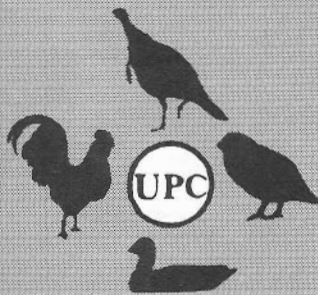


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## TAKE THE CHICKENS AND RUN!

*How 10 battery-caged hens  
came to live at UPC*

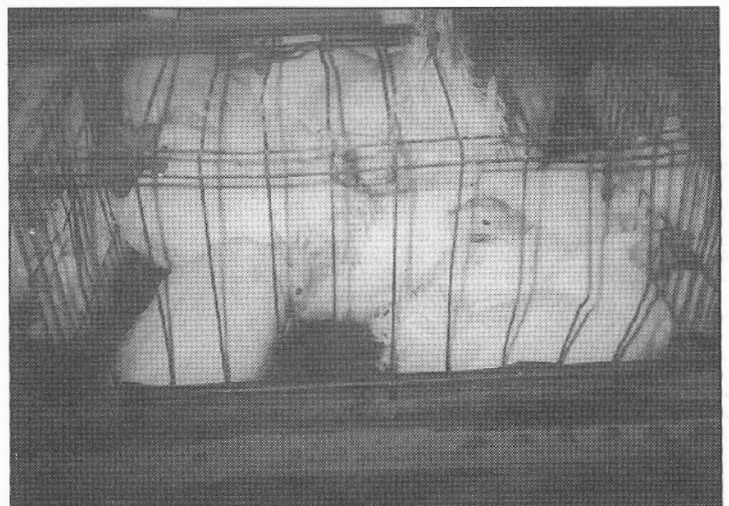
**By Jim Sicard**

**T**he first door was locked. So was the second. And the third. Damn! Months earlier, they'd been tipped off about a hen factory in Maryland. A fireman who went there to put out a fire told UPC he'd never seen anything like it – that was the last egg he'd ever eat. Dressed in black and armed with a video camera, they made the two-hour trip. In the back of the truck were blankets, pillow cases, a camcorder, camera, vision goggles, gloves, surgical masks, a flashlight, and a pry bar.

At one o'clock a.m., they made their journey across the field to the compound. Ten minutes and two fences later, they stood before 5 buildings. A few trucks and trailers were scattered about.

The fifth door opened. They went in. Inside, the buildings were attached to one another by a hall through which the eggs went by a conveyer belt to a sixth building where they were crated and loaded on trucks. What they experienced was so horrible one couldn't imagine it. No wonder the workers wore full face ventilators. The air was vile with ammonia, 90 degrees, dusty, moist, and sickening.

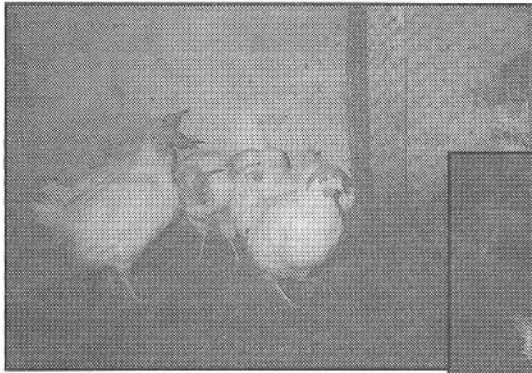
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*photo by Jim Sicard*

## SANCTUARY, from page 1

They went on with their plan. First they filmed the place. Rows of cages the size of a doormat to



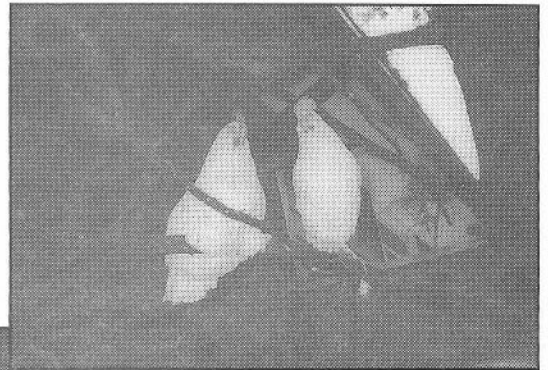
the floor, each one stuffed with debeaked hens with spindly long claws and limp, lifeless wattles. They walked slowly down the aisles filming these poor souls. Occasionally a hen started when the camera went off; otherwise they barely moved.

Stage two, the rescue. They decided to take ten hens, but which ones? In the end it was random. They selected a bank of cages and pulled out the pillow cases. They slid open the gate on top of a cage. It was narrower than the hens' bodies. It took them longer to carefully pull out one terrified hen clinging to the wire than it would have taken the catchers to empty several cages. They put ten hens in three pillow cases and took off. Ten minutes after running and stumbling across the field in the dark, they gently opened the pillow cases into the back of the truck.

The hens lay still the entire ride back. Maybe they would die but at least they were out of there. They were weak, but as time showed, tough. A couple of hours later, they were at United Poultry Concerns. *Free at last!*

Three months later in June, the change in these hens is amazing. In March they were ravaged, scraggly bodies with

doughy combs and murky eyes. Now they run around the yard on their strong little legs with snowy feathers, red combs, bright eyes, and claws almost normal. Sweet Pea, Portia, Pearl, and



photos by Jim Stcard

**From left to right: In the two months following their rescue, the hens became healthier and happier in their new home.**



Pia perch together every night. What's especially wonderful is to walk outside and see two or three of these beautiful hens resting quietly in the branches of a tree.

*United Poultry Concerns provides a permanent sanctuary for rescued chickens. Please consider making a generous gift to ensure that hens like Sweet Pea, Portia, Pearl, and Pia will continue to find a haven at United Poultry Concerns.*

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*Taken from the videotape: a suffering, dying hen at Boulder Valley Poultry Farms*

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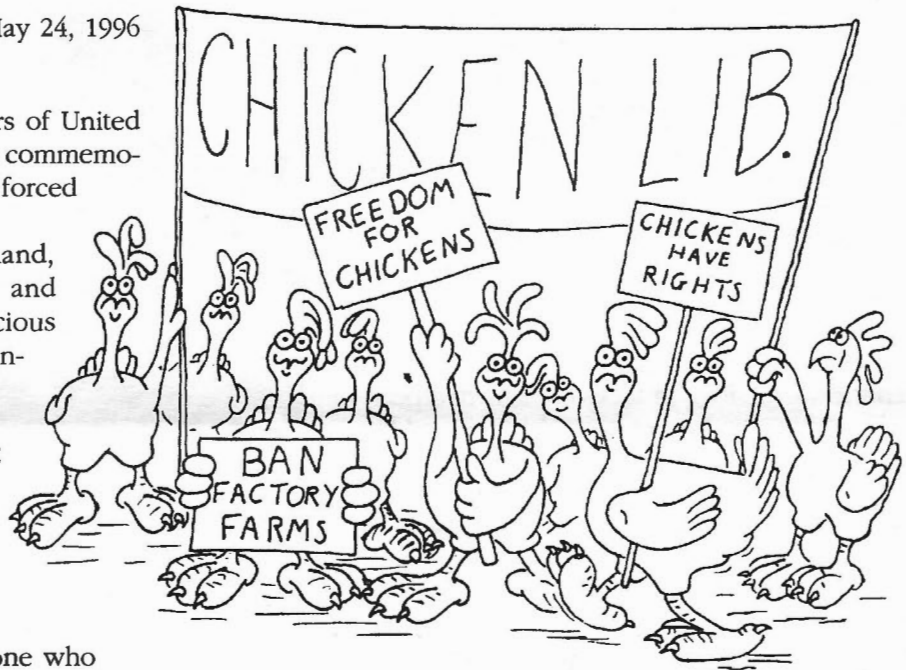
*The Washington City Paper, May 24, 1996*

On Sunday, May 20, 40 members of United Poultry Concerns joined together to commemorate the lives of the 230 million hens forced to rot in cages each year in the U.S.

Participants came from Maryland, Virginia, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania. We distributed delicious egg-free food samples and several hundred free copies of our new recipe booklet *Replacing Eggs*. *The Washington City Paper* quoted UPC president, Karen Davis that the vigil will encourage people to "take an interest in the lives of chickens and understand them more compassionately."

UPC would like to thank everyone who helped to make our Vigil for Chickens a success.

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# The Plight of Poultry

by Karen Davis, Ph.D.

This article was written for *The Animals' Agenda*, July/August 1996

Chickens were the first farm animals to be permanently confined indoors in large numbers in automated systems based on intensive genetic selection, antibiotics, and drugs. Until World War Two, chickens were raised in towns and villages and on farms, and many city people kept them in back lots. Following the War, the chicken industry in the United States became the model for poultry production throughout the world. Working through the Peace Corps and other channels, the U.S. government exports intensive poultry and egg production technology to Third World countries under the guise of a demand for "high-protein meat-and poultry-based diets" to feed the world's rapidly expanding population, which is projected to double in the next 40 years, tripling food needs (*Feedstuffs*, Feb 26, 1996, 5).

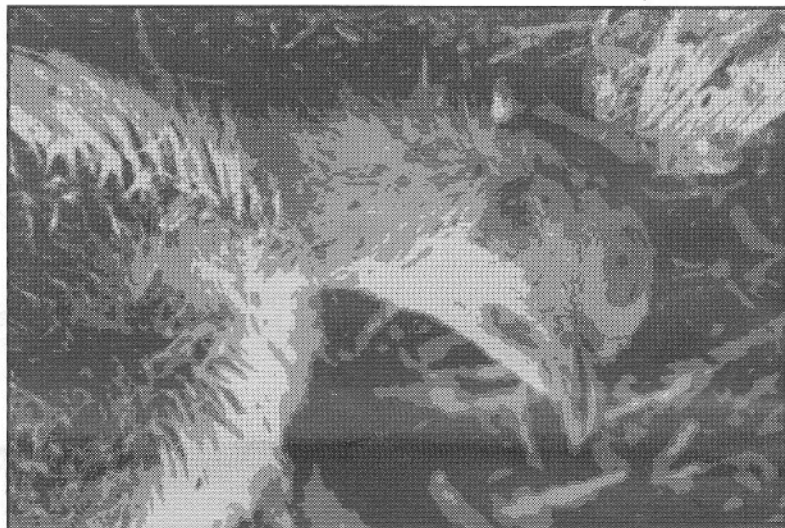
Since the 1950s, chickens have been genetically divided into two distinct types – broiler chickens for meat production and laying hens for egg production. Battery cages for laying hens – identical units of confinement arranged in rows and tiers – and confinement sheds for broiler chickens came into standard use during the 1940s and 1950s. World War Two, urbanization, and a growing human population produced a demand for cheap, mass-produced poultry and eggs. In 1950, broiler chicken sales surpassed egg sales for the first time. Currently, the U.S. broiler chicken business is a \$25 billion industry compared to a \$4.2 billion egg industry. (*Washington Post*, April 13, 1995, D12, D14).

The turkey industry took a similar course. The domestic turkey derives from imported Bronze and Black turkeys from Europe that were crossed with wild turkeys at the beginning of the 19th century. During the 1930s and 1940s, demand for a smaller turkey for smaller families and ovens led the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop the Beltsville (MD) White turkey, with subsequent strains of large, medium, and small birds.

As the poultry industry expanded in the 1950s, birds genetically selected for breast meat and fast growth had mating and fertility problems. This led to the adoption of artificial insemination, which is now the sole method of reproducing turkeys for human consumption. In the 1970s, the turkey stud

farm concept was adopted. The toms are isolated from the hens and manipulated for their semen by "milkers," who inseminate the hens with a hypodermic syringe or the milker's breath pressure blown through a tube. This has led to a pathology in turkeys and chickens subjected to the process known as deep pectoral myopathy, caused by exertion of the chest muscles beyond the body's ability to supply oxygen due to the birds' "struggling and

photo by Garrett Setzold



wing beating associated with catching for artificial insemination" (*The Health of Poultry* [1993], ed. Mark Pattison, 19).

These birds suffer from birth to death. The U.S. trade magazine *Turkey World* (April-May 1993) describes the trauma of a baby turkey: "Very few animals go through the stresses of turkey poults in their first three hours of life. They are squeezed for sexing, their toes are removed, and they are injected, vaccinated, and debeaked."

Modern poultry – chickens, turkeys, ducks, and domestic "game" fowl such as guineas, pheasants, and pigeons – are confined by the thousands in stressful, densely-packed houses permeated with excrement in the form of accumulated droppings, feed ingredients, and excretory ammonia fumes. Disease is inevitable. In 1991, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* noted that every week, "millions of chickens leaking yellow pus, stained by green feces, contaminated by harmful bacteria, or marred by lung and heart infections, cancerous tumors or skin conditions are shipped for sale to consumers" (May 26, 1991, C).

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## PLIGHT, *continued from page 4*

Despite this, domestic consumption of poultry and egg products continues, resulting in more and more areas of the country being spoiled by the prevalence of poultry complexes. U.S. consumption is linked to the global expansion of the poultry industry through GATT, NAFTA and related trade agreements that aggressively export domestically produced poultry products to other countries. Exports currently represent 15% of total U.S. chicken production, of which Russia represents a third (*Feedstuffs*, Feb 26, 1996, 4). Exports to Russia and Asia enrich the broiler industry by increasing the demand for dark meat (*Broiler Industry*, Feb 1996, 14). The sale of chicken legs and feet to Hong Kong and China is now a \$100 million business (*Houston Chronicle*, April 2, 1995, 3E).

U.S. egg exports to other countries thrive under the Export Enhancement program; and while U.S. egg consumption has dropped 40% over the past 30 years, consumption of dried and liquid egg products in foods such as pasta and salad dressings has grown. Of the 2.4 million egg-laying hens in the U.S., 97.8% are confined in cages in which 4 to 9 hens have a total average space of 48 square inches per individual hen. It is estimated that 75% of laying hens in the world are now kept in cages. While in some European countries the number of floor-kept ("free-range") birds is increasing, "the total proportion of caged birds is likely to increase even further because of installations in the developing countries" (*Egg Industry*, Oct 1995).

The number of birds being slaughtered is inconceivable. Of the more than 8 billion animals presently slaughtered in USDA-inspected facilities each year, over 7.5 billion are birds, comprising more than 7 billion broiler chickens, 280 million turkeys, and 100 million spent laying hens. In addition to these birds are the millions of spent breeding fowl and small game birds, birds slaughtered in state-inspected facilities and live poultry markets, and the more than 200 million male chicks destroyed by the U.S. egg industry each year as commercially useless. Millions more birds suffer and die before going to slaughter.

In the U.S., broiler chickens and turkeys at slaughter are not stunned but are immobilized with a very painful electric current. The cruelty of poultry slaughter has increased in recent years because younger and heavier birds with

extremely fragile capillaries are now being processed for the fast-food and rotisserie trade, resulting in a greater susceptibility to hemorrhage under an electric current. Consequently, poultry companies are lowering the electricity even more than before. Spent laying hens are so osteoporotic from lack of exercise and calcium drainage for eggshell formation that the U.S. industry does not "stun" them, and the slaughter plants don't want them. Consequently, the egg industry is investigating on-site killing of these hens in portable gas units.

To date, there are no federal welfare laws governing the raising, transport, or slaughter of poultry in the U.S. While it is inexcusable that the huge majority of animals raised and killed for food in this country are excluded from coverage, to those who say that vegetarianism will not come overnight, it can be said with even greater assurance that "humane" treatment of poultry will never come at all, because the commodification of a living creature is inherently inhumane and the slaughter of the innocent is wrong, and because the poultry industry, even in countries where welfare laws exist, is, for all practical purposes, ungovernable.

Rhetoric about how the public isn't ready for vegetarianism has got to be replaced by active promotion of the peaceful palate and equal justice for all animals. The worst thing, as Harriet Schleifer points out, is to lull the public "to feel that the use of animals for food is in some way acceptable, since even the animal welfare people say so."\* Rather, the advocate's role is to speed the day when regarding a fellow creature as food is no longer an option.

\*"Images of Death and Life," *In Defense of Animals* [1985], ed. Peter Singer, 63-73.

### DID YOU KNOW?

"It has long been known that cooked red meat contains cancer-causing heterocyclic amines, which form as the meat is heated. But a surprising new report from the National Cancer Institute shows that oven-broiled, pan-fried, or grilled/barbecued chicken carries an even bigger load of these carcinogens than does red meat. And the more you cook it, the worse it gets. A well-done hamburger contains 33 ng/g\* of the carcinogen PhIP, and a well-done grilled steak has about 30 ng/g, but grilled chicken reached fully 480 ng/g (Rothman, et al. *Cancer Research* Vol. 55, 1995: 4516-9).

"For those who hoped that chicken was 'health food,' the cholesterol content of beef and chicken is actually the same and their fat content is not much different. Carcinogens, if anything, are more concentrated in many cooked chicken products. All of this makes vegetarian choices look better and better."

From Neal D. Barnard, M.D., "Foods Against Cancer: An Update," *Good Medicine* 5.2 (Spring 1996): 16. For more information contact **Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, PO Box 6322, Washington DC 20015 (ph: 202-686-2210).**

\*ng = nanogram = 1 billionth part of a gram.

*Vegan Power!*

# Make the Vegan Pledge Now

UPC is pleased to add 10 new groups to our growing list of organizations dedicated to the ethical treatment of all animals. The total number of signatories is now 57, with the welcome addition of Animal Liberation Collective (Ontario), Compassion in Action (CA), The Corning Area Vegetarian Society (NY), EarthSave LA (CA), Feminists for Animal Rights (US), Oberlin Animal Rights (OH), South Bay In Defense of Animals (CA), Texas Establishment for Animal Rights, Rocky Mountain Animal Defense (CO), Vegetarian Society of El Paso (TX), Voice for All Animals (TX).

## Vegan Meals Only Policy

I am proud to add our group to the growing number of animal advocacy and vegetarian organizations and publications that have adopted an ethically consistent meal plan free of animal products.

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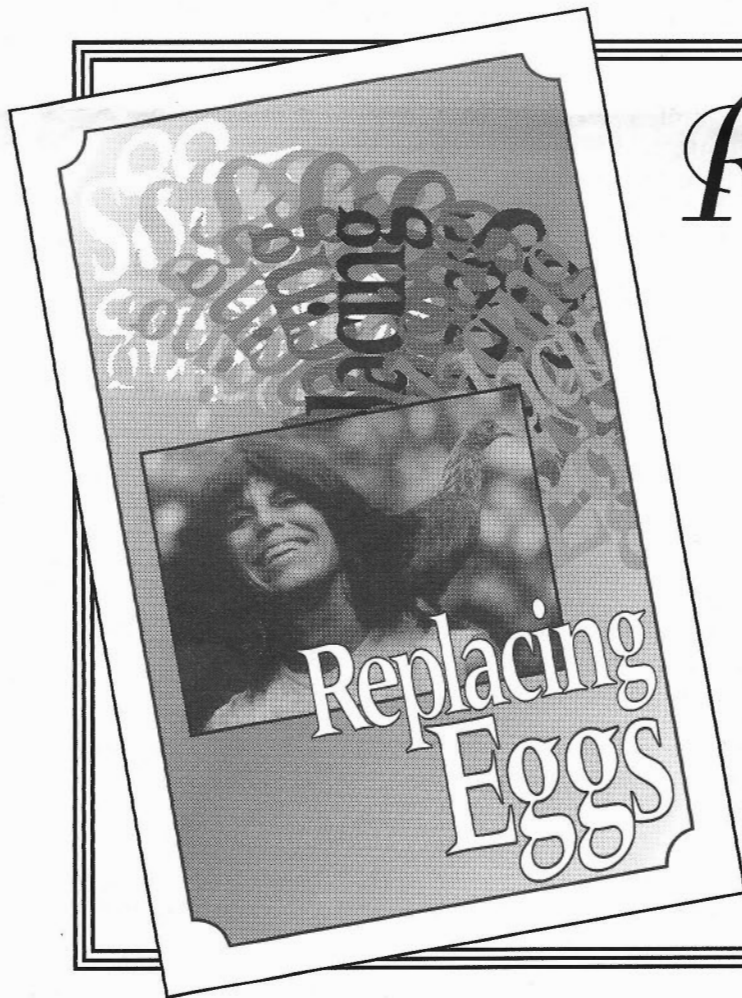
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# Activists Set To Ban Cockfighting In Arizona And Louisiana

***“Forcing animals to fight to their death for human amusement is arguably the least defensible use of animals still legal in the United States.”***

Citizens Against Cockfighting, Arizona

## **Arizona**

### ***An Initiative to Ban Cockfighting in Arizona in 1998***

“Although no other state has had to resort to the initiative process in order to ban cockfighting, we have many reasons to be confident of success:

1. The voters currently favor a ban. Results of an amateur poll by Citizens Against Cockfighting show support in Tucson and Phoenix at

80% with opposition at 5% and 15% undecided. 37% said they were unaware cockfighting is legal in Arizona, so the 15% undecided is low.

2. If we follow our timeline and start to petition this November, we will have a full 20 months in which to gather the 112,000 valid signatures needed to get on the ballot.

3. We have immeasurably more expertise now after two trapping initiative campaigns. Key activists from those campaigns will be advising Citizens Against Cockfighting.

4. We expect to compile a large list of endorsements from a broad range of backgrounds. The sheriffs who helped us with our previous anti-cockfighting bill campaign want to provide further assistance. Commercials with them as spokes-

men would be compelling!

5. Media have been supportive. Most of the major newspapers in Arizona are owned by Gannett and The Tribune which have several times endorsed banning cockfighting.

6. Arizona is one of the most urbanized states in the nation. This may mean voters will be less sympathetic to cockfighting and more responsive to our campaign message, as 85% of the electorate live within the Phoenix and Tucson metropolitan areas.

We can win, but only with adequate funding and a legally and politically flawless initiative. Three Phoenix lawyers are working on our draft.”

## **What Can I Do?**

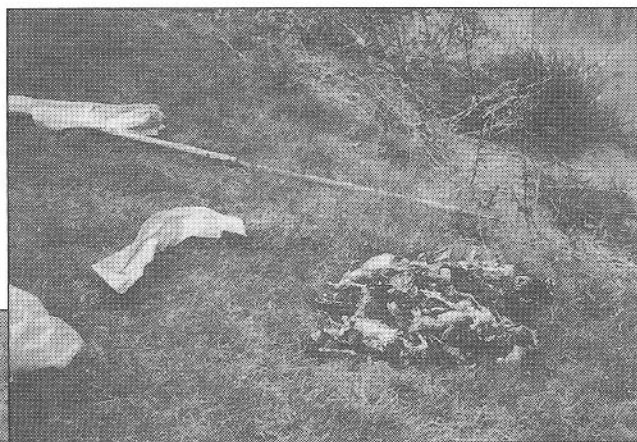
You can provide much needed activist and financial support. **Contact Jamie Massey, Chairman, Citizens Against Cockfighting, PO Box 17472, Tucson AZ 85731 (ph: 520-290-5585).**

## **Louisiana**

### ***A Bill to Ban Cockfighting in 1997***

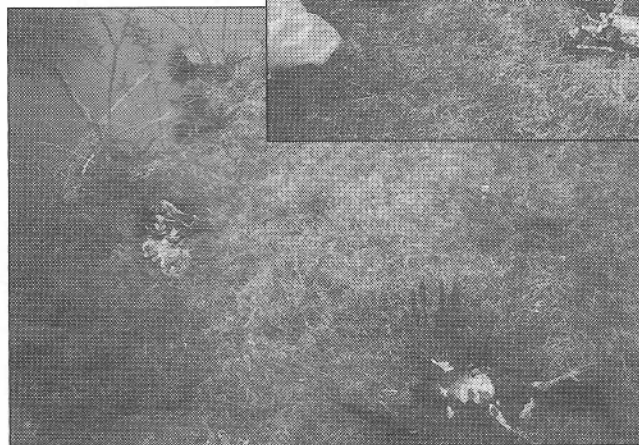
“On behalf of all Louisiana animals subjected to the cruelty and indignity of being forced to participate in blood sports, we extend to United Poultry Concerns our sincere appreciation for your important contribution to the success of our recent cockfighting protest at Sunset Recreation Club.

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*photos by Linda Howard*

**The mutilated bodies of these fighting cocks were found dumped in trash bags along the water's edge in Kingsport, Tennessee.**



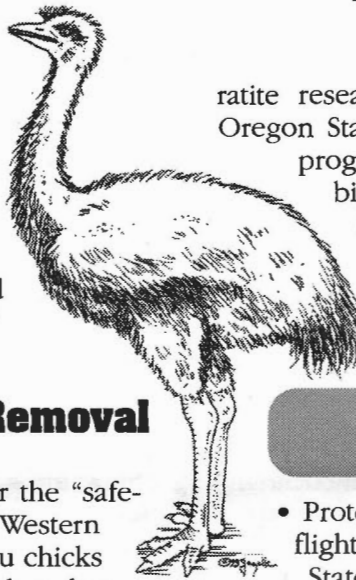
EMUS

# UPC Protests: LET EMUS BE FREE!

*“Protestors want no part of emu slaughter”*

– *Frederick News-Post (MD),  
Monday, April 22, 1996*

Mount Airy – At a protest in Mount Airy, where an emu farm is located, Dr. [Karen] Davis and approximately 30 others used bullhorns, banners and signs to try to build opposition to what they said is a movement by investors to slaughter emus for food and other uses because it is profitable. . . .”



*illustration by  
Jazelle Lieske*

ratite research program has been established at Oregon State University. . . . The first goal of the program is to learn how to produce these birds efficiently. . . . The new ratite research program, which will focus on emus, is jointly supported by OSU and the Oregon Emu Association.”

*The Oregon Scientist 9.1  
(Spring 1996)*

## Emus Declawed by Toe Removal

Under the guise of consideration for the “safety” of farmed emus, a report from Western Australia describes the declawing of emu chicks by removing the end of each toe with a hot debeaking machine. *Animals Today*, Feb-April 1996 quoted from the Dept. of Agriculture Western Australia: “Place the chick’s toe on the lower rest bar and, while holding the thumb as close to the cutting blade as possible, lower the cutting bar with the foot pedal. Aim for the middle of the second scale behind the nail. Avoid sloping the cut in the wrong direction. . . . The chick will react to the heat of the blade and a degree of skill, dexterity and speed is required. . . . The small inside toes are the most difficult to treat. Check that the remaining two toes are below the rest bar before you operate the foot pedal. Inexperienced operators should practice manipulating the toes of the chicks and operating the foot pedal with the blade removed and the machine turned off before attempting the procedure for the first time. You may find it easier to commence with the outside toe of the left foot and treat each toe in order from left to right.”

In the U.S., the “first West Coast, university-based

## What Can I Do?

- Protest the ratite (emus, ostriches, and other flightless fowl) research program at Oregon State University. “Research” means food deprivation, claw removal, slaughter trials, drugs, electric shock, gassing, and experimental diseases. **Contact: Dr. Paul Risser, President, President’s Office, Oregon State University, Kerr Administration Bldg., Rm A-646, Corvallis OR 97331. ph: 541-737-2565; fax: 3033; e-mail: risserp@ccmail.orst.edu.**
- Tell the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture you do not want ostriches and emus defined as livestock or poultry. To date, the USDA has not classed ratites as livestock or poultry, and no regulations have been issued. In 1995, the USDA published “Ratite Slaughter Guidelines,” an interim provision. The “Guidelines” describe removal of the feathers of the living birds before slaughter. For a copy of the 20-page “Ratite Slaughter Inspection Guidelines” and to protest the agricultural classification and use of ostriches, emus, and other flightless fowl, **contact Office of Slaughter Operations Staff, Room 4434 South, USDA Food Safety & Inspection Service, 14th & Independence Ave. NW, Washington DC 20250 (ph: 202-720-7163).**

OSTRICHES

# PROTEST

## British Airways Announcement to Serve Ostrich To First-Class Passengers

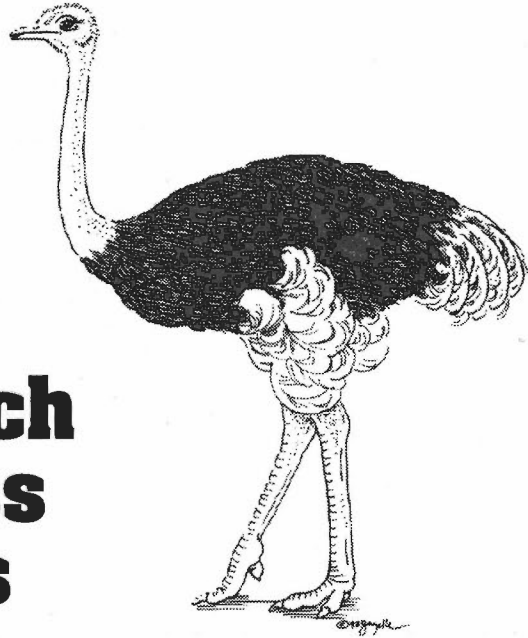


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British Airways announced plans to add ostrich to their menu in July 1996. Protest to British Airways. Point out that ostriches are the oldest living birds on earth. These desert-dwelling nomads are unsuited to agriculture.

