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The Rhetoric of Apology in Animal Rights:

Some Points to Consider

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Several years ago I published an article in **Between the Species** entitled "The Otherness of Animals" (Fall 1988). In it, I urged that in order to avoid contributing to some of the very attitudes towards other animals that we seek to change, we need to raise fundamental questions about the way that we, the defenders of animals, actually conceive of them. One question that needs to be raised concerns our tendency to deprecate ourselves, the animals, and our goals when speaking before the press and the public. Often we "apologize" for animals and our feelings for them. In **Between the Species**, I argued, "Anxious not to alienate others from our cause, half doubtful of our own minds at times in a world which views other animals so much differently than we do, we are liable to find ourselves presenting them apologetically at Court, spiffed up to seem more human, capable, ladies and gentlemen, of performing Ameslan [American sign language] in six languages. . . ."

We apologize in many different ways. More than once, I have been warned by an animal protectionist that the public will never care about chickens, and that the only way to get people to stop eating chickens is to concentrate on things like health and the environment. However, to take this defeatist view is to create a self-fulfilling prophecy. If we, the spokespersons for animals, decide in advance that no one will ever really care about them, we will convey this message to the public. Insisting that others will never care about chickens projects the feeling, "I don't think that I can ever care much about chickens."

This negative attitude about chickens epitomizes the apologetic mode of discourse in animal rights. It is the "I know I sound crazy, but . . ." approach to the public. If we find ourselves "apologizing" for other animals, we need to ask ourselves why we do this. Is it an expression of self-doubt? A deliberate strategy? Either way, I believe that the rhetoric of apology harms our movement tremendously. Following are some examples of what I mean.

1. Reassuring the public, "Don't worry. Vegetarianism isn't going to come overnight." We should ask ourselves the question: if I were fighting to end human slavery, child abuse, or some other human-created oppression, would I seek to placate the public or the offender by reassuring them that the offense will still go on for a long time and that we are only trying to phase it out gradually? Why, instead of defending vegetarianism, are we not *affirming* it?
2. Patronizing animals: "Of course they're only animals. Of course they can't reason the way we do. Of course they can't appreciate a symphony or paint a great work of

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art, but . . ." In fact, few people live their lives according to "reason," or appreciate symphonies, or paint works of art. As human beings we do not know what it feels like to have wings or to take flight from within our own bodies or to live naturally within the sea. Our species represents a smidgeon of the world's experience, yet we patronize everything outside our domain.

3. Comparing competent, adult nonhuman animals with human infants and people who are mentally defective. This is an extension of number 2. Do we honestly believe that all of the other creatures on earth have a mental life and range of experiences that are comparable to diminished human capacity and the sensations of newborn babies? Except within the legal system, where all forms of life that are helpless against human assault should be classified together and defended on similar grounds, this analogy is both arrogant and logically absurd.

4. Starting a sentence with, "I know these animals aren't as cute as other animals, but . . ." Do you say to your child, "I know Bill isn't as cute as Tom, but you still have to play with him"? Why put a foregone conclusion in people's minds? Why even suggest that physical appearance and conventionalized notions of attractiveness are relevant to anything that matters in a relationship?

5. Letting ourselves be intimidated by "science says," "producers know best" and charges of "anthropomorphism." We are related to other animals through evolution. Our empathic judgments reflect this fact. It does not take special credentials to know that, for example, a hen confined in a wire cage is suffering, or to imagine what her feelings must be compared with those of a hen ranging outside in the grass. We are told that humans are capable of knowing just about anything we want to know—except what it feels like to be one of our victims. Intellectual confidence is needed here, not submission to the epistemological deficiencies, cynicism, and intimidation tactics of profiteers.

6. Letting the other side identify and define who we are. I once heard a demonstrator tell a member of the press at a protest at a chicken slaughterhouse, "I'm sure Frank Perdue thinks we're all a bunch of kooks for caring about chickens, but . . ." Ask yourself: does it matter what the Frank Perdues of this world "think" about anything? Can you imagine Frank Perdue standing in front of a camera,

saying, "I know the animal rights advocates think I'm a kook, but . . .?"

7. Needing to "prove" that we care about people, too. The next time someone challenges you about not caring about people, ask them what they're working on. Whatever they say, say, "But why aren't you working on _____? Don't you care about _____?" We care deeply about many things; however, we cannot devote our primary time and energy to all of them. We must focus our attention and direct our resources. Moreover, to seek to enlarge the human capacity for justice and compassion is to care about and to work for people.

8. Needing to "pad" and bolster our concerns about animals and animal abuse. This is an extension of number 7. In keeping with the need to recognize the links of oppression and the indivisibility of social justice concerns, it is imperative to recognize that the abuse of animals is a human problem that is as serious as any other abuse. Unfortunately, the victims of *homo sapiens* are legion. As individuals and groups, we cannot give equal time to every category of injustice.

We must go where our heartstrings pull us the most, and do the best that we can with the confidence that is needed to change the world.

The rhetoric of apology in animal rights is an extension of the "unconscious contributions to one's undoing" described by the child psychologist, Bruno Bettelheim.* He pointed out that human victims will often "collaborate" unconsciously with an oppressor in the vain hope of winning the oppressor's favor.

In fighting for animals and animal rights against the collective human oppressor, we assume the role of vicarious victims. To apologize in this role is to betray "ourselves" profoundly. We need to understand why and how this can happen. As Bettelheim explained, "But at the same time, understanding the possibility of such unconscious contributions to one's undoing also opens the way for doing something *about* the experience—namely, preparing oneself better to fight in the external world against conditions which might induce one unconsciously to facilitate the work of the destroyer."

We must prepare ourselves this way. If we feel that we must apologize, let us apologize *to* the animals, not for them.

*Bruno Bettelheim, "Unconscious Contributions to One's Undoing," *SURVIVING and Other Essays*, Vintage Books, 1980.

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Please Read This!

"I am a registered dietitian who retired from working in a local hospital 8 years ago. I'm trying to make up for some of the damage I did before I was a full-fledged vegetarian and before I knew about debeaking, battery cages, and snuffing out little male chicks. I used to tell people to eat chicken and fish instead of red meat. And I didn't even know I was giving them faulty information. That's why your organization is so vital."

Kathleen Shopa to UPC

United Poultry Concerns works 365 days a year, 7 days a week, to make a better life for chickens, turkeys, and other domestic fowl. In the past 3 months alone, UPC:

- Was featured in major articles in *New Scientist* (5/21), *The Sun* (Baltimore 6/18), and *The Christian Science Monitor* (7/12). *The Sun* did a strong full-length feature on UPC noting, "Karen Davis wants to change the way consumers see poultry—not as fried nuggets or sauce-covered entrees, but as intelligent and lovable creatures. . . . Folks in the chicken business know Ms. Davis well. Articulate and persistent, the former teacher has tried to turn up the heat on the poultry industry by accusing it of mistreating the birds and misleading the public about the health benefits of chicken meat."
- Organized 3 successful public education protests, with strong media coverage, at the Townsends chicken slaughter plant in Millsboro DE, the Delmarva Chicken Festival in Dover DE, and the National Turkey Federation conference in Williamsburg VA.
- Initiated the first campaign in the United States to end elementary school hatching projects.
- Sponsored the first protest ever held, in cooperation with Rocky Mountain Animal Defense, against the Guffey CO chicken-flying contest resulting in national coverage on Fox television and CNN Headline News.



Clarence and Clarise (June 1994)

Photo by Clyde Lassel

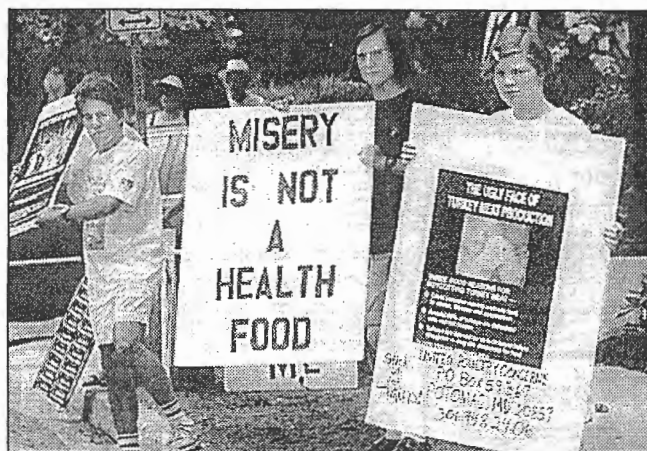


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- Submitted a formal Statement to the SPCA National Council of Southern Africa to assist their campaign against the plucking of live ostriches.
- Published a brochure on chicken flying contests, "Clean Fun, Yes. Mean Fun, No."
- Produced a Fact Sheet on the effects of intensive poultry production, "Fouling the Environment."
- Published a guide for activists, "Don't Plants Have Feelings Too?: Responding Effectively to 13 Frequently Asked Questions About Food, Fiber, Farm Animals and the Ethics of Diet."
- Produced two new buttons, "Stick Up For Chickens" and "Be Kind To Turkeys: Don't Gobble Me," and a new bumpersticker, "Don't Just Switch From Beef To Chicken. Get The Slaughterhouse Out of Your Kitchen!"
- Introduced the powerful new video showing the horror of U.S. egg production, "Raw Footage, Raw Pain," by Dave Crawford.
- Adopted 4 "spent" battery hens (Brigitte, Nanette, Melody, and Mary), a baby "broiler" hen named June, and 2 Golden Comets, Clarence & Clarise, bringing UPC's flock of rescued chickens up to 18 permanent residents.
- Exhibited, and gave workshops and keynote presentations at the EcoVisions Conference, the Farm Sanctuary Hoe-Down Conference, the National Alliance for Animals International Symposium, and the Vegetarian Summerfest Conference of the North American Vegetarian Society.
- Did two 1-hour live radio shows in DE on the poultry industry.

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- Published an article in **Best Friends Magazine** on the language of chickens (July 1994).
- Attended the First International Symposium on the Artificial Insemination of Poultry at the University of Maryland.

In the time since we began just four years ago in October 1990, United Poultry Concerns has become recognized in the animal rights movement as the leading authority on

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Thank You!
Karen Davis
Founder and President

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Revenues	\$25,014
Public Support	22,515
Sales	2,496
Interest	3
Expenses	\$14,754
Education	10,962
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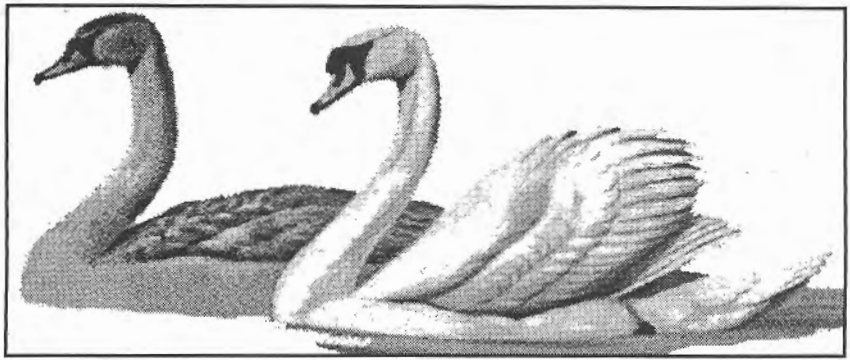
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The Forgotten Fowl

by Karen O'Donoghue



from *Birds of North America*

They are the epitome of grace and beauty. The creme-de-la-creme of pond ornaments. The ultimate status symbol. Swans. Neither domestic nor wild, they hang in a virtual limbo of human design. I never gave swans much thought until a pair was brought to my farm animal shelter last November. They arrived underfed, confused, lacking in social skills and with a deep hatred of human beings.

On December 29th, my birthday, the female swan tucked her head beneath her wing and released her soul into the spirit world. By then she had a name, Juliet. She had been eating all she could want, she had been taking treats from my hand, she lived with no fences to bind her. This was the best I could offer her for the last month of her life. Coaltrain, her regal mate, was heartbroken. Removing her body from him was a heart-wrenching task. Coal cried for days, calls to her still, and still wanders off as if in search of her.

Coaltrain and I have developed a relationship over the months that I will always cherish. He is no pet. He will attack anyone except myself and my 13 year-old daughter. He abhors men the most and has the capacity to inflict serious injury. Yet he remains here, a victim of someone's whim to possess a beautiful bird that was never meant to be a pet.

Juliet and Coaltrain were dropped at my sanctuary for the winter by a posh nursing home that couldn't be bothered to winter them over. They promised donations galore but haven't called once. When I called to tell them of Juliet's death, all they cared about was whether I could dispose of her body—they are getting Coal back over my dead body! Swans, by nature, don't like people; it's just their way. Before these swans were at the nursing home, they were private pond ornaments. Before that, who knows. I suspect Juliet was between 20 and 25 years old and died, more or less, of old age.

There is a lucrative swan trade in this country. Swans can easily be had if you can get in touch with any exotic wildlife dealer and can afford them. There are also many "backyard" breeders.

It is hard to tell if birds are underweight if they are full-feathered. I figured out that Juliet and Coaltrain were underweight by the fact that they doubled in size within a month of their arrival. Later, I learned from a source at the nursing home that their food was strictly rationed for fear of drawing rats.

The true sadness is that swans fly. It is very difficult to possess a full-winged, uncaged swan for long.

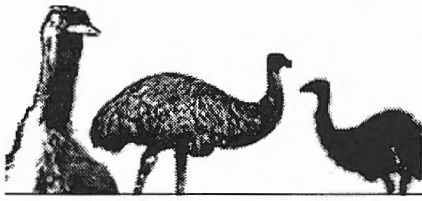
I sometimes watch as Coaltrain spreads his wings (what he has left of them). What should normally be a 6 foot wingspan has been surgically altered to be 4 feet at best. This surgical amputation is known as pinioning, an "acceptable" practice to ground all birds who may decide that flying could be what is missing from their lives. This cruel practice removes all of the flight feathers from one wing, and is actually a surgical procedure to assure that the wing NEVER grows back. I liken this to removing a human hand at the wrist so that it may never write a lovely poem, paint a beautiful picture, plant a flower, or touch a soul.

This is my friend, Coaltrain. He spreads his wings, each time looking for that elusive current of air with the need and desire to be what he was meant to be. To fly. He will never fly. I cry. He was robbed, and mutilated. He will never paint the skies with his gift of grace.

I will never be the same for having known him, the beautiful bird in the invisible cage.

What Can I Do?

- If you see a swan "ornament," plant yourself there and start a conversation with whoever drops by. Start with "Did you know they literally cut these birds' wings off?" Tell the owners and managers of resorts and parks with swans that you object to the decorative use of swans. Swans are not domestic animals and shouldn't be kept by anyone.
- Contact Karen O'Donoghue at **Hemlock Hill Farm Sanctuary, RFD #2, Box 474, North Lebanon, ME 04027 (207-457-1371)**. Karen is looking for a mate for Coaltrain but refuses to buy one. If you know of any rescues, please let her know.
- "There are about 100 voices calling for their lunch!" Hemlock Hill Farm Sanctuary is a tax-exempt refuge for farm animals that desperately needs financial help. Karen O'Donoghue is struggling to maintain her sanctuary that is "booming with birds"—including Coaltrain, T.J., the turkey, and Phoenix, the little house chicken. Donations are urgently needed.



Emus & Ostriches: Nowhere To Hide

Images courtesy of Frank Branchini

Dear Karen,

I can't thank you enough for taking up a cause very dear to my own heart: opposition to proposals to raise emus for food. When Paul and I were in Australia we visited Flinders Chase National Park located on Kangaroo Island in South Australia. We drove into the Park and stopped the car. Along came an emu at least as tall as I am. I threw him some bread and he began to walk toward me. All I could see was a giant beak heading towards my face so I beat a hasty retreat to the car. Later the park rangers told us it was perfectly safe to feed the emus.

While I went off on a hike, Paul sat at one of the fenced off picnic areas. He had the feeling someone was behind him. He looked. An emu was craning her long neck over the fence first on his right side and then on the left hoping there was food for a hungry bird.

Paul and I came to respect emus. In parks where emus and people frequently interact, they are quite friendly and intelligent. In areas where there is little interaction with people, they flee at being approached. It saddens me to think that emus will be treated as just one more commodity to be used, abused, and discarded by people who don't care about animals or the environment."

**Frank Branchini, Executive Director
SPCA of Anne Arundel County, MD**

State legislatures have been quietly passing laws to change the status of ratites—flightless fowl including ostriches and emus—from exotic to agricultural animals and to give their owners agricultural tax breaks and other farming privileges, in order to facilitate the establishment of a new "meat" industry in the U.S. For example, in April 1994, Arizona passed an unopposed bill with provisions "to regulate agricultural ratite ranching and production ['production'=slaughter]."

The Australian and New Zealand Federation of Animal Societies (ANZFAS) wrote, 3/31/94, "Inquiries to relevant government officers in Western Australia, where emu farming was approved in 1987, have revealed that emus are very difficult to kill. One person stands behind the emu to hold it, a second person attempts to place electric stunning tongs (converted from use on pigs) on either side of the animal's unrestrained head. The tongs must be held in place for 5-6 seconds to adequately stun [immobilize] the bird before its throat is cut. Even the correct level of the electric voltage is still being debated. . . . And for what? Some fashion feathers, or yet another taste treat for a few bored foodies."

What Can I Do?

- Please get involved in this issue. When you see news features touting the development of an ostrich-emu meat/feather/oil/hyde industry, write a letter-to-the-editor. (See *PoultryPress* Fall/Winter 1993 Vol 3, No 4; *The*

Animals' Agenda Jan/Feb 1994; *The Animals' Voice* April/May/June 1994 Vol 7, No 2.)

- Monitor your state legislature. Actively oppose any bill that seeks to promote the farming of ostriches and emus in your state.

Plucking of Live Ostriches

"This practice is widespread throughout South Africa and even our abattoirs [slaughterhouses] do it as a matter of routine prior to slaughter."

*SPCA National Council of Southern Africa,
letter to UPC 6/14/94.*

What Can I Do?

- Do not buy an ostrich featherduster or any item made of ostrich feathers. Protest to companies and stores that carry ostrich-feather merchandise. Write a letter to the Williams-Sonoma company urging it to remove the *Ostrich FeatherDuster* from its mail-order catalog and stores. Williams-Sonoma is "extremely responsive to customers." Write: **Williams-Sonoma, Mail Order Dept. PO Box 7456, San Francisco CA 94120-7456.**
- Explain that plucking feathers from the living body of a bird is cruel and painful. A feather is firmly held in a follicle, the wall of which is richly supplied with sensory fibers and nerves. Even clipping the feathers above the nerve endings pulls on the sensitive skin and muscle tissue to which the feathers are attached. Removing a feather from a bird requires a hard, steady pull. Feather removal is a barbaric act.

Removing Chickens' Feathers with Electric Sheep Shears Is "Humane"

A poultry researcher at the University of MN conducted a feather-removal study on egg-laying hens (see *Poultry-Press* Spring/Summer 1994 Vol 4, No 2, p. 8). Professor Craig Coon told UPC that he and his colleague Alfredo Peguri used electric sheep shears to shave the hens, "the most humane method for removing feathers . . . just like a haircut." According to Coon, researchers need to genetically engineer birds with light coats for hot climates, so they'll eat and get nutrients for egg production. (In very hot weather chickens stop eating. Feathers add heat.) Coon told UPC this experiment "did the birds a lot of good. It was very humane" 7/25/94.

(Coon received a "flood of letters" protesting his experiment. UPC thanks everyone for writing and urges you to *keep writing!* Dept. of Animal Science, Univ. of Minnesota, St Paul MN 55108.)

Action Alert

Coca-Cola Cockfighting Connection

The first World Congress of Cocking was held in Queretaro, Mexico at Expo '93. This was an exposition featuring livestock, industrial and commercial exhibits like a state fair. A 2-day cockfighting competition was held. According to **The Gamecock** magazine, Feb. 1994, "The advertising for the entire congress was sponsored by Coca-Cola. There were billboards all over the town promoting The First World Cocking Congress."

Coca-Cola sponsors rodeos, animal snaring in Hawaii, and now cockfighting. While legal in Mexico, cockfighting is illegal in most parts of the U.S. and was banned in Great Britain in the 19th century.

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What Can I Do?

- Tell Coca-Cola to issue a policy statement that they do not endorse cockfighting, in keeping with their written assertion that the Company "is sensitive to the safety and well-being of animals."
- Tell Coca-Cola that if their logo and syrup are licensed, to stipulate in the license or formal contract with local bottlers that their logo and syrup may not be used to advertise or promote pro-cockfighting activities and events.
- Remind Coca-Cola that **The Gamecock** stated unequivocally



that The Coca-Cola Company sponsored the advertising for the entire congress. If Coca-Cola did not, it should issue a public disclaimer, and reprimand **The Gamecock** for misrepresentation of the facts.

- Tell Coca-Cola to inform you in writing of their decisions and actions in this matter.

Tell Bob Evans to Drop Chicken Flying Meet

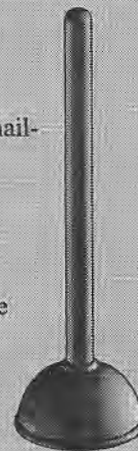
For at least 3 years, ever since we started our campaign, Bob Evans has been placating complaints about their October chicken flying contest with a meaningless "promise" to consider our concerns in future planning.

What Can I Do?

- Contact Bob Evans Farms, 3776 S. High St. Columbus, Ohio 43207-0863 (614-491-2225). Tell them their Chicken Flying Meet is outdated. Challenge them to use their imagination to come up with something in which spectators can join and be personally

involved without bullying innocent birds with toilet plungers, butterfly nets, fake mailboxes, and mean jokes.

- Send a SASE to UPC for our brochure against chicken flying contests including humane alternatives.
- Plan to join us in early October (date to be announced) to protest the chicken flying meet in Rio Grande Ohio if it is held again this year.



Q: "Are poultry farm animals?"

A: USDA: "No."

Q: "Are birds animals?"

A: USDA: "No."

Letter from USDA to UPC 5/6/94: "This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 21, 1994, in which you have stated your concern for the regulation of birds. Standards are to be issued in the future for the use of farm animals in biomedical research. Birds are considered as a separate entity from farm animals. . . ."

6/7/94: ". . . You may be aware that the Appellate Court has dismissed the case against the U.S. Department of Agriculture with regard to the regulation of rats, mice, and birds for lack of standing of the plaintiffs [Animal Legal Defense Fund, HSUS]. Since Federal resources continue to be reduced, and we are experiencing a downsizing of government, we have no plans to regulate birds under the AWA [Animal Welfare Act] at this time. We appreciate your concerns. . . ."

What Can I Do?

- Write: The Honorable Mike Espy, The Secretary of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th & Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20250; and Dr. Dale F. Schwindaman, Deputy Administrator, Regulatory Enforcement and Animal Care, APHIS, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Federal Bldg. Room 558, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Point out that despite the Appellate Court ruling, if USDA would amend its regulatory definition of the term "animal" to include birds, this would allow acts of cruelty or mistreatment of birds in biomedical research to be prosecuted as violations of the Animal Welfare Act. USDA would not need to expend any funds to amend the definition of "animal" to include birds.
- To learn more about the extensive use of poultry in biomedical research, order "The Use of Poultry in Biomedical Research" by Karen Davis simply by sending \$2 to UPC, PO Box 59367, Potomac MD 20859.

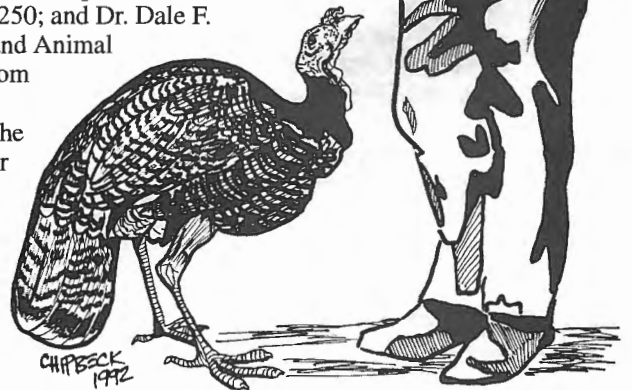


Illustration by Chip Beck

Thank You ALDF

United Poultry Concerns is extremely grateful to **The Animal Legal Defense Fund** for co-authoring UPC's Petition to the U.S. Department of Agriculture requesting an amendment to the Poultry Products Inspection Act that would provide regulatory standards of treatment for birds comparable to the standards of treatment accorded to mammals under the Humane Slaughter of Livestock provision of the Federal Meat Inspection Act. ALDF is doing the indispensable legal work needed to ensure an airtight Petition.

Thanks

United Poultry Concerns is grateful to the Ahimsa Foundation for a \$1500 grant to assist our campaign to end school hatching projects.

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■ In Simpson County Kentucky, Lee Spears is leading the fight to stop Atlanta-based Cagle, a broiler chicken company, from building a \$47-million broiler complex that will kill 1.4 million birds a week. For information contact Dr. Lee Spears, PO Box 74, Franklin KY 42135 (502-586-9490 eve., 745-5778 day).

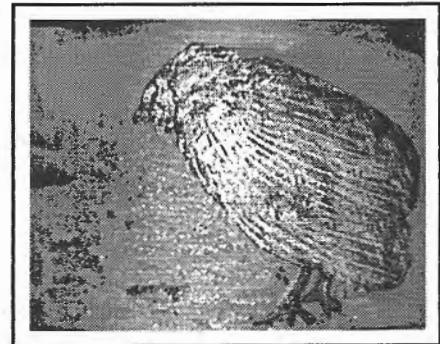
■ For an update on the Alliance Ohio campaign, **SICK OF STENCH**, against Park poultry and L & K poultry, which countersued SOS leader Linda Wolfe (Linda died of lung cancer in 1993 in the middle of her heroic legal battle with the poultry companies), contact Mary Gibson, PO Box 315, Louisville Ohio 44641 (216-875-0424).

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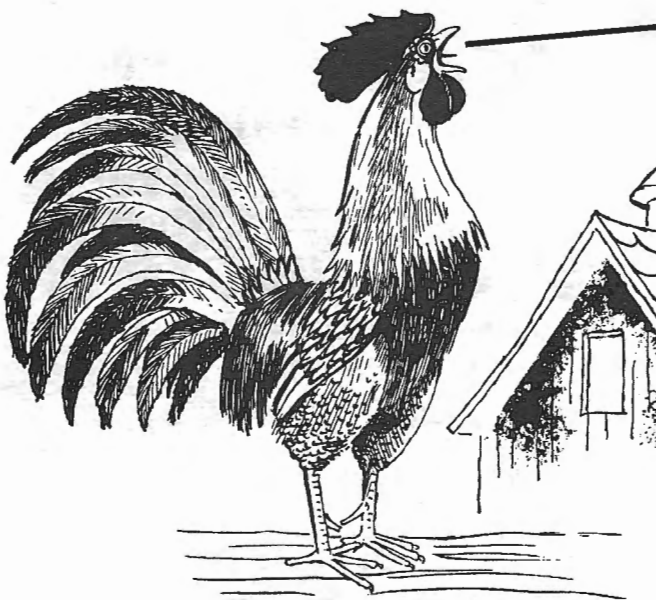
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1. What about plants? Don't plants have feelings too?
2. What will we do with all the animals if we stop eating them? Won't they overrun the earth?
3. Farm animals have been bred for domestication. Haven't they lost their natural instincts? They can't survive on their own, can they? If we stop providing for them, won't they die of starvation and failure to reproduce?
4. Is confinement so terrible? After all, farmers protect their animals from bad weather and predators and provide them with food, water and shelter. Isn't that better than being in the wild?
5. If farm animals are treated as badly as you say, why are they so productive? Wouldn't they stop producing meat, milk and eggs if they were treated inhumanely?
6. What difference does it make *how* we treat farm animals—they're going to die anyway, aren't they?
7. Yes, but didn't God give humans *dominion* over all the other animals? If so, what's wrong with raising them for food and killing them as long as we treat them humanely while they're still alive?
8. Aren't humans natural meat-eaters? Aren't we omnivores, designed to eat plants *and* animals?
9. There is no such thing as cruelty-free food! To raise vegetables, you have to kill animals—"pests" who would otherwise eat up your crops, like rodents and insects. What's the difference between directly killing animals for food and killing them to protect crops and grains?
10. What's wrong with eggs and milk? Eating dairy products and eggs is not the same as eating animals, is it?
11. What about jobs? What will happen to all the jobs if people stop consuming animal products? Are you trying to put people out of work?
12. What about human problems? Why concentrate on animals when so many suffering people need help?
13. Forget about ethics. You'll make a better case for vegetarianism if you stick to health and environmental issues. Do you honestly think most people are ever going to care about farm animals?

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Correction: We were informed by the USDA in Colorado that letters protesting the mistreatment of hens at Boulder Valley Poultry Farms should be addressed to the **Colorado Dept. of Agriculture, Division of Inspection & Consumer Services, Frozen Foods, Eggs, Poultry Section, 2331 W. 31st Ave., Denver CO 80211.** The USDA assured UPC that your letters were forwarded to this address. Thank you for writing.



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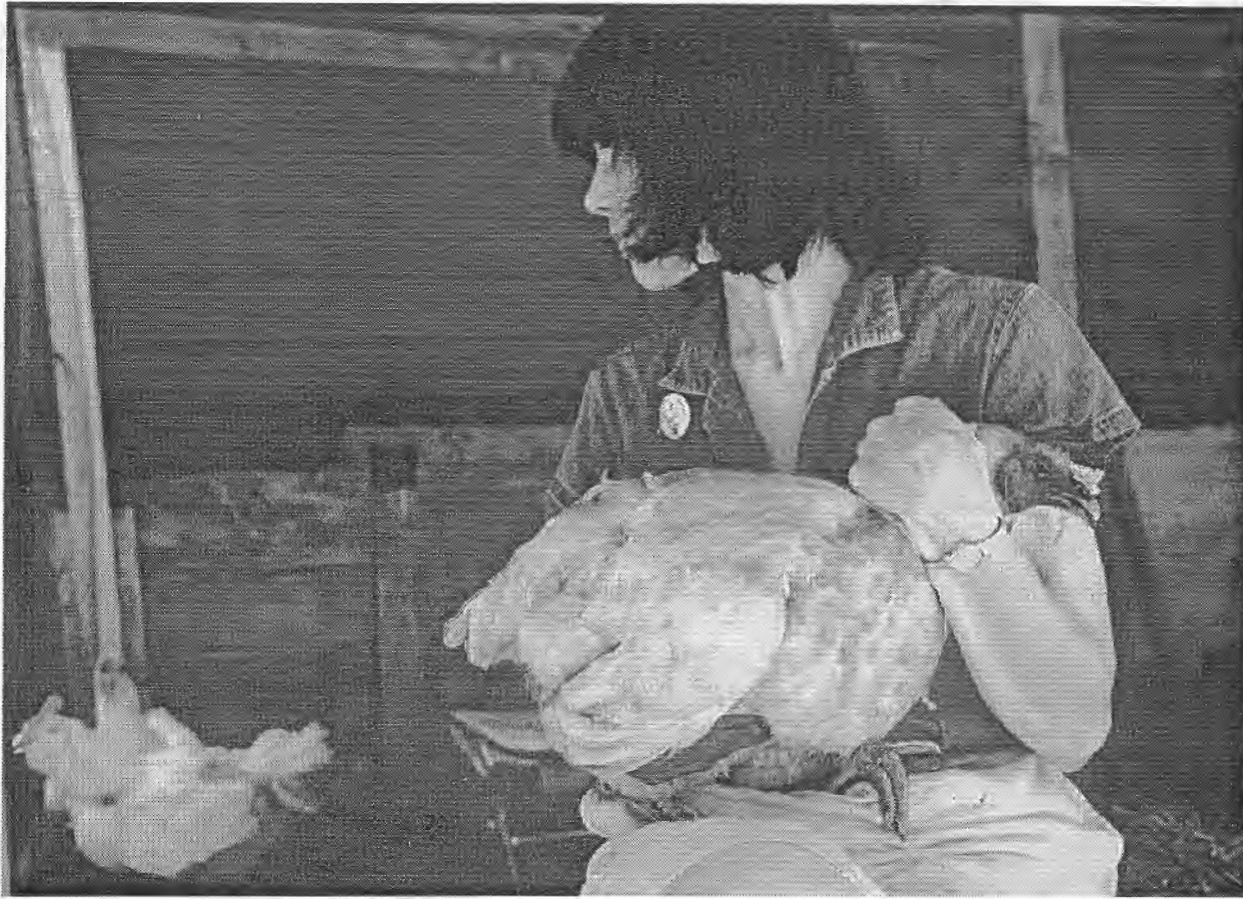
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