



# Poultry Press

*Promoting the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl*

## "Emperor of the World"

### ***Veterinarians Told Owners to Throw Their Unwanted Hens into Wood Chippers*** ***San Diego County Department of Animal Services Documents Veterinary Cruelty***

Gregg Cutler, DVM

"On 2/20/03 Dr. Gregg Cutler told me he was overseeing the depopulation of the hens on the Ward egg ranch and their affiliate ranches in San Diego County. Cutler told me he authorized the use of the wood chipper to depopulate the spent hens on the egg ranches.

When I asked Cutler if he thought it was a humane way to euthanize these animals by throwing them into the chipper alive, he responded,

humane death, and he said to me, 'Yes, of course. However they go in, it's quick, it's painless, and it's over in seconds.'

"I then asked him for his title, and he told me, 'Emperor of the World.' I was quiet for a second or two, and asked him if I could quote him on that.

His voice sounded irritated, and then he told me, 'I'm a veterinarian. And an epidemiologist.' I asked him if he was in private practice, or where or who he



Photo by San Diego County Department of Animal Services

'Absolutely.' I then asked him if he felt it was still humane if they were going in there bunches at a time, being plugged up in the shoot, not knowing if they were going into the shredder feet first, breast first, if he still considered that a

worked with. He told me he was a Private Consultant and did work with the USDA."

- Patrol Supervisor Lt. Mary Kay Gagliardo, Affidavit, February 20, 2003

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**Doug Kuney, DVM**

"On 2/20/03 Dr. Doug Kuney told me that he and Dr. Gregg Cutler, DVM, were overseeing the destruction of the old laying hens at the Ward egg ranch in Valley Center and its affiliate ranches in San Diego County. Kuney said Cutler authorized these ranches to dispose of these animals by means of the wood chipper. Kuney told me he thought the AVMA had approved of this method."

- Patrol Supervisor Lt. Mary Kay

Gagliardo, Affidavit,  
February 20, 2003

**American  
Veterinary Medical  
Association (AVMA)**

"Dr. Cutler informed us that he has never recommended using a wood chipper or any other grinding machine to euthanize chickens."

- Bruce W. Little,  
DVM, Executive Vice  
President, AVMA,  
Letter to United  
Poultry Concerns, March 27, 2003

"The American Veterinary Medical Association has not endorsed the use of wood chippers as an acceptable means of euthanasia for poultry."

- Gail C. Golab, PhD, DVM, Assistant

**Director of Communications, AVMA, Letter to  
United Poultry Concerns, May 8, 2003**

On September 26, 2003, the San Diego County Department of Animal Services provided United Poultry Concerns with the investigation file we requested under the California Public Records Act regarding the Ward Egg Ranch's use of wood chippers - industrial tree shredders - to destroy tens of thousands of live hens at the company's three locations last

February. The San Diego County District Attorney declined to prosecute ranch owners Arie and Bill Wilgenburg largely because this atrocity was done on the advice of two veterinarians, Drs. Gregg Cutler and Doug Kuney, and because a document on the handling of Exotic Newcastle Disease virus sent anonymously to the Department of Animal Services showed veterinary endorsement of

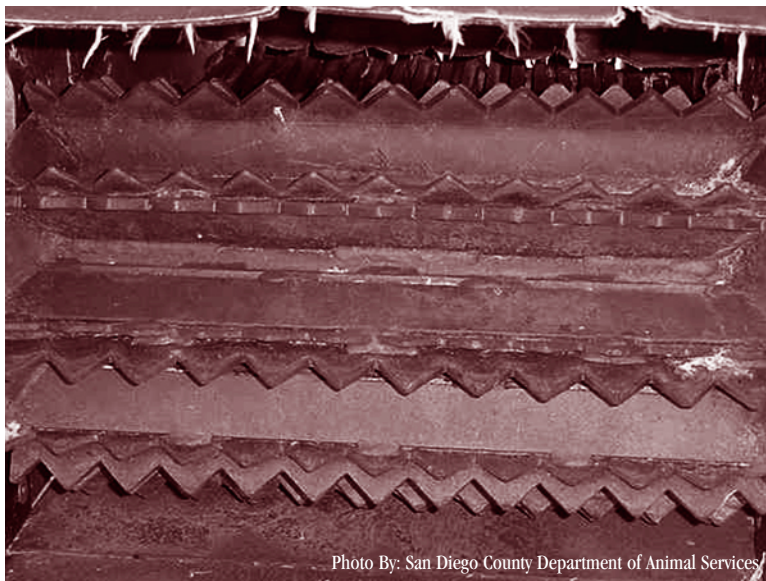


Photo By: San Diego County Department of Animal Services

wood chippers to grind "spent hens" alive:

- 🐔 A large chipper can be rented and set up to discharge directly into a loader bucket or other container.
- 🐔 Death is instant and humane.
- 🐔 The remains can then be dumped in a row on

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top of a generous bed of manure, and covered with a deep mound of manure.

In a formal complaint to the CA Veterinary Medical Board on 9/2/03, the Dept. of Animal Services described how the hens died:


- ❗ A combination of dead and live chickens was piled into the bucket of a front-end-loader tractor.
- ❗ A hydraulic ram pushed the chickens toward a pair of large feed wheels.
- ❗ The feed wheels crushed the chickens and fed them into a pulverizing device.
- ❗ The pulverizing device destroyed the chickens by use of a large number of rapidly rotating metal hammers.

**Neighbor Testifies.** Michelle Sorge, a neighbor in Valley Center, told investigating officers that the noise from a tractor and an industrial-sized tree shredder "got her attention." As she stood on her patio, she and her son "had a clear and unobstructed view of the workers next door at the chicken ranch. The workers began to empty the chicken houses. . . . Workers would retrieve the hens on carts, take the carts to the shredder and toss or throw the live chickens into the shredder." She knew the hens were alive "because of their movements, noise and action as they were handled prior to being shredded."

 **What Can I Do?**

Gregg Cutler, DVM, is the poultry representative

on the AVMA's Animal Welfare Committee. In addition to advising "egg ranchers" to throw live adult hens into wood chipping machines, and then lying about it to the AVMA, Cutler supports depriving hens of food in the inhumane egg industry practice known as forced molting. According to Cutler, starving hens for profit is "a pro-welfare activity," and hens are force-molted (starved) "in a safe and humane way" (*Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, July 1, 2000).

**Please urge the AVMA to remove Gregg Cutler, DVM, from the AVMA's Animal Welfare Committee.** While the AVMA continues to support forced molting, despite overwhelming scientific evidence that forced molting is a severe animal welfare abuse and a major cause of *Salmonella enteritidis* in hens and their eggs, **the AVMA does not support the use of wood chippers or tree shredders** in its 2000 *Report of the AVMA Panel on Euthanasia*. On page 672, the report defines euthanasia as "the act of inducing humane death in an animal," noting "It is our responsibility as veterinarians and human beings to ensure that if an animal's life is to be taken, it is done with the highest degree of respect." The report can be accessed at. 

<http://www.avma.org/resources/euthanasia.pdf>

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**UPC Protest Leads Dairy Queen To Cancels Chicken Abuse Ad**

Thanks to a vigorous UPC letter-writing campaign via the Internet in September, the American Dairy Queen Corp. told UPC it would remove its cruel ad in which chickens were treated like basketballs to sell dead chicken products: "I want you to know that ADQ is taking your comments and the feedback of others seriously. After careful consideration, we have decided to cease airing the commercial at the end of September." UPC thanks our e-subscribers for blitzing Dairy Queen!

To view UPC's Action Alert, visit:  
<http://upc-online.org/alerts/90903dq.htm>

To view UPC's letter to Dairy Queen, visit <http://upc-online.org/nr/92403dq.htm>

# Ducks and Geese Gets Compassionate Action in Israel and the US

## Foie Gras: Disease Marketed as a Delicacy

Each year in the United States, a half a million ducks are tortured and killed for their diseased livers, known as foie gras (fatty liver). In the US, two companies raise ducks for foie gras: Hudson Valley in New York and Sonoma Foie Gras in California. In September, GourmetCruelty.com released the findings of their covert investigation of these facilities. They revealed ducks so infected that their eyes were gone, ducks with gaping wounds on their rears, ducks being eaten alive by rats, dying ducks covered in vomit, corpses of ducks who had suffocated from forced-feeding, garbage cans filled with dead ducks including ducks who had exploded, and ducks who had died of aspiration pneumonia as a result of having food pushed into their lungs. At Hudson Valley, rows and rows of ducks live in isolation



Worker force-feeding duck

Photo By: PETA

cages so they can't avoid the force feeders with the long metal pipes who assault them three times a day for the month before they are slaughtered. "Investigators documented workers carelessly and roughly grabbing ducks by their throats as they struggled to avoid the forced-feeding pipe. The stench of death permeated the sheds." For the investigation, rescue, and what you can do, visit: <http://www.gourmet-cruelty.com>.

## Sonoma Foie Gras Sues the Animal Protection and Rescue League

In October, Sonoma Foie Gras, which raises thousands of ducks for foie gras and meat, filed suit against four APRL activists for trespassing and burglary. The activists, who welcome the lawsuit as a chance to expose the cruelty of foie gras, admit rescuing four ducks in September and claim they acted within

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the law. "We believe we're upholding California's anti-cruelty law," activist Bryan Pease told the *San Francisco Chronicle* (10/21/03). **"We don't believe rescuing animals in need of veterinary treatment is the same as someone breaking into a house and stealing someone's property."**

## Israeli Supreme Court Finds Force-Feeding Ducks and Geese Illegal

In an historic decision, the Israeli Supreme Court ruled on August 11 that the force-feeding of ducks and geese, as practiced in Israel, violates the law. One of the world's major producers of foie gras, the Israeli industry exploits mainly geese. The court's decision resulted from years of investigation and campaigning by animal protection organizations in Israel and worldwide. In Israel, the campaign was led by Anonymous for Animal Rights. Anonymous activists documented the cruelty to geese and ducks all over Israel. Their affidavits and the video they showed in court, plus their public education campaign, led to the success of their petition to the court. Starting with general ignorance of the nature of force-feeding, **"the Israeli public reached a point where foie gras is perceived as morally-defective food."** For more information including excerpts from the verdict, visit: <http://www.upc-online.org/what-snew/81103israel.htm>.



Thousands of Pekin Ducks packed into Maple Leaf Farms, CA

To read the verdict in its entirety, translated into English by Concern for Helping Animals in Israel (CHAI), visit:

<http://upc-online.org/ducks/101403foiegras.htm>.

## Whole Food Market to Improve Conditions for Ducks and Other Farmed Animals

*"Whole Foods does not respond to coercion. We re-examined activists' claims and decided they were basically right."* - Whole Foods CEO John Mackey, USA TODAY, 20/21/03.

In response to a 2-year campaign by the animal rights group Viva!USA, Whole Foods Market has pledged to transform the way ducks and other animals are raised for its 145 stores.

According to Whole Food Market founder/CEO John Mackey, **"Viva! was instrumental in helping Whole Foods Market leadership come to understand the importance and necessity of making changes in animal production methods."** In addition, **Mackey said his research on animal welfare issues while in dialogue with Viva!USA Director Lauren Ornelas "convinced me to personally become a vegan. I believe a vegan lifestyle is the most animal compassionate lifestyle possible."**

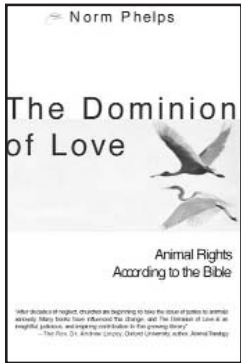
To learn more about Viva!USA's campaigns, including getting Trader Joe's to stop selling duck meat, visit <http://upc-online.org/ducks/102103wholefoods.htm> 🐔

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# The Dominion of Love: Animal Rights According to the Bible



By Norm Phelps  
Lantern Books, 2002  
www.lanternbooks.com  
\$15 USA \$22.50 Canada

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Is there any basis for animal rights in the Bible? *In The Dominion of Love*, Norm Phelps, the spiritual outreach director of The Fund for Animals, responds with this question: is there any basis in Hebrew and Christian scripture for human rights? His answer is yes and no. The concept of "human rights" does not actually appear in the Western religious tradition. Human Rights is a product of 18th century Enlightenment philosophy, an idea that to this day is rejected by many governments throughout the world. Rights is an "implementing mechanism," says Phelps, created to enforce the ethical teachings of love and compassion expressed by the Golden Rule-teachings that "individual conscience" has failed to implement. Now in the West, he

says, we are living in the early years of an Enlightenment for the Animals. Where does the Bible fit in?

Our culture is imbued with its teachings, everything from an eye for an eye to love your enemies to love your neighbor as yourself. Phelps focuses on the concept of loving your neighbor to urge that we enlarge our understanding of who our neighbor is to include our nonhuman animal brothers and sisters. Even if the Bible does not explicitly include chickens and cows in the ancient notion of one's neighbor, there is enough in the substance of biblical teachings and scattered passages to invite such a reading and the implementation of this reading into our daily lives and protective laws. Does not Matthew 23:37 cite the mother hen as an example of protective love where it says "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings"?

Does the Bible support animal sacrifice and meat-eating? Yes in some parts, and with equal relish, here and there, it supports human slavery, rape, ethnic cleansing and other barbarisms we no longer countenance. "When we read in the Bible

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Dear Friends,

Several of our members have made financial contributions in the form of stock to United Poultry Concerns through our securities account. We are deeply grateful for these gifts, and anticipate more in the future. There are two obvious benefits in making stock contributions. Please consider these advantages in making your future gifts to United Poultry Concerns.

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From United Poultry Concerns and all our Feathered Friends, we thank you for helping to ensure our future!

Sincerely,  
Karen Davis, Ph.D.  
President



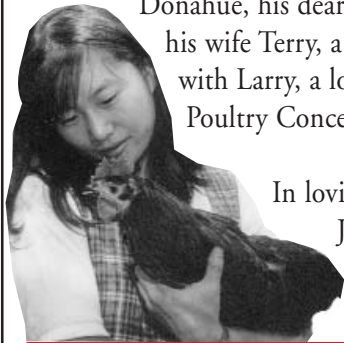
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## Freddaflower Memorial Fund

*The pain of losing them is the price we pay for the privilege of knowing them and sharing their lives. . . . Vicky Barbee*

We thank those people who have contributed to our work with recent donations *In Loving Memory* and in Honor of the following beloved family members and friends:

In loving memory of Larry D. Moritz, who passed away unexpectedly in September, from Deirdre and James Donahue, his dear friends. Larry is mourned by his wife Terry, a rescuer of abused ducks and, with Larry, a longstanding member of United Poultry Concerns.



In loving memory of my dear dog, Tai Jen Kou, who is forever missed, from Linda A. Morello.



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### Happy Landing!

#### UPC Hens Rescued from Buckeye, Adopted by United Poultry Concerns in September

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stories of God commanding or condoning the killing of animals," says Phelps, "we should remember these tales of barbarities that God is accused of ordering against human beings. . . . Why should Biblical verses that show divine approval of animal abuse set an everlasting precedent while passages showing divine approval of the murder of men, women, and children do not?"

Phelps concedes that his approach to the Bible involves picking and choosing to an extent. But he argues that he is picking and choosing biblical passages that support the Bible's fundamental ethical call to love God, love Creation, love your Neighbor, and Be Merciful. A stumbling block is what he calls the "aristocracy theory" of creation, the idea that "man" alone is made in the image of God and is thus entitled to "reduce the rest of the earth's population to serfdom."

But even if one nurses an exalted view of humankind, to whom an All Powerful has ironically

granted a host of "concessions," it doesn't follow that post-Flood morality need be one's own endpoint on Earth and a license for savagery. Rather, says Phelps, if we love creation, "we will nurture it, comfort it, care for it." The "dominion" he sees as alone hopeful consists in a conscious decision "to love God concretely by protecting and nurturing" all of our neighbors. If Judaism and Christianity do not encourage spiritual growth and a widening of human moral sympathies and obligations beyond the obscurations of history and self-centeredness, including animals "in the fullest unfolding of morality," what good do they bring?

*The Dominion of Love* includes valuable Appendices that identify specific biblical verses relating to the Human Treatment of Animals arranged under convenient subheadings, and Suggestions for Further Reading. These likewise are subdivided for easy follow-up together with a bibliography and highlight of books of related interest from Lantern Books. 🐔

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## UPC's Forum on Promoting Veganism Widely and Effectively (Part I)

On August 16-17, UPC held its 4th Annual Forum at the University of Colorado, Boulder campus. Following are summaries of talks by *The Sexual Politics of Meat* author Carol Adams (cja@caroljadams.com), Jack Norris of Vegan Outreach (veganoutreach.org), and Patrice Jones of the Eastern Shore Sanctuary & Education Center (bravebirds.org). Other talks will appear in future issues. We thank vegan chef Lynn Halpern for her fabulous luncheons, and Annie & Neil Hornish for filming the Forum.

### "Beyond Just 'Living With' Meat Eaters" by Carol J. Adams

Meateaters are "blocked vegetarians." Something in their life is more important to them than acting ethically. To avoid the issues they'll often try to get you to argue with them, so they can "win," as in "You eat plants, don't you? What about plants' feelings?" It isn't that they care about plants; rather, they want to set you up as a target. Don't be a target. Step aside. Develop one-liners like "How many green peppers do you have at home as companions?" Hand them a brochure and say, "Why don't your read this first, and then let's talk."



Photo By: Annie & Neil Hornish

Meateaters think they've "won" if they see you have a plate of "scarcity" at a restaurant while they have a plate of "abundance." If you're dining with meateaters at a place that doesn't have a vegan menu, order ahead of time, so they'll see you have this wonderful food. Never act "deprived." Even if it's just iceberg lettuce, praise it for being fresh and delicious. If they say, "Don't you miss hamburgers?" say, "I don't miss hamburgers and I don't miss heart attacks."

Instead of shutting meateaters out, invite them in. Bring vegan food to the office for your lunch, to office parties and other social occasions. Invite others to

try it. Bring an extra sandwich to share. If you have an event with, say, peace activists or environmentalists who fear distancing themselves even further from the mainstream by adding veganism to their agenda, serve a vegan meal without making an issue of it. Just make sure there is lots of delicious food. Share this wonderful way of living.

### "Mainstreaming Veganism by Reaching Youth and Focusing on Animal Suffering" by Jack Norris

When people ask about health, I like to bring up the ammonia issue: the animals they consume lived in a virtual outhouse before death. This doesn't appear in videos.



Photo By: Annie & Neil Hornish

Some say we should focus on health and not show graphic images of animal suffering, or leaflet the public. Yet before the 1970s, the vegetarian movement stressed health, had no graphic pictures, and didn't leaflet, yet people did not go vegetarian to the extent that today coincides with the increased use of graphic images of animal suffering. People who become vegetarian for strictly health reasons often go back to meateating whereas people who become vegetarian for ethical reasons seem to stick with it. Even the American Cancer Society has had little success with the health message, and meateating in Britain is back to pre-Mad Cow levels. Health is not a strong motivator.

College students are the most receptive to the ethical argument. We need an organized outreach to college students. This is what Vegan Outreach does with our "Why Vegan?" brochure. A great way to reach a million students each year is to Adopt a College. The number of new vegetarians increases exponentially when you change one person. Leafleting reaches more people than tabling. There are people who didn't know they would care until they read your leaflet, so don't wait.

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Put a leaflet in their hands. If one person in 100 who take your leaflet goes vegan, your time is well spent.

If we are hush hush about what animals go through, people will never get the ethics message. Veganism should be about animal suffering, not just about ourselves.

"Get Real: Facing Reality and Crafting Strategies Accordingly" by Pattrice Jones

Despite activism, meat consumption has risen steadily since the 1950s. Each person is eating more meat now than in the 1950s. Chicken consumption has more than tripled since the 1950s, and fish is way up, too.



Photo By: Annie & Neil Hornish

Meat production locations are shifting to developing countries, to avoid labor and environmental restraints. We are raising costs, so industry goes elsewhere, yet we want to end animal exploitation, not just change its location. Lest we get disheartened, remember we reduced veal consumption not on the basis of health and environment, but ethics. This shows that a straight abolition message works: "Look at how these animals

are treated. This means you can't eat them."

We need to go global more than we have, to diversify and not just stay white middle class. This class is no longer the majority in the US. And we should not assume that poor and other non-mainstream people have too much else to worry about to care about animals and ethics. Poor people make ethical decisions every day. Here are groups vegan activists can reach out to as potential allies:

- 🐔 Anti-globalization activists: they are already boycotting products for ethical reasons.
- 🐔 Feminists.
- 🐔 Radical disability activists: they already distrust the medical establishment, so we can position veganism as a health issue as well as an ethical one.
- 🐔 Anticolonial & anti-dietary racism activists: they oppose using poor countries and people as dumping grounds for toxic waste and bad/ surplus "food," like forcing dairy milk on school children, many of whom are lactose intolerant and feel sick after drinking it, making it hard for them to concentrate.
- 🐔 Peace activists.

Remember that **vegan** means respect for all animals, including humans! When asking others to change and make time for the animals, show courtesy and respect to our human friends. 🐔

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## Come To the AUCTION and See It Through Their Eyes



Norma Jean and Tall Paul

### "Get a Life" by Norma Jean

My name is Norma Jean. That might not mean much to you, but not every hen gets to have a name. I came down with a respiratory infection, and my eyes filled up with something that crusted them shut. I couldn't see what was going on, but the humans who raised me put me in a cage and took me to a noisy place where there were a lot of other chickens in cages and humans standing around laughing and blowing smoke. It was awful scary, being grabbed and handled and hauled around, not being able to see anything because

my eyes were sealed shut. I scratched at them to get them open, but it didn't do any good.

Then, hours later, after a lot of noise and squawks and cackles all around me, some hands reached in and got me out. That's really scary - when new hands reach in and get you and you don't know what they intend to do with you.

There was a long bumpy ride, then hands taking me out again, and finally something soft and wet washing my eyes; and I could see a little bit. Things were blurry, and it was a new place, but there was food and water, and nobody hurt me.

During the next few days, my eyes were gently cleansed and there was a funny medicine taste in my water, but soon I could see really well, and my nose cleared up too.

That was six summers ago. I still gurgle in my throat on cold mornings, and my eyes did go almost blind for good, but I can't complain. I've got a little rooster friend and all I want to eat and drink and lots of room to scratch and dust.

I've forgotten now what those humans looked like who took me to that awful place they called an "auction." Maybe they're the wise guys who scribbled "Get a Life" over my new guardians' sign that reads "Save a Life This Holiday Season - Go Vegetarian."

Well, I want those people to know I did get a

### Norma Jean

By Barbara Moffit

This evening, as I say a final goodbye to Norma Jean and place her in the cold ground, I recall wonderful times we've shared during these last six years. Although her eyesight failed more than two years ago, she maintained a healthy appetite and an active life. She and her companion, a "game" rooster named Tall Paul, were inseparable. When Norma Jean felt too weak to get off her roost one morning, he stayed beside her on the roost, never leaving her except for a few moments to eat and drink and then hop back up beside her. He has watched over her, showing her where to find food, for the past year.

She came into our lives with an infection that caused both of her eyes to seal shut. Someone had decided she wasn't worth saving and had brought her to an auction, blind and helpless. The feathers of one wing had been clipped to prevent her flying over fences. When she recovered, she became one of the gentlest, friendliest hens ever to live with us at WINGS-HAVEN. Though she never laid an egg in the whole six years I knew her, she gave us something more precious - her trust and friendship. 🐔

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**"U.S. advocacy was boosted when United Poultry Concerns began specializing in birds with rigorous research and high-profile campaigns."**

**Attorney & author Jim Mason, "State of Farmed Animals - 2003," The Abolitionist, Compassion Over Killing, Summer/Autumn 2003**

Dear Friends of United Poultry Concerns,

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life! I have friends; I have a house and a pen of my own; I have guardians who care for me and give me treats! So if you see those folks, tell them I'm glad how things turned out for me. There really is a place in this world for an almost-blind hen named Norma Jean who's bonkers over bananas and who doesn't lay eggs.



**What Can I Do?**

If you know of a poultry or small-animal auction in your area, please take the time to investigate and make sure that water is provided for each of the animals in their cages during hot weather and that none is left unattended in the sun. And don't forget to check the area after the auction is over. Many sick or unwanted animals are abandoned in cages and left to die of neglect. You can make a difference for them - Barbara Moffit, WINGS-HAVEN, Stillwater, Oklahoma 🐔

**Who Puts the Pricetag on Their Lives?**

Small-animal auctions, swap meets, and flea markets are held all over the United States. They are America's answer to the crowded market places of third world countries. The animals brought to these places have no rights, no protection, and precious little hope.

If a baby rabbit is cute enough, she might find a home with a child, especially at Easter. When she grows up, her fate will depend entirely upon whether that child continues to care for her or whether the child has lost interest. Then it's back to the sale and probably

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My husband David and I have been going to small-animal auctions and swap meets for 17 years. We have seen countless hundreds of frightened little faces, heard the wordless terror in their cries as they were

snatched from cages after the selling was over and stuffed into onion sacks, crowded crates, and cardboard boxes. Many fowls have their legs bound together with rope or string and are tossed helplessly into the trunk of a car, the lid slammed shut like the lid of a coffin.

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We have not always turned our backs and walked away from these wretched, frightened little beings. Over the years, we have brought home hundreds of chickens, turkeys, rabbits, guinnies, and goats to live out their lives at WINGS-HAVEN.

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I cannot describe the many heartbreaking cases of abuse, neglect, and blatant cruelty I see so often in those places. Their cries and squawks, silenced now, ring in my mind. - Barbara Moffit 🐔



Barbara and Wonder Chicken

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# Book Review: Animal Suffering and The Holocaust: The Problem With Comparisons

By **Roberta Kalechofsky**  
Micah Publications, 2003  
Paperback 60 pp. \$10 + \$3 postage  
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Reviewed by **Karen Davis, PhD**

*Most suffering today, whether of animals or humans, suffering beyond calculation, whether it is physiological or the ripping apart of mother and offspring, is at the hands of other humans.* - Roberta Kalechofsky

The Nobel Prizewinning author, Isaac Bashevis Singer, has one of his fictional characters, Herman Gombiner, say in the story, "The Letter Writer," that towards the animals, all humans are Nazis, and for the animals, every day is Treblinka. Rather than trivializing "Nazi" and "Treblinka," Singer conceptualizes these terms and the events to which they refer, making them stand for an extremity of evil of which there may be more than one manifestation, if not in every respect, yet in significant respects.

In *Animal Suffering and The Holocaust*, animal rights activist and writer Roberta Kalechofsky contests the borrowing of one atrocity to raise moral concerns about another. While acknowledging "terrible cogent connections, dark connecting threads, between animal suffering and the Holocaust," Kalechofsky does not want the Holocaust and its victims to become "a generalized metaphor" for any other atrocity or victim. When atrocities are compared, she argues, every atrocity and victim,

not just the Holocaust and its victims, risk obliteration in "a wash of metaphors."

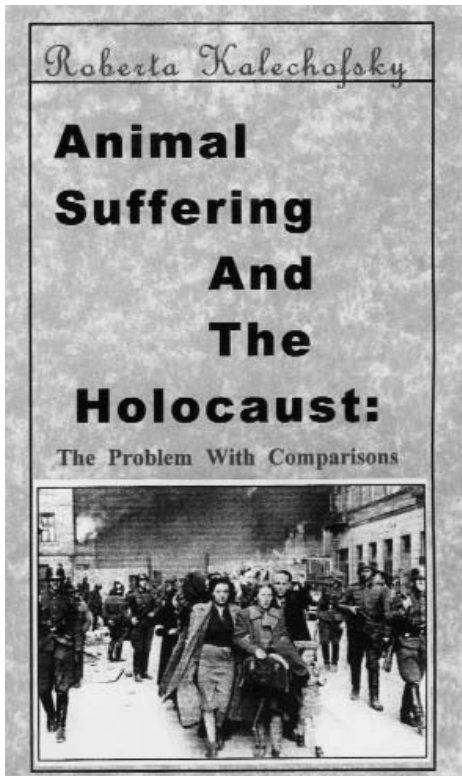
The Holocaust on Your Plate exhibit by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) illustrates the problem she sees. Kalechofsky argues that the history, motives, and causes embedded in the Holocaust differ so greatly from those embedded in the atrocities inflicted on nonhuman animals that comparisons fail. For

example, the historical Christian ambivalence towards Judaism has no counterpart, she insists. Yet there are similarities in the human ambivalence towards the natural world from which we derive, just as Christianity bears towards its originating faith a mixture of hostility and respect. Kalechofsky herself says that "[a]nimals, like the Jew in the mind of the Christian, are often a symbol of unconscious and repressed fears, in addition to the affection and reverence they inspire" (p. 53).

While criticizing comparisons to the Holocaust, Kalechofsky does more by way of the examples and conclusions she offers to uphold comparisons between the Holocaust and humanity's relentless, wholesale assault on the individuals, families, and communities of other species. In

the modern world, the reduction of a sensitive being to a "non-sentient object" imprisoned in an "excremental universe . . . outside of any moral universe of care" links the Holocaust victim to the animal victim in laboratories, factory farms, and slaughterhouses in ways that diminish the differences between them. Indeed, Kalechofsky writes,

"There is no proof that the flesh of a burning human being is hotter than the flesh of a burning animal. We may think so because the human race has left a



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record of its suffering, and the animals have not. They have lived their pain, in secret places, with little trace on human consciousness. The human gifts of language and writing - in short, of history - have brought for us greater attention and consciousness of our suffering, while animal suffering is barely accorded knowledge. It is history which separates animal suffering from the Holocaust" (pp. 34-35).

Yes, and it is "history" that separates from the Holocaust not only animal suffering but also millennia of unrecorded human suffering, including the unrecorded human victims of the Nazis. Nor can it be demonstrated who suffers more: those who can conceptualize their suffering or those who suffer without comprehension of its causes and without hope of redemption or rescue. One of the values of having a history (a record) of one's victimization is that the history can help to mitigate one's suffering as well as contribute to it. However, a problem with having this history is that it can create the illusion that one's own suffering is not only different from, but superior to, any other suffering, including the suffering one inflicts on others.

One of the most valuable contributions that a com-

parison between nonhuman animal suffering and the Holocaust can make is its ability to deepen the trace of animal suffering on human consciousness. Kalechofsky seems at once to recognize and reject this advantage. Oddly, she says that PETA's Holocaust on Your Plate exhibit bears a false resemblance to the Holocaust Museum in Washington DC and elsewhere because while Holocaust museums are places of sorrow and remembering, the Holocaust on Your Plate exhibit is about protest and reform.

Here again, the either/or approach seems off track. Both exhibits are designed not only to contemplate but to eliminate the crimes and victimage they represent. Another example of this dual mission is the annual World Farm Animals Day project of Farm Animal Reform Movement in which mourning and activism are combined. Historically, at least, the Holocaust ended, whereas the suffering endured by billions and billions of nonhuman animals has no end in sight. Here, certainly, is one area where comparisons fail and where it may be argued that it is the animals whose suffering is unjustly invoked when people say indignantly, with hardly a thought for their own victims, "We were treated like animals." 🐔

**Eastern Shore News, October 4, 2003**



Photo By: Ted Shockley, ESN

United Poultry Concerns of Machipongo came to Eastern Shore Community College with vegetarian dishes and brochures to promote World Farm Animals Day. Students stopped by the booth for a snack and discussion on the treatment of animals.



Illustration by Nigel Burroughs, *Nature's Chicken*

Wearing her "Chickens are Too Neat to Eat" t-shirt, UPC member **Kay Evans**, a vegan, won 1st prize in the Women's Run for the Birds Race at the Eastern Shore Birding Festival on Oct 4th.



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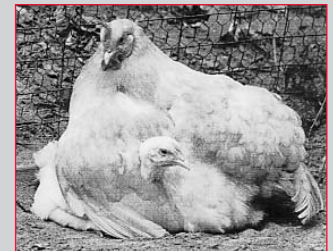
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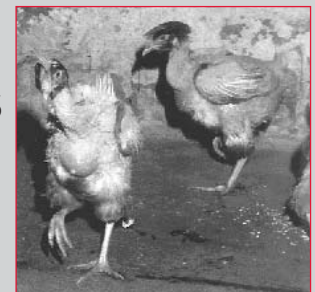
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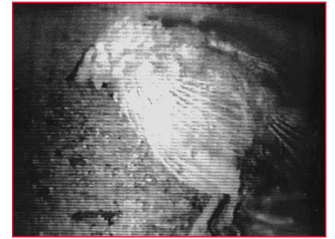
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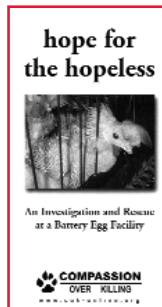
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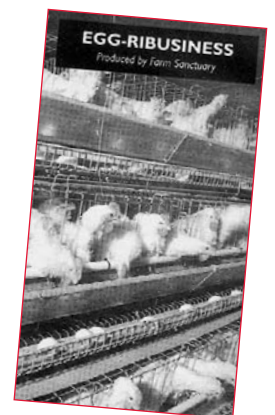
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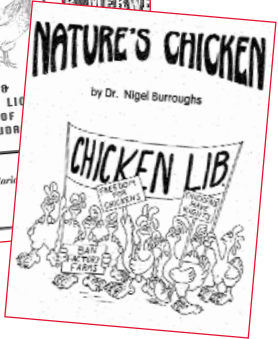
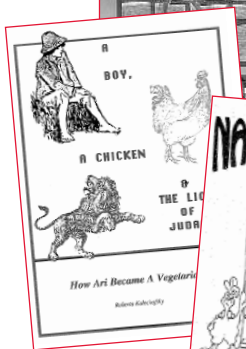
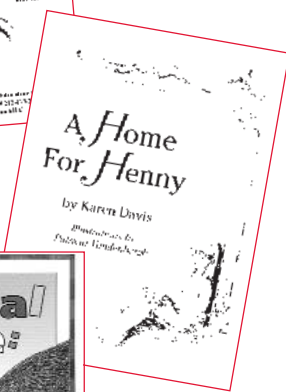
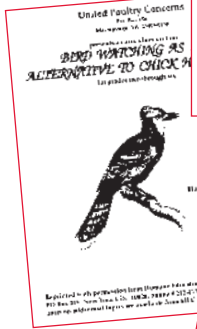
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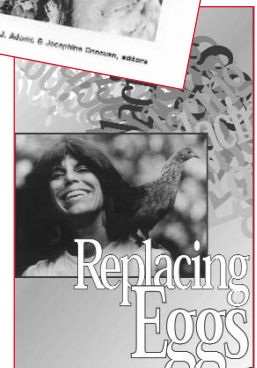
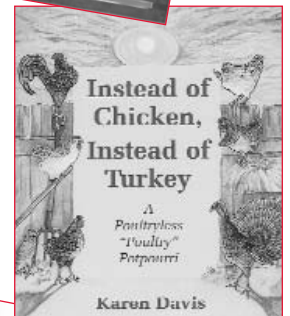
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