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"Rise, Kill, and Eat? Or is it time to bring a more peaceful and loving thought to this planet? Or will that thought, given to Apostle Peter (Acts 10:13), continue to grow and overwhelm the entire globe?"

— Eldon W. Kienholz

A peace studies course he had taken as an undergraduate at Manchester College in Indiana began to haunt Dr. Kienholz at the height of his career: "For me it took a long time coming, but now, 40 years later, I see that peace seeking is broader than just human interactions. Now I see it is a way of life in relation to all life and to all that is, all that has been created. The realization has come that I can no longer exploit animals in the name of science or in the

name of consumerism. Thus, I have quit my long time teaching and research position in the Department of Animal Sciences at Colorado State University, and have become a vegetarian.

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Peep-pee steps are great for baby chickens, but world peace needs Giant Steps. Please take your Personal Giant Step for Peace in the year 2000. Do something Big. Do something Permanent. And please, do it now.

As we enter the new millennium, United Poultry Concerns would like to call attention to Dr. Eldon Kienholz, a full professor of poultry science at Colorado State University from 1969-1988. Until he died of cancer on Labor Day in 1993, Eldon was a friend and advisor to United Poultry Concerns. In 1988, Eldon chose to retire early, rather than continue to perform cruel experiments on chickens, turkeys and ducks for the poultry industry.



Taylor Scott and Bella Mae the hen.

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Turkeys Want to Be Friends, Not Food

By Karen Davis, PhD

The wild turkey the early Europeans and colonists encountered was not the bird that dominates 20th-century hunters' talk. In anecdote after anecdote from the 17th through the 19th centuries, the wild turkey was characterized as showing an almost Disneylike friendliness towards people. Wild turkeys, as the first settlers found them, walked right up to them. Sadly, the birds were likely to be met with a bang for their bravery. Here are some examples of early encounters between Man and the Bird as told by the settlers.

"Wild turkeys drinking at the river were so undisturbed by a nearby hunter that he took away their broods of chicks without difficulty." "They came so close to people they could be shot with a pistol." "They hovered close to our fire so we killed them all." "Wild turkeys would come to our house and roost in the trees with the chickens. They often sat with their young on my fences so trustingly that I found it difficult to bring myself to shoot them."

While these wild turkeys were alert, wary, savvy, and fully capable of living successfully in a natural environment, they had not yet learned to live in terror of humans. The terrified turkey was created, not born.

Indeed, the wild turkey of today is in many ways an invention that raises questions about the notion of "wild." Restoration of decimated turkey populations in North

America has involved extensive manipulations of both the bird and its habitat: supplemental winter feeding including a variety of special types of feeders and shelters, burning of forests and planting of grain crops, wing-clipping, artificial incubation, culling of captive-raised birds to conform to shifting standards of "purity" and "wildness," transfer of pen-raised young and wild-captured adults from one place to another using traps, nets, airplane drops and immobilizing drugs, and release of thousands of game-farm hybrid turkeys prior to hunting season.

In the history of human and turkey relations, a combination of direct human interventions, random matings, and turkey escapes and vanishings has resulted in wildness "tainted with domestic blood" and introduction of diseases to wild turkey populations.

Today, at the start of a new century, despite a tremendous effort to create a "wild" turkey distinct from its domestic cousins, this noble nomad keeps returning to the human scene, walking around in suburbia, metropolitan Atlanta, the Bronx.

This is delightful, unless it becomes an excuse for more hunting, as in the past it was a reason why the friendly and inquisitive turkey became a byword for an easy target, "someone who could be easily duped or caught," in the first place. However, things are starting to change.

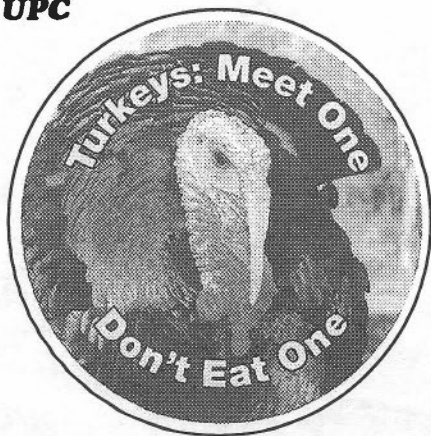
Slowly but surely, the sentiment of sentience is winning out in our society over contempt for animals, of which the turkey has been a powerful if ambiguous symbol in America. Because of the bird's mythic role in American history, the turkey comes loaded with an ambivalence that is starting to work to the bird's advantage, as well as to ours. Just as the wild bird and the domestic bird amalgamate in the popular image and the DNA of the Thanksgiving Turkey, so left-handedly honored, so the turkey, which has functioned primarily as a sport and a sacrifice, is increasingly being given a new role, being "adopted" by people and treated as a guest at the Thanksgiving table, showing there may be better ways of honoring kinