Dear Senator:)

► Contact: Honorable Eugene Branstool, Assistant Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC

20250. (Dear Mr. Branstool:)

Urge him to use his authority to support the extension of federal humane slaughter protection to poultry without further delay.

► Run the enclosed camera-ready ad in your newsletter and news media. Make copies, post and distribute them.

H.R. 649 had 28 cosponsors as of September 1.

*"Until you people brought it up, nobody around here was talking about 'humane slaughter' in our industry."
 National Turkey Federation
 to UPC*

In the Onion Sack, On the Auction Block:

POULTRY AT AUCTIONS

Three incidents of the highly contagious viral respiratory disease of poultry, avian influenza, prompted a temporary ban on live-bird auctions in Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania in January 1993. The virus was first reported in a turkey flock in Montgomery County, PA. It then appeared in blood samples from a Philadelphia live-bird market on January 13 and in three chickens at the PA Farm Show a few days later in Harrisburg, PA.

The birds who tested positive for the virus at the Philadelphia live-bird market on January 13 had been supplied by a dealer from New Jersey who said he bought them at an auction in Manheim, PA.

Many think old-fashioned poultry-keeping is idyllic. Is it? Two eyewitnesses provide a look.

Karen O'Donoghue: "A Day at a Livestock Auction in Maine"

A mountain of moving grain bags is piled in the corner of the auction hall. The bags are crammed with chickens, six stuffed in each bag. One hen near the top of the pile has managed to peck a hole big enough to poke her head out—a breath of fresh air before being auctioned off for slaughter.

That day I saw some of the most blatant acts of cruelty that exist in the world today. No food or water was provided for any of the animals. I'm sure many hadn't eaten for days—it's not cost effective to feed an animal about to be sold. Everything was for sale at the auction I attended, from knick

knacks for your house to puppies. The general rule was to sell the animals last.

On this day, the chickens were first to be auctioned off. The bags stuffed with chickens were slammed on the auction block. The birds were grabbed by their wings and their feet for display. They and the other animals were treated with less respect than the inanimate objects sold earlier in the day. The people who bought the animals were no better than the sellers. We watched them shove their live purchases into the backs of pickup trucks and stuff them into the trunks of their cars.

I left the auction with nine chickens. I know I should not contribute money to this business, but my emotional response to these chickens took over.

Small town animal auctions, which are often weekly events, must be sought out and the cruelties documented and exposed. There is perhaps no worse feeling than to see human beings treat a lamp with more care than a bird or a baby calf.

Excerpted and slightly edited from "The Big Sellout," *Act'ionLine*, FOA, Summer 1988.

Karen O'Donoghue is the volunteer director of Hemlock Hill Farm Sanctuary. To learn more about her work and how you can help, contact Karen at the Sanctuary at RFD #2, Box 474, North Lebanon, ME 04027 (207-457-1371).

Barbara Moffit: "Into Gunny Sacks For the Ride"

Once upon a time in my ignorant days, I hatched chicks for pets. Then in December 1987, I went to a poultry auction and realized how many chickens need to be rescued. I never hatched another chick.

Imagine a day so hot, the humidity so high, you can scarcely breathe, and countless people crowded around cages of chickens who are packed together, mouths open, gasping for air. Not a drop of water in sight. Or envision a day with a wind chill below zero and chickens huddled in wire cages waiting to be sold, only to be hauled God knows where or how far on the back of a pickup in the frigid air to whatever fate awaits them—often another auction or flea market fifty miles away, perhaps in another state. On such days, the "lucky" ones get stuffed into gunny sacks for the ride.

Often they're brought in the previous day, to stand in tiny cages 24 hours or more. Most consignors [persons or firms that deliver goods to an agent for sale] never think to provide food or water before leaving the birds to be sold. We find birds so hungry they all but tear through the cage bars to get the food we bring. It would be worse if David and I didn't take it upon ourselves to be sure every cage has a fresh water bowl every sale day during warm weather. Unfortunately, many consignors bring their own cages without bowls, and there's nothing we can do for these birds. We gather

Photo of Ollie by Barbara Moffit



and doesn't even know that the man I was bidding against had said he was looking for "an old rooster to cook for dinner."

Barbara and David Moffit provide permanent care and shelter for rescued birds and other animals at their home of Wings-Haven, Route 6, Box 61, Stillwater, OK 74074.

Barbara wants to do more to help birds at auctions and welcomes collaborative effort.

cardboard boxes to shade birds placed in the hot sun.

Some chickens are abandoned at auctions. Some people buy so many they seem to lose track. After the sale, folks will stop at Wal-Mart while leaving the birds in cages or bound in onion sacks on their pickups. We saw two guinnies [guinea fowl] in a clear plastic box, partly made of metal, with only tiny air holes in the plastic in the sun. They were gasping for breath. I didn't notice the man sitting in the truck until we'd walked on. When we returned there was a rug over the cage, the man was gone, and the guinnies were still panting desperately. I tell myself guinnies cost a buyer about \$6 a piece, so surely the people wouldn't just let them die. I wonder.

We've managed to rescue some wonderful chickens and turkeys. One of my sweethearts is Stormy, a spirited white rooster I'm convinced was a cast-off Easter chick. I almost walked past his cage. Then I heard a voice "talking" to me, clucking and begging for attention. I looked into bright, friendly eyes, reached in and stroked his back while he danced closer with one wing lowered, and my heart was stolen. He follows me everywhere now,

WHAT CAN I DO?

➤ Every state in the U.S. has an anticruelty statute. Obtain a copy of your state anticruelty statute by asking the librarian in your public library to show you your state's code.

➤ State anticruelty statutes define cruelty as an action (overloading, injuring, etc.) or a failure to act (failing to provide adequate water, food, shelter, or abandoning) which results in the animal's pain, suffering or death. Typically, an animal is defined as a "warm-blooded, living creature," "brute creature," or "any living creature except man." Read your state statute carefully and identify the parts that seem applicable to poultry at auctions.

➤ Define your target: the nature of the cruelty you are investigating.

➤ Define your goal(s): e.g. Criminal prosecution for cruelty; voluntary action by the auction owner or auction-goers; exposure of conditions to the media/public; information gathering for new

legislation or for an amendment to cover live animal auctions.

➤ Have a diary and a camera. Record what, where, when, how and why. Be exact. Try to follow one bird or sack/cage full of birds for as long as you can. Find out where the birds came from and who consigned them. Get names, license tags, and other identifying information. Record date and time of the cruelty. Information relating to the subject of a video or photograph should be recorded and reflected in the video/photo: a video/photograph of an animal in a cage should include a sign that indicates who the animal is, where s/he is located, and the date and time of the video/photograph.

➤ Go to the auction regularly and record repeated instances of cruelty and neglect (e.g. no food, no water/water bowls, cages sitting in the hot sun for hours). It helps to show that the cruelty is not isolated but a routine practice.

➤ When you think you have an instance or a case of cruelty (if possible, include other witnesses willing to corroborate your testimony), contact one or more of the following depending on your goals: your Commissioner of the county in which the auction was held, your nearest humane society or animal control officers, your local media, your legislator.

➤ In presenting yourself and your case to state and local agencies, law enforcement officials, the media, etc., be professional, polite, firm, knowledgeable, confident, friendly, and courteously persistent. Never apologize for your concern about a suffering and abused animal ("I know you'll think I'm crazy, but..."). Be strong for the animals.

Tasmanian Activist Pam Clarke Spends 6th Jail Term for Battery Hens

“Pam, a spirited and loving grandmother of 6 and critically acclaimed artist, has said she’ll spend up to a year in prison if that’s what it takes to get the hens out of cages.”
Animal Liberation Magazine

The caging of laying hens was successfully prosecuted this year in a private suit brought in Hobart, Tasmania, in Australia, by Pam Clarke and the Australian organization, Animal Liberation, founded by Peter Singer, president. In the past 11 years, Clarke has gone to jail 6 times, from 2 to 44 days at a time, for trespassing at the Tasmanian Parliament House in protest of battery cages. She is accompanied by “Battery Bertha”, a 7-foot rendition of a battery hen, whose favorite song is “I Want to be Free.” In August, Clarke debuted another companion, “Free Range Freeda.”

Clarke and AL brought charges against Golden Egg Farm following an undercover investigation in 1991 in which several hens were purchased from the farm and videos and photographs were taken documenting the conditions under which the hens were forced to live.

On February 24, 1993, Hobart Magistrate Phillip Wright found Golden Egg Farm guilty on 7 counts of cruelty under the Tasmanian Cruelty to Animals Prevention Act of 1925. Mr. Wright delivered an historic 18-page judgment against the farm

and the battery system. He ruled that the hens were unable to exercise, and in chronic pain because they were forced to rub continuously against wire. He stated that confinement such as to cause the state of the hens submitted in evidence “could not be called other than cruel in my opinion: if a bird is unable to move without affecting physically others in the cage, nor to lay or rest without affecting itself deleteriously, the cruelty is constant and continual and without relief and, I have no doubt, caused stress in all these birds.”

Shortly after the ruling, Clarke was charged with trespassing at Hobart Parliament House and sent to prison for 3 weeks, from May 18 to June 7, 1993, in relation to her protest of Government efforts to amend the Tasmanian Prevention of Cruelty Act of 1925 to exempt poultry from protection, which would allow the Government to override the court judgment. Meanwhile, in August, Australian industry ministers agreed to a national review of battery hen farming, with a view to seeking alternatives.

Animal Liberation branches are poised throughout Australia to launch similar private prosecutions against battery hen farms. War has been declared against the battery cage in Australia. This battle includes all of us. Wherever we are, we are morally obligated to end the oppression.

UPC thanks Patty Mark, editor of *Animal Liberation Magazine*, for the information. To show support, contact Patty at PO Box 15, Elwood; Victoria 3184, Australia. To congratulate Pam Clarke, write Environmental Centre, 102

Bathurst Street; Hobart, Tasmania 7000, Australia. To thank Magistrate Phillip Wright, write to him at Court of Petty Sessions, Liverpool Street; Hobart, Tasmania 7000, Australia.



Photo of Cassie by Patty Mark

A LEGACY OF COMPASSION

Have you thought about remembering United Poultry Concerns through a provision in your will? Please consider an enduring gift on behalf of the birds. A legal bequest may be worded as follows:

I give, devise and bequeath to United Poultry Concerns, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation located in the state of Maryland, the sum of \$_____ and/or (specifically designated property).

We welcome inquiries.

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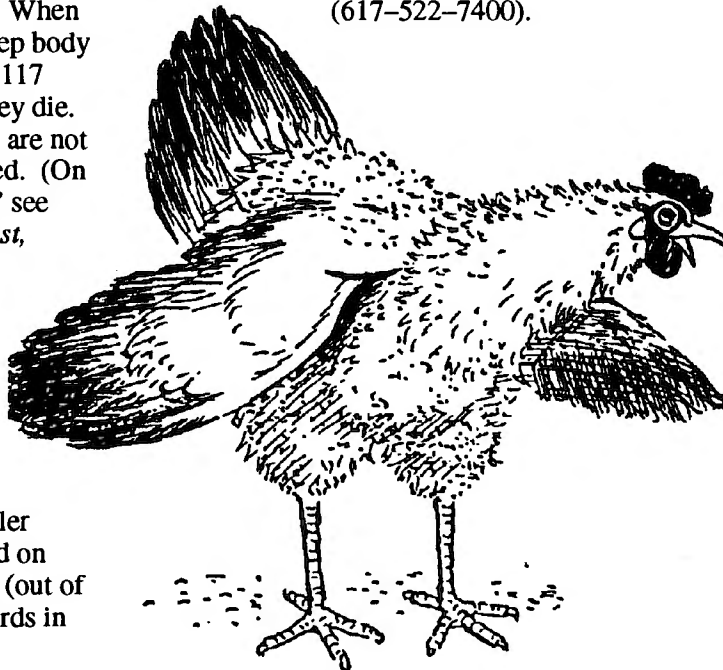
Poultry Suffer in Hot Weather; Anti-cruelty Laws Should Apply

When temperatures exceed 80 degrees F (27 degrees C), poultry develop "heat stress"—physiological responses to remove excess deep body heat. They eat less, drink more, hold their wings away from their body, and pant. Poultry do not sweat. They pant to cool themselves, inhaling air that passes over the moist lining of their respiratory tract, then enters their lungs and air sacs at a temperature lower than their body temperature. Deep body heat is removed as they exhale. Ranging fowl also take refuge beneath a shady tree or other cool cover.

Poultry in intensive confinement die by the thousands during hot spells despite fans and foggers. When chickens' deep body heat reaches 117 degrees F, they die. Poultry units are not airconditioned. (On "heat stress," see *Poultry Digest*, May 1993; *Feedstuffs*, April 5, 1993.)

In Delmarva (DE, MD, VA), 300,000 broiler chickens died on June 9, 1993 (out of 90 million birds in

Delmarva). In Massachusetts, 20,000 caged laying hens died of heat suffocation at Westminster Farm, the state's largest battery farm with 560,000 birds, when an electrical storm on July 7 killed the power that runs the fans. The industry and larger society do not take responsibility for the cruelty or show any feeling for the birds. In MA, the dead hens were hauled to a waste-to-energy incinerator to be turned into electricity. This was presented in the *Boston Globe* (July 10, 1993) as a happy ending, with MA Waste Policy & Planning office director heartlessly concluding, "It's not an inhumane situation. . . . The farmers don't make the weather happen." For more information contact Melissa Bassett, MA SPCA (617-522-7400).



THANKS

UPC is grateful to Carol Brookshire for her generous donation towards purchase of a camcorder to help in our investigations. Carol's donation is in memory of her son, "David Anthony James, a kind and gentle young man who loved all creatures. He was born with multiple defects of the heart and had many surgeries and hospitalizations in his lifetime. One of the things that has helped me accept that he is gone has been to donate something to areas where I think he would have had a good deal of compassion in his heart."

Carol was greatly supportive of our 1992 investigation of the use of red contact lenses in laying hens which has destroyed the eyes of many thousands of caged laying hens. At the time of our investigation, Carol wrote, "I have long thought that there was a direct relationship between human indifference and cruelty to other creatures and human indifference and cruelty to one another. I think that everything that can be done should be done to retrain humans out of thinking that the human species is the most important on earth and all other species are only there to support it."

Fast Food Seeks New Outlets

Fast-food chains say they are running out of sites to build restaurants and are targeting new locations in hospitals, factories, airports, discount houses, industrial plants, office buildings, beaches and ball parks.

McDonald's is getting space in Home Depots, the building supply chain. "By locating its outlets in them, McDonald's will be able to sell to a consumer a chicken or a hamburger while shopping for a hammer or a screwdriver."

Mrs. Winters chain of chicken restaurants is buying heavier chickens and telling consumers they'll get more ounces. The company promises consumers free drumsticks, which helps the poultry industry get rid of some of the dark meat in cold storage. According to USDA's July 21, 1993 *Cold Storage report*, frozen poultry totaled 968.4 million pounds—404.4 million pounds of chicken, 558 million pounds of

turkey—as of June 30.

Chick-Fil-A, a nationwide chain of chicken sandwich restaurants, is opening in a hospital in Atlanta, GA. and is looking for other similar locations. A portable Chick-Fil-A store is transported as a trailer to beaches, fairs, and ball parks. "It can be set up in a minute, ready to serve chicken."

While the export market absorbs much of the surplus dark meat [the U.S. is the world's largest broiler meat exporter, with 1.6 billion pounds forecast for 1993, compared with 1.5 in 1992], there are still mountains of meat with no place to go but cold storage.

Estimated production [slaughter] during the last week of July was 132,580 million broiler chickens. The average liveweight was 4.42 pounds [These pathologically obese baby birds endure enormous suffering. Federally-inspected production [slaughter] in 1993 as of July 17 was 3.516 billion

chickens, 4.2% more than the 3.373 billion birds last year. *Feedstuffs*, Aug. 2, 1993, 5; Aug. 9, 1993, 17; USDA *Livestock & Poultry Situation & Outlook Report* May 1993.

"Hormones may speed growth of broiler chickens"

Three researchers at the Prairie View A & M University experimental station in Prairie View, TX are trying to create a

"leaner, faster-growing" chicken by injecting hormones into eggs. Currently, feeding hormones to commercial poultry is illegal in the U.S. because of residue concerns. *Feedstuffs*, Aug. 7, 1993, 20. (The fact that hormones are illegal does not necessarily preclude their use. UPC welcomes information on the use of hormones in poultry production. Antibiotics to promote unnatural growth in commercial poultry are legally fed to the growing birds.)

Pharmaceutical conglomerate Merck & Co. has filed for a European patent on what the company calls a "Macro Chicken," described on the patent application as a "transgenic fowl expressing bovine growth hormone." These chickens have growth hormones from cattle. *Feedstuffs*, June 7, 1993, 20; Aug. 2, 1993, 24; *The Detroit News*, July 6, 1993, 1D, 2D.

WHAT CAN I DO?

► Use the Beyond Beef Campaign and World Farm Animals Day to inform the public how cruelly chickens are treated and how sick they are. According to Dr. Douglas Archer, deputy director of the FDA's Center for Food Safety, "There is no question that the extent of the salmonella contamination is due to the way the chickens are raised, the crowding and stress." Archer says the same is true for other pathogens like campylobacter and listeria. *St. Petersburg Times*, March 11, 1993.



Endangered Species Threatened by Battery Hen Complex

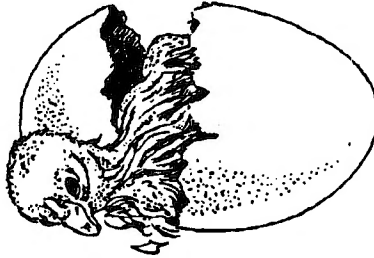
Environmental Impact Report Urgently Needed

Concerned citizens in San Luis Obispo County, CA are suing the county to require an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a tentatively approved 837,000-bird battery farm near Shandon, CA. A hearing has been scheduled in Superior Court for September 13 to review the Negative Declaration by the county Environmental Coordinator's office, and upheld by the County Board of Supervisors, that an EIR was not needed.

According to local resident Lorraine Scarpace, failure to conduct an EIR is a gross violation of the California Environmental Quality Act and the 1973 Endangered Species Act, and the law is not being enforced by the Interior Department's Fish & Wildlife Service. When a species is designated as in danger of extinction, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has broad authority to order measures to protect it, including the prohibition of actions that would further endanger the species.

Six endangered species may be threatened by the proposed 480-acre battery complex, "Sunnyslope Egg Ranch" —Prairie Falcon, California Condor, American Golden Eagle, Southern Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, and San Joaquin Kit Fox.

Scarpace and the coalition, Life On Planet Earth, are looking for environmentalist organizations to assist them in their effort to require the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to do its job.



Donations for the lawsuit may be sent to Life On Planet Earth, PO Box 173, Paso Robles, CA 93447. Mark checks for "Sunnyslope Egg

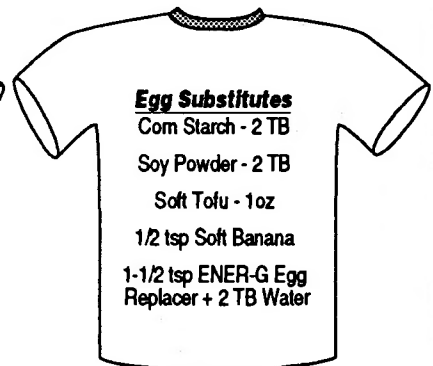
Ranch Appeal."

Information is needed concerning: (1) transmission of avian diseases from confined chickens to nearby wild bird populations; and (2) types of parasites that have been documented to pass from chickens to human populations by manure or egg-washing water. Send information to: Lorraine Scarpace, PO Box 1981, Paso Robles, CA 93447 (805-239-1568 weekdays; 805-238-5498 eve., weekends).

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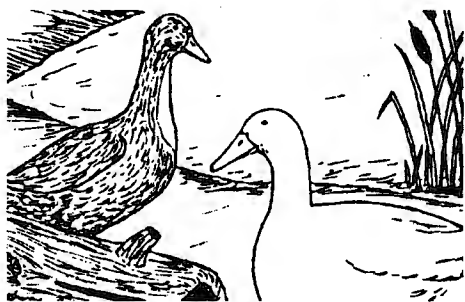
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ACTION ALERTS

Judge Rules Against Ducks & Geese; Family Keeps Fighting

PoultryPress has described the courageous effort of **Kathy Roth and Predrag Djordjevic** of Clarks Summit, PA to keep their rescued 12 companion geese and 7 companion ducks, after the Clarks Summit borough launched a campaign to oust the birds in 1991. Kathy and Predrag became defendants in a borough lawsuit to force them to comply with a zoning ordinance banning the keeping of "poultry" in a residential zone.



On June 1993, Judge Carlon O'Malley ordered Kathy and Predrag not to use their property to raise or maintain ducks or geese. Kathy, an animal rights advocate, is appealing the decision, a process that could take 10 years. She plans to use the Santeria Supreme court decision (June 11, 1993) as a basis for appeal. She explains that if the court allows ritual sacrifice of animals for religious reasons, "it should protect my rights as a follower of St. Francis to care for and preserve animal life."

Kathy and Predrag need help to meet the ongoing legal fees. Kathy told UPC, "We have no intention of giving up." People are encouraged to contact **Kathy Roth**, 411 Powell Ave., Clarks Summit, PA 18411.

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Contact: Customer Service Standards Manager, Quantas Airways, 360 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

In the event of an unsatisfactory

response, write and attach a copy of the response to: Richard Porter, Vice President for Americas Region, Quantas Airways, 360 Post Street, SF, CA 94108. Action Alert courtesy of UPC member Julie Beckham.

Cruelty and Salmonella Linked

U.S. caged laying hens are routinely force molted, often several times—starved from 1 to 2 weeks straight to adjust egg prices and reduce the oviduct fat in the unexercised hens. Force molting significantly impairs the hen's cellular immune system, increasing **Salmonella enteritidis** infestation of eggs — the bacteria that make people and chickens sick.

Holt & Porter, *Poultry Science*, Vol. 71, 1992, 1842-48.

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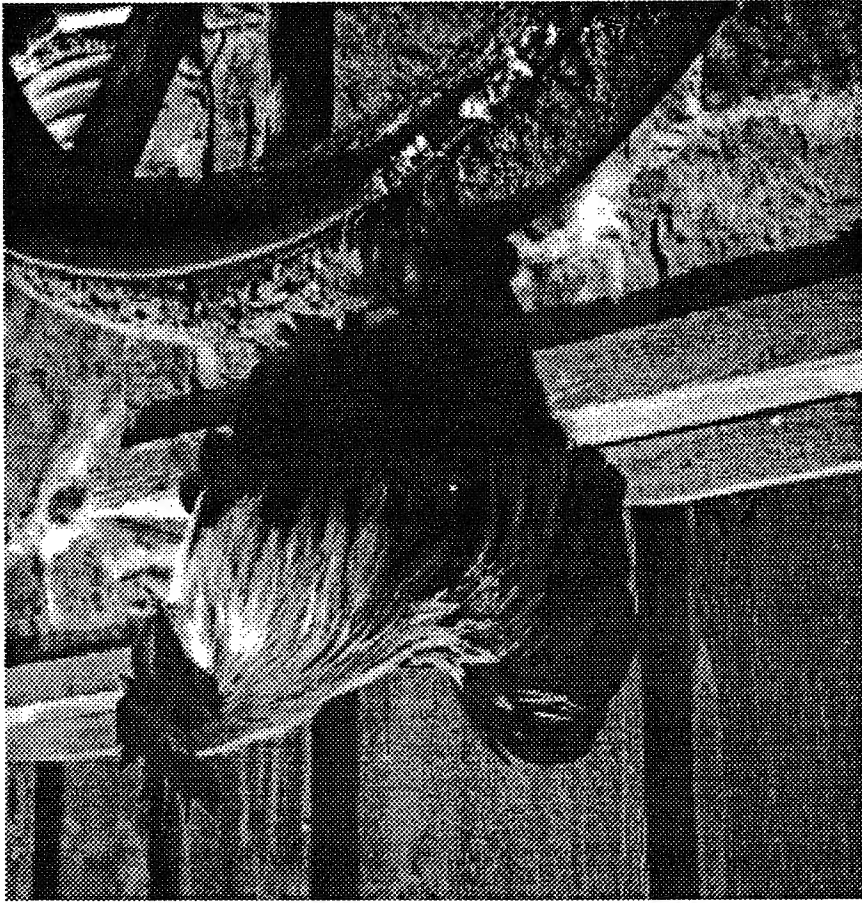


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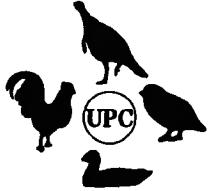
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