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By Karen Davis, PhD
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Many scientists willing to concede that birds and other animals can experience negative emotions such as fear, cry “anthropomorphism” and “sentimentality” if you dare to suggest that animals can experience happiness and pleasure, as well. Marian Stamp Dawkins, a professor of animal behavior in the Department of Zoology at the University of Oxford, who has done a lot of experimental research into “what hens want” in industrial farming

systems, scoffs at the presumption that the individuals of other species showing similar behavior to that of humans when eating, being touched by their companions, playing together, or having sex, *enjoy* the experience. She implies that people who believe that nonhuman animals have an evolved capacity to enjoy life have abandoned the rigorous intellectual standards that define the behaviorist science to which she subscribes. According to these standards, “the existence of conscious feelings cannot be tested empirically, and so the study of conscious emotions is outside the realm of science.”

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Avian Influenza (Bird Flu) – What You Need to Know

Poultry producers would like people to think that the highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses currently infecting migratory waterfowl and domestic fowl are the result of birds running wild in the fresh air and open skies. The way to control these viruses, they claim, is to lock up every domestic chicken, turkey, duck, goose, and quail, and when that doesn't work, exterminate the birds wholesale and start over, ad infinitum. Between government subsidies, reimbursements, and protective insurance policies, the poultry and egg industries can exterminate thousands, even millions, of birds without losing a cent (NTE: Tokki Bird flu in Asia).

Poultry factory farms – including an international trade in day-old chicks (McNeil), added to traditional farming practices, live bird markets, cockfighting, and the wild-caught bird trade, have created the conditions responsible for the spread and mutations of highly pathogenic avian influenza viruses capable of infecting birds and humans alike. (Greger, 151-159; 226-228). By January 2007, 163 people worldwide had reportedly died of the H5N1 virus, which first appeared in Hong Kong in 1997. Meanwhile, hundreds of millions of wild and domestic birds have either died of the disease or been intentionally exterminated since 2003 (Bird flu in Asia).

Don't Blame Waterfowl

In our efforts to streamline farming practices to produce more meat for more people, we have inadvertently created conditions by which a harmless parasite of wild ducks can be converted into a lethal killer of humans. – Yvonne & Torrey, influenza experts quoted in Greger, 166.

Avian influenza viruses have lived harmlessly in the intestines of waterfowl for millennia. Shed in sparsely populated outdoor settings in the droppings of birds whose immune systems have evolved to accommodate them, these viruses are kept in check. Flu viruses are rapidly killed by sunlight and tend to dehydrate to death in the beets (Greger, 168, 186, 194). But industrialized poultry production practices have vastly increased the potential of these viruses to mutate into highly pathogenic strains, like the H5N2 virus that struck commercial chicken operations in Pennsylvania in 1983, and the H5N1 and H7N3 viruses that struck Asia and Canada respectively in 2004. According to a UN News Centre release published in 2005, "We are wasting valuable time pointing fingers at wild birds."



Waterfowl from the United States

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Let us stipulate that there are dimensions of reality beyond science, just as there are scientific prospects that are beyond behaviorism. This said, there is a correlation in human life between things that we must do to survive and perpetuate ourselves and the pleasure we derive from doing these things. We have to eat to live, and eating is a primary pleasure in human life. We have to have sex in order to perpetuate our species, and sex is a primary pleasure in human life. We have to play in order to relieve tension – and (to risk tautology) enjoy ourselves. Why would it be more plausible, or plausible at all, to assume or conclude that other animals, engaging in the identical acts of eating, touching, playing together, and having sex that we do, have not been endowed by nature with the same incentives of pleasure and enjoyment to do the things that need to be done in order to survive and thrive?

If we subscribe to the idea that we can never learn or make logical inferences about emotions, the same restriction applies to the emotions of human beings

as well as to inferences about an animal's, or anyone's, fear. Why should we believe Marian Dawkins when she writes that Balcombe's book about animal pleasure left her with a "depressing feeling"? Why tell us about her feelings, which can't be proved?

In addition, there are studies being done in which the pleasure centers in non-human animals' brains are stimulated in such a way as to encourage or compel the animal to seek to perpetuate the pleasurable feeling, as indicated by his or her behavioral response to the stimulus. Do I err in my recollection that science has identified areas of the brain in certain species of nonhuman animals that are responsible for feelings of pleasure in those species?

Also, there is a standard of intellectual inquiry that calls for the simplest, most reasonable explanation of a given phenomenon. If I see sad body language such as drooping in one of our chickens, I conclude that the chicken is not feeling well and that this feeling probably reflects an adverse condition affecting the chicken. Conversely,

*The heart is hard in nature, and unfit
For human fellowship, as being void
Of sympathy, and therefore dead alike
To love and friendship both, that is not pleased
With sight of animals enjoying life,
Nor feels their happiness augment his own.*

-- From *The Task* by William Cowper (pronounced Cooper), 1731-1800. The part of this poem that addresses humanity's cruelty to animals appears on page 59 of *The Extended Circle: A Dictionary of Humane Thought* edited by Jon Wynne-Tyson & published by Centaur Press (UK), 1985.

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if I see a chicken with her tail up, eating with gusto (pleasure!), eyes bright and alert, I conclude that her condition is good and that she feels happy. Why should I doubt these conclusions when the preponderance of evidence supports them?

What I see in scientists like Marian Dawkins, who scold people for daring to infer (or to argue) that recognizable expressions of happiness in an animal most likely mean that the animal is feeling good, is stinginess, a niggardly attitude and a crabbed spirit hiding behind a guise of so-called objectivity and principled, never-ending doubt. Probably when a person views nonhuman animals mainly or entirely, for years, in laboratory settings that elicit little more than dullness and dread in the animals being manipulated for study, one loses one's sense of continuity with these "objects," while extrapolating the deadening anthropomorphic determinism of the laboratory environment to the entire world, excepting one's own professional, inbred culture of animal control.

It could be that, over time, these circumstances have the effect of eroding the capacity for spontaneous happiness

and pleasure in the behaviorist to such an extent that the behaviorist's own diminished emotional capacity becomes the scientific standard by which she or he judges everything else. When this happens, the so-called science is little more than self-massage, the scientist little more than a self-medicator, a self-referential system incapable of making a worthwhile contribution to life outside the institution. 

This essay is a response to "Feelings Do Not a Science Make," Marian Stamp Dawkins' criticism of Jonathan Balcombe's book, *Pleasurable Kingdom: Animals and the Nature of Feeling Good*, Macmillan, 2006.

Dawkins' review appeared in *BioScience* Jan. 2007. Vol. 57 No. 1, pp. 83-84.
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KSU Chicken Cruelty Case Moves Forward

Birds at the mercy of bullies, from the battery cage to the basketball court, raise outcry



This sad little hen was thrown onto the slippery KSU basketball court. She is so weak from her life of cramped misery in a battery cage that she cannot stand or walk. Notice her overgrown spindly toenails that, had she lived a happy life scratching in the soil for food, would be short and blunt from vigorous activity.

On the night of February 19th, four hens obtained from battery cages were thrown 30 feet from the stands onto the basketball court in Kansas State University's Bramlidge Coliseum, in Riley County. Another hen was kicked to death in the parking lot. Two of the hens died in the gym, and two are said to be living safely. The hens were painted red and blue, the school colors. This was not the first time this happened. For years, KSU fans have reportedly smuggled chickens into basketball games and thrown the birds onto the court.

On February 23rd, United Poultry Concerns sent a certified letter to KSU president Dr. Jon Wefald urging a full investigation. (On the Web at www.upc-online.org/entertainment/22307KSU.html) We urged that effective steps be taken immediately to prevent such cruelty from recurring and punishment of the offenders if caught. We published an Internet alert urging people to protest to Dr. Wefald – which they did.

We learned that students were encouraged by certain “role models” to do this miserable deed. For example, an Internet search revealed a *Sports Illustrated* website that actually instructed students on how to conduct a “chicken toss” as one of the “Things You Gotta Do Before You Graduate.” UPC contacted the website producer and requested an immediate removal of the “chicken toss” item. It was removed.

On February 27th, the KSU administration published a letter in the school newspaper acknowledging

that on Feb. 19th, “several instances of the mistreatment of animals” took place. It warned that such acts will not be “condoned or tolerated.” Offenders face “possible prosecution under applicable penalty of law.”

Riley County Animal Control Steps In

Working alongside University investigators with access to surveillance cameras, Riley County Animal Control Officer, Kevin Dorritie, located and caught several of the perpetrators. The case has been presented to the prosecutor and charges are pending. In addition, KSU has offered to pay for an Animal Cruelty Officer to be at all games from now on, along with regular security.

What Can I Do?

- 🐔 Kansas State University has a policy that “Anyone caught bringing contraband items into a University venue or throwing any object at the playing area during one of our Athletics contests is subject to ejection from the facility and applicable penalty of law.” Responding to the events of Feb. 19th, KSU announced it is “reviewing its procedures to help prevent such events in the future.”



These hens were painted red and blue before being thrown onto the court.

🐔 Please write a polite letter to President Wefald:

Dr. Jon Wefald, President
 Kansas State University
 Office of the President
 110 Anderson Hall
 Manhattan, KS 66506
 Email: pres@k-state.edu

Thank Dr. Wefald for taking this matter seriously, including having an Animal Cruelty Officer at all games from now on. **Urge him to create an Animal Abuse Policy Statement** to be included in the student handbook that will include swift, decisive consequences for cruelty to animals in the future – whether it occurs at an athletic event or not. Consequences should include maximum applicable criminal charges and not only ejection from the facility where the abuse was staged but expulsion from the University and failure to graduate.

Urge Dr. Wefald to revise KSU’s policy statement to distinguish between inanimate objects and living creatures. Current language refers indiscriminately to “objects” and “items.” This fosters a callous attitude. Ask Dr. Wefald to update the language and develop additional ways of promoting compassion and respect for animals in the University’s policies, practices and curriculum. Request a written response to your concerns. 🐔

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The ugly world of cockfighting, Texas 2007

Photo by: Jamie B. Nash

New Mexico made history on March 12, 2007 by becoming the 49th state to make cockfighting a criminal act. After decades of debate in the State Legislature, New Mexicans who supported a ban on cockfighting won the day. The bill for the ban, sponsored by Senator Mary Jane Garcia, passed the New Mexican House of Representatives by a

vote of 49 to 20. It then passed the Senate by a vote of 27 to 6. When the law goes into effect on July 1st, Louisiana will be the only state in the U.S. that allows cockfighting. This long, hard battle was waged successfully by Animal Protection Voters of New Mexico.

The U.S. Congress gave final approval to legislation providing felony-level penalties for interstate and foreign animal fighting activities. Prohibited activities include commerce in cockfighting weapons. The original Senate bill, S. 261, was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 15, 2007. On April 10th, the

U.S. Senate approved by unanimous consent House of Representatives bill, H.R. 137, which the House passed on March 26th by a vote of 368 to 39. The bill awaits President Bush's signature to become federal law.

Amazon.com is being targeted by activists for its continued sale of two cockfighting magazines,



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Sincerely,
Karen Davis, Ph.D.
President



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The Gamecock and The Feathered Warrior. According to The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), which sued Amazon.com and the publishers of these magazines on February 8, 2007 for violating federal law, Amazon.com is the only outlet for cockfighters to buy and sell subscriptions over the Internet. **The law being violated is the federal Animal Welfare Act which has a provision banning the interstate shipment of fighting birds.** Amazon calls what it's doing free speech, but HSUS argues that the First Amendment does not protect a company's right to solicit illegal behavior and peddle contraband. Amazon does not sell magazines that advertise the sale of narcotics, child pornography, or other illegal materials. The same standard should apply to all staged animal fighting publications including cockfighting magazines.



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The Dynamic Between the Animal Industry and the Animal Movement



By Harold Brown, Outreach Coordinator, Farm Sanctuary

This discussion is based on Harold's presentation at the "Thinking About Animals: Domination, Captivity, Liberation" conference held at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, March 15-16, 2007.

A recent article from the animal use industry talks about how animal activists and their message can be managed and controlled. The strategy is being formulated by a PR company named Golin Harris whose specific product is the Engage program designed not to fight activists but to identify and partner with them. Another PR firm named MBD was hired by industry to develop strategies for dealing with animal activists. MBD laid out their plan in three steps:

1. Isolate the radicals
2. Cultivate the idealists and "educate" them into becoming realists
3. Co-opt the idealists and realists into agreeing with industry

This is a divide and conquer strategy that depends on cooption. First, they identify the "radicals" who are

unwilling to compromise and who are demanding fundamental changes to redress the problem at hand. Next, they identify the "realists" – typically organizations with significant budgets and staffs working in the same relative area of public concern as the radicals. Then they approach these "realists," start a dialogue and cut a deal, a "win-win" solution that marginalizes and excludes the radicals and their demands. Finally, they go with the realists to the "idealists" who have learned about the problem through the work of the radicals. The goal is to convince the idealists that the solution endorsed by the realists is best for everyone. Once this has been accomplished, the radicals can be shut out as extremists. As part of the strategy, industry may have to make some small or temporary concessions, but the fundamental concerns of the radicals have been swept aside.

"Victories" for Animals

A case in point is the move by Smithfield Foods (the largest pork producer in the U.S.) and Maple Leaf Foods (Canada's largest pork producer) to go "crate free." The move away from gestation crates for sows is being praised by many, but as animal rights advocates we must realize this is not a good thing. Ask yourself, "Why would any multinational corporation make a change if it wasn't going to be profitable?"

In my opinion, this move is designed to assuage the concerns of consumers who their own market research has shown care about the wellbeing of farmed animals. The reaction is to move to housing that will allow pregnant sows more freedom, but the cycle of artificial insemination, birthing in farrowing crates, and taking the piglets away from their mothers will remain the same.

Granted, this is a slight improvement, but no one should call it a victory for the pigs or for the animal rights movement. Some call it a victory because of the economic costs it will force upon industry, but this is not so. We're talking about vertically integrated operations like Smithfield, Tyson, ConAgra, and Archer

Daniels Midland who are shareholders in the companies that build the barns and own everything connected to the production of pork (and poultry and all livestock production), allowing revenue streams to be created in unlikely places to the advantage of the corporate entity.

Pork producers take a page from the vegetarian playbook and it looks like this: They will grow pigs in a more “natural” environment that allows for more natural behaviors, meaning hogs that are less stressed, and it will be more environmentally responsible. I’d like to point out a disturbing development. Cargill, the world’s largest privately held corporation, is partnering with CAFOS (Confined Animal Feeding Operations) to build methane digesters. On the surface this looks like a good thing, but what is happening is Cargill is offering to build digesters at CAFOs and in turn create a new revenue stream for both the farm and Cargill. Chicago has already sold energy credits to Cargill for supplying methane to power lights in the city. This is a new commodification of farmed animals, and it doesn’t stop there. There are new technologies to turn the guts of animals into biodiesel and other lubricants. Another idea is to burn dead chickens in power plants for energy, and turn their slaughterhouse feathers into diapers and tampons. Still another is breeding chickens without feathers to fit them to industrial farming in the desert heat of the Middle East.

Dark Agendas

Many of you have heard about the successful cloning of Holstein cattle in the UK. For years I’ve said that this path of genetic manipulation has a darker agenda than most people suspect. In the United States there’s been a debate over the Department of Agriculture’s approval of the sale of products from cloned animals. Currently the cost of cloning is prohibitive, but this may be overcome.

My view is that the goal of cloning is to manipulate farmed animals to make them conform more fully to the interests of industry and even the consumer. For

years the National Pork Development Project has been mapping the porcine genome in an attempt to locate the pig’s stressor gene so that it could be removed, thereby providing sows who don’t psychologically break down in confinement and piglets who are passive in the growout facilities.

So far, the attempt has failed miserably, but now comes a type of cloning where the genome can be more closely controlled and manipulated. I believe that the biotech industry will figure out the problems, provide a limited supply of breeding stock that will be introduced into the selective breeding process to create animals with the desired traits, and avoid the problems of pure clones. Industry has now produced such cattle, and a researcher at Nottingham University said, “It is technically possible to produce ‘animal vegetables’ which are highly prolific and oblivious to their physical and mental status.”

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New Meaning of “Dominion”

With animals who do not suffer or experience pleasure, dominion takes on a whole new meaning. The biotech industry has created a new paradigm it calls “farmyard freaks,” but I’d say a better description is animals born lobotomized. I concede to the Utilitarians that this would be a (pardon the pun) Godsend: No suffering; therefore, no consequences.

However, this puts animal advocates in a unique place, and we must ask ourselves: do our actions speak for animal rights or for pain management? This is a perfect example of how the industry anticipates the animal movement as a whole and meets the demands made by welfare organizations to alleviate animal suffering. New animal, no suffering, end of game. **At this point, how do we argue the intrinsic worth of an animal that can be shown empirically not to suffer?** Or can we? As this new technology is applied to all farmed animals, we will no longer be able to make a case for not eating animals on the basis of suffering and pain. Is this the dominion – and the “welfare” – that was intended?

Mantle of Legitimacy

We see that the animal food industry is addressing concerns about environment, health, and ethics. Health is constantly being addressed by industry touting research that points to various, but not proven, health benefits such as flesh and eggs with Omega 3 fatty acids (but where do the Omega 3s come from? They mix flaxseed into the feedstuffs) and “health benefits” of supposed weight loss programs that rely on cows’ milk and “low/no cholesterol” meat. Industry has thus responded by being pro-active in developing new technologies that mitigate to some degree the environmental impacts of industrial animal agriculture. They are turning farmed animals into energy generators and slaughtered chickens’ feathers into disposable diapers, and the animals people consume will be healthier and taste better – like your grandparents used to enjoy – because of better feeds and a more “natural” environment for the animals before they are butchered. These “solutions” fit conveniently into the mainstream religious paradigm of “responsible” dominion (“stewardship”) and into the Utilitarian paradigm of eliminating animal suffering, thereby conveying a moral and religious certitude and even righteousness that harkens back to an earlier time of solid traditions and values.

We are already seeing these “solutions” being embraced by the sustainable agriculture movement where animals are concerned. **There have been articles in the media about vegetarians and vegans going back to eating meat, eggs, and dairy because they believe the advertising hype and feel morally absolved because these animals may have been treated somehow better than others.** This goes back to what I said earlier: the folks who are going back to animal products are the idealists and the realists, and they are doing so at the cost of the radicals. The radicals have been effectively marginalized because the overarching calculus of “the greater good” trumps both the radical liberationist and the inherent rights of animals.

What Do We Do?

What is a prudent course of action? I would say it is to go to the place that is most frightening to industry and consumers alike – the arena of the moral and

ethical use of animals – and apply the rigor of critical thinking. We can learn something from Smithfield’s and Maple Leaf’s recent activities based on their market research showing that the average consumer has some sort of concern about farmed animals. This concern is due in part to animal organizations revealing the truth behind the barn doors and in part to the generational shift away from farming to urban living. Sixty years ago, over 50 percent of the U.S. population farmed; today it is less than one percent. This means there is now a generation of people whose only connection to animals is their cat or dog. And of course we love cats and dogs. But through a strange type of anthropomorphism, people believe that farmed animals should, like their cats and dogs, be given a degree of regard while yet eating them. We must address this contradiction.

I believe that if we focus our attention and resources on educating the public, what was once thought “radical” will no longer be so. If we present the Big Truth, the Moral and Ethical message, with integrity, compassion and love that will nurture and raise up the public, eventually the idea of animal rights and animal personhood will find an audience.

As animal rights activists and liberationists, we must be vigilant against the PR spin and not compromise our core values. Our movement should not be played like a cheap violin by the user industries; we must find our center and hold fast for the sake of the animals, ourselves, and the world. Peace begins within, and the choices we make have long range consequences. I have made the journey from a life of violence to a life of realized peacefulness. I have come to know that what I do with my fork is one of the most important actions I take each day. Ask the hard questions. Make the right decisions.

*Harold Brown was raised on a cattle farm in Michigan and spent half of his life in agriculture. As Outreach Coordinator for Farm Sanctuary, he is coordinating a campaign to encourage farmers to adopt sustainable farming practices and reaching out to activists and community groups through the 2007 Farmer Brown Speaking Tour. Harold Brown appears in the film, **Peaceable Kingdom**, where he tells the powerful story of his transformation from “beef” farmer to vegan farm animal advocate.*

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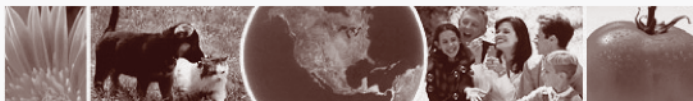
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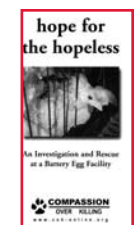
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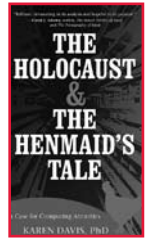
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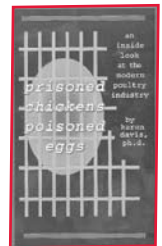
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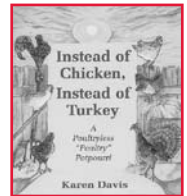
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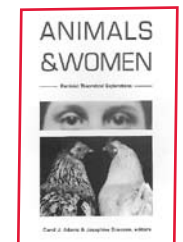
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