One of the most horrible facts about the ostrich slaughter process is that to save the birds' feathers for the feather trade, they are defeathered before throat-cutting in a fully conscious state. Either they are physically restrained in a "plucking box" with hoods over their heads, or (in the U.S.) they are electrically immobilized – **not stunned** – for "dry hand picking" and "clipping," with "wing tips and tail removed as the final step of the picking process" (Ratite Slaughter Inspection Guidelines, USDA, Oct. 30, 1995). This is **before slaughter**.

Tell British Airways to drop ostrich. Request an

immediate reply. Ostriches have strong family ties. They are magnificent nomadic creatures in nature, and that's where they belong. Protest to:

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ph: 718/397-4000; fax: 4395

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## COCKFIGHTING, from page 7

We especially appreciate your notifying us about the study of feral chickens that was done on a small Australian island. The question of whether cockfighting is "natural" proved to be an important one for a number of the media representatives attending our protest.

"Our campaign to get a law against cockfighting in Louisiana requires that we persuade the citizens of Louisiana to contact their legislators to support the bill to ban cockfighting that Garey Forster will introduce in early 1997. Our proposed plan of action includes:

1. Urging Louisiana's humane societies to urge their members to contact their state senators and representatives to support the bill.

2. Seeking opportunities to discuss cockfighting and Mr. Forster's bill on television and radio between now and the opening of the 1997 legislative session.

3. Kindling public interest by staging a candle-light vigil in Baton Rouge coincident with the opening of

the 1997 legislative session.

With such efforts and hard work, 1997 can be the year that Louisiana becomes the 46th American state to ban cockfighting."

## What Can I Do?

You can provide much needed activist and financial support. **Contact: James Riopelle, M.D., President, Coalition of Louisiana Animal Advocates, PO Box 3636, Pineville LA 71361-3636 (ph: 504-583-6322).**

*United Poultry Concerns was proud to be honored by the **Coalition of Louisiana Animal Advocates** with a beautiful Certificate of Appreciation awarded to United Poultry Concerns on April 20, 1996, "For Making an Important Contribution Towards The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."*

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# In Memory of Petri

by Kelly Nelson

*"Dear UPC, My best friend Petri, a 2 1/2 year old cochin rooster, died from sinus problems and possibly loneliness when I was in the hospital last winter. I hadn't seen him in almost 3 weeks and never got to say goodbye. I think about him every day. I put roses on his grave. I miss him so much."*

*Petri, a handsome young rooster,  
my dearest friend,  
while I was gone  
your life had to end.  
I'll never forget  
your sweet smiling eyes*

*you knew many ways to earn a surprise.  
You'd beg at the door  
till I let you in,  
when I let you out  
you'd come back again.  
I remember the times  
when I felt real blue  
you'd walk up to me  
& I'd talk to you.  
I miss you so much  
you'll never know  
because you left me  
Why did you go?  
No one will ever  
replace you, my friend.  
I'll love you forever,  
until the world ends.*

Kelly Nelson is a sophomore in high school in Norcross, Georgia. We thank Kelly for sharing her beautiful poem in memory of Petri.

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### *Animals and Women: Feminist Theoretical Explorations*

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# Victory for the Marina Village Ducklings!

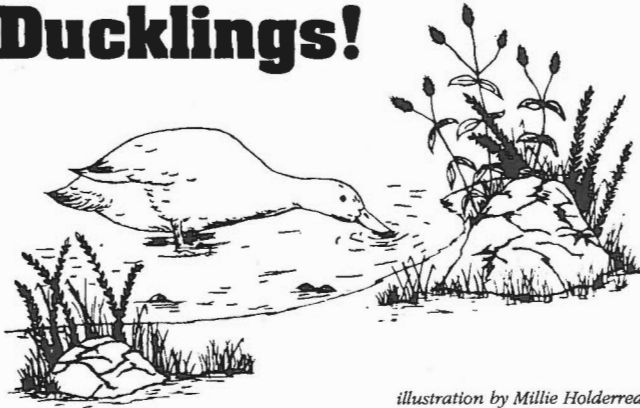


illustration by Millie Holderread

When people from around the country learned that the Marina Village housing community in Alameda CA refused to add ramps to their steep 5-acre lagoon, the manager was swamped with mail and phone calls. Resident activist and wildlife rehabilitator Karen Benzel launched a successful campaign to save the ducklings who for 5 years drowned in the lagoon because of a lagoon design flaw. She advocated simple rock ramps or other escape routes.

In April, Benzel announced victory: "We now have a compassionate Board President and a New Management Company who worked with me to install duckling escape ramps," Benzel said. The media and the entire San Francisco Bay Area rallied

to save the ducklings.

United Poultry Concerns was happy to assist in this victory through our Action Alerts in *PoultryPress*. To everyone who protested on behalf of the ducklings, thank you! **Contact Karen Benzel, Waterfowl Preservation Committee, 1055 Independence Drive, Alameda CA 94501 (510/814-7227).**

## *In Memory of Beloved Ducks*

**Katie – July 27, 1993-April 5, 1996**

United Poultry Concerns wishes to thank Karen Benzel for her kind and generous memorial gift "In memory of Katie, mother, sister and friend, and Gabrielle, who loved her. The Great Drake, who protected three generations, joined her May 8th, 1996. He never was the same after her death and died one month later."

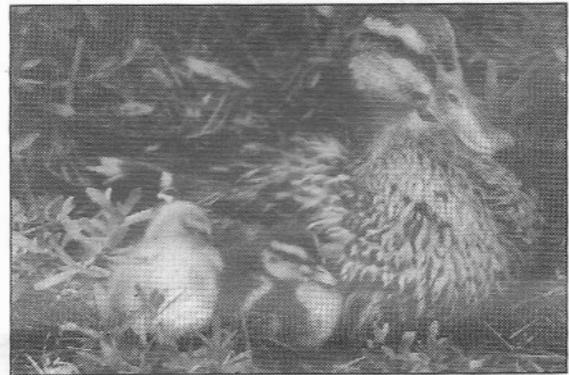


photo by Karen Benzel

# Chicken Champion in North Charleston, SC Takes Charge

***"Some Bird Sanctuary North Charleston is when a bird taking sanctuary can end up being sacrificed for a show for tourists."***

June Griggs

When members of a flock of feral chickens started disappearing from the wooded river area they'd made their home 35 years ago, local resident June Griggs took action. She called the media and petitioned the North Charleston City Council to protect the chickens from some neighbors who'd started trapping them to sell at auction and to a nearby village for animal sacrifice. According to *The Press and Standard*, Feb. 9, 1996, Griggs sought help from several animal protection groups without success – then she learned about *United Poultry Concerns*. "Griggs then called *United Poultry Concerns, Incorporated*. . . [which] sent a letter to the North Charleston City Council, urging the protection of the wild chickens. Griggs also went around the Riverbend Subdivision with a 'Save the Chickens' petition and collected over four pages of

signatures."

Griggs' campaign led to a review of the city code which showed North Charleston to be a bird sanctuary where it is unlawful to "trap, hunt, shoot or attempt to shoot or molest in any manner any [non-domesticated] bird or wild fowl." According to legal counsel, "The answer to the question of whether or not the Riverbend chickens fit under this section is clearly, 'yes.'"

Griggs did a superb job of pulling together the community on behalf of these hardy chickens who chose to leave the Magnolia Plantation to live on their own. Her vigilance continues. City Councilman David C. Bowers wrote to UPC in June, "I can assure you that no harm has come to the chickens since this issue first came to light. I have observed newborn chicks scurrying about with the adult chickens and still awaken in the morning to the cocks crowing."

**Contact June Griggs, 4785 South Constellation Drive, North Charleston SC 29418 (ph: 803-552-1992).**

# Annual Report for 1995

## To Our Members,

On behalf of United Poultry Concerns, I would like to thank each and every one of you very much for your tremendous support for our dedicated effort to establish more humane treatment of poultry and a healthier lifestyle in 1995. Thanks to your support in 1995, UPC:

- Hosted our powerful Fifth Annual Spring Mourning Vigil for Chickens in May in Bethesda MD to draw attention to the suffering of the millions of chickens slaughtered for the rotisserie trade at Boston Market and Chicken Out restaurants.
- Launched our international campaign to ban the Rooster Pull, a violent dismemberment sport in New Mexico in which live roosters are torn apart by men on horses. To draw public attention, UPC activists leafleted moviegoers in 7 major U.S. cities at the opening of Walt Disney's *Pocahontas*. This led to the article in *The New York Times*, June 24th, "In New Mexico, an Ancient Rite or a Blood Sport?" In response to our protest, the New Mexico Tourism Department announced it would remove all listings of rooster pulls from future editions of the New Mexico Vacation Guide.
- Rescued sixteen injured chickens from a major truck accident in Virginia in which thousands of chickens overturned on Interstate 95 on August 24th. Our swift and compassionate activism drew sympathetic coverage from *The Washington Post*, *CBS Nightly News*, and

*News Channel 8*. The saved chickens were given prompt veterinary care and became permanent residents of our chicken sanctuary in Seneca MD.

- Published and distributed to teachers across the country over 2,500 UPC booklet catalogs *REPLACING SCHOOL HATCHING PROJECTS: Alternative Resources & How to Order Them*. We sent complimentary copies of our booklet to every County Science Coordinator in the State of Maryland and to every State Science Supervisor in the United States.
- Held a 3-day exhibit at the National Science Teachers Association Convention in Baltimore MD where we distributed over 1,000 school hatching alternatives booklets and other educational materials to participating teachers.
- Sponsored our hugely successful Thanksgiving vegetarian dinner in Frederick MD. Our dinner received rave reviews in Frederick-area newspapers.
- Held a gala book-signing presentation in November on vegetarian alternatives to turkey at *Borders Books & Music* in Rockville MD. It featured a gourmet table, video showing, and UPC's highly popular cookbook *Instead of Chicken, Instead of Turkey: A Poultryless "Poultry" Potpourri*.

- Attended the First North American Poultry Welfare Symposium in Alberta Canada in August, resulting in our campaign against the use of nasal implants in young male chickens used for breeding.

- Distributed 10,000 UPC brochures, *Nowhere to Hide*, at the California State Fair, August 18-September 4th, in Sacramento, protesting the ostrich and emu trade in which birds are plucked alive before slaughter.

- Successfully picketed the annual Maryland Gamefowl Breeders Association Crabfeast in August in Baltimore MD. The excellent coverage in *The Baltimore Sun* emphasized the fact that cock-fighting is not only cruel but illegal in the State of Maryland.

- Halted an American Honda ad which suggested that a Honda Prelude may be used to run over chickens. Responding to our massive letter-writing campaign, Honda announced: **"We have taken immediate steps to stop circulation of the ad."**

- Displayed a giant Metrorail poster throughout the month of September in 25 Metrorail stations in Washington, DC, Northern Virginia, and Montgomery County MD. *The Call of the Wild is in His Heart Too!* informed thousands of Washington area commuters and out-of-town visitors that chickens are excluded from any form of welfare protection in the United States.

- All this and much more was accomplished with your help in 1995. From all of us here at United Poultry Concerns, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Karen Davis  
President

## 1995 FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Revenues</b> .....	<b>\$84,134.00</b>
Public Support .....	82,952.00
Program Service Revenues .....	1,001.00
Interest .....	191.00
<b>Expenses</b> .....	<b>\$61,769.00</b>
Programs and Education .....	50,231.00
Organizational Management .....	9,640.00
Fundraising .....	1,898.00
<b>Net Assets/Fund Balance</b> .....	<b>\$43,509.00</b>

## BOOKS



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

By Karen Davis

This delightful vegan cookbook by United Poultry Concerns, Inc. features homestyle, ethnic, and exotic recipes that duplicate and convert a variety of poultry and egg dishes. Includes artwork, poems, and illuminating passages showing chickens and turkeys in an appreciative light. \$11.95

### *Nature's Chicken, The Story of Today's Chicken Farms*

By Nigel Burroughs

With wry humor, this unique children's story book traces the development of today's chicken and egg factory farming in a perfect blend of entertainment and instruction. Wonderful illustrations. Promotes compassion and respect for chickens. \$5.95

### *Chicken & Egg: Who Pays the Price?*

By Clare Druce

Introduction by Richard Adams  
A powerful investigation of the chicken and egg industry by the founder of Chickens' Lib. \$10.00

### *A Boy, A Chicken and The Lion of Judah - How Ari Became a Vegetarian*

By Roberta Kalechofsky

This wonderfully gifted children's story, set in modern Israel, is about a young boy's quest for moral independence. An intelligent book for all ages. \$10.00

### *Animal Place: Where Magical Things Happen*

By Kim Sturla

Enchant young children with this charming tale about a stubborn girl who is secretly touched by a cow

while visiting a sanctuary for farm animals. \$11.00

### **NEW BOOKLET!**

#### *Replacing School Hatching Projects: Alternative Resources and How to Order Them*

\$3.50 each



#### **FACT SHEETS - 20 for \$3.00**

- "Debeaking"
- "Starving Poultry for Profit"
- "Poultry Slaughter: The Need for Legislation"
- "Why Be Concerned About Mr. Perdue?"
- "The Rougher They Look, the Better They Lay" (free-range egg production)
- "Intensive Poultry Production: Fouling the Environment"
- "Philosophic Vegetarianism: Acting Affirmatively For Peace"
- "Providing a Good Home for Chickens"
- "School Hatching Projects: A Poor Lesson for Children"
- "Chicken Talk: The Language of Chickens"

#### **PoultryPress Handouts**

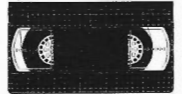
- "Chickens" brochure - 20 for \$4.00
- "Battery Hen" brochure - 20 for \$4.00
- "Ostriches and Emus: Nowhere to Hide" brochure - 20 for \$4.00
- "Turkeys" brochure - 20 for \$4.00
- "Say Hi to Health and Bye to Shells from Hell" - 20 for \$4.00
- "Chicken for Dinner" - 20 for \$2.00
- "Food for Thought," Turkeys - 20 for \$2.00
- Chicken Flying Contests brochure - 20 for \$2.00
- "Don't Plants Have Feelings Too?" - \$2.00 each
- "Live Poultry Markets" brochure - 20 for \$4.00

## BUMPER STICKERS

### **NEW!**

*Don't Just Switch from Beef to Chicken: Get the Slaughterhouse Out of Your Kitchen*  
\$1 each

## VIDEOS



### *"Raw Footage, Raw Pain"*

This powerful new 12-min. video takes you inside Boulder Valley Egg Farms in Colorado. Shows piles of dead chickens, chickens with open sores, chickens dying in a closed wing. Sensitive produced and narrated by Dave Crawford. \$18.00

### *"Hidden Suffering"*

By Chickens' Lib

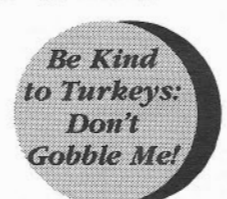
This vivid half hour video exposes the cruelty of the battery cage system and intensive broiler chicken, turkey and duck production. Along with the misery are scenes of contentment featuring rescued battery hens, broiler chickens, turkeys, and ducks who narrowly escaped the gloom and stress of the intensive duck sheds and terrors of slaughter at 8 weeks old. "Hidden Suffering" is deliberately non-specific as to country. The cruelty is global. \$20.00

### *"Sentenced for Life" & "Chickens for Dinner"*

By Chickens' Lib

A 50 minute expose of the battery and broiler systems of factory chicken and egg farming. Excellent educational video. \$25.00

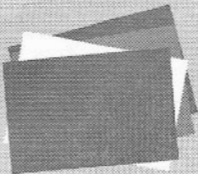
## BUTTONS



50¢ each

**POSTCARDS**

20 for \$4.00,  
40 for \$7.50



**“Love is Best”**

Two versions, your choice: postage required, 20 or 32 cents

**“Misery is Not a Health Food”**

32 cent version



**“Chickens – To Know Them is to Love Them”**

32 cent version

**“Peaceable Kingdom”**

20 cent version



**PLUS:**

- Re-Searching the Heart
  - Turkey & Child: Friends
- both 20 cent versions



**CLOTHES**

**Beautiful Chicken Shirts & Leggings**

Haunting photographic black and white images of factory farm chickens on 100% durable cotton.

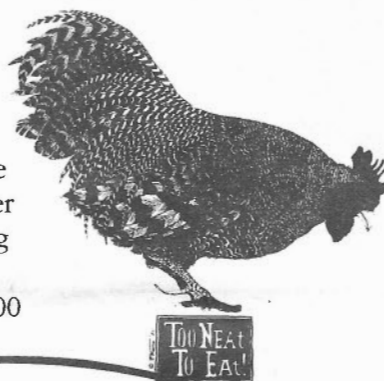
Chicken Shirt: M,L – \$18.00

Chicken Leggings: S,M,L – \$18.00

**NEW!**

**Too Neat to Eat**

Beige or white T-Shirt. Rooster in full dazzling color. Sizes: M,L,XL – \$18.00



**UPC Ordering Information:**

To order indicated items send check or money order to:  
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P.O. Box 59367  
Potomac, Maryland 20859

**POSTERS**

**A Heart Beats in Us the Same as in You**

New full-color UPC poster vividly captures the truth about today's factory chickens for the public. Vegetarian message.

18" x 22".  
\$4 for 1  
or 2 for \$5

**A HEART BEATS IN US THE SAME AS IN YOU**



Photo copyright: People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

Today's chickens are forced to grow too big too fast. They're forced to live in filth. They go to slaughter with yellow pus, harmful bacteria, heart and lung disease, tumors, crippled legs, sick immune systems, and more. Millions of dollars are spent hiding these facts from you. Why put dead birds in your food anyway?  
**Go vegetarian.**



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## Alexander the Rooster

*says*

**“STICK UP  
FOR  
CHICKENS!”**

*photo by David Welch*

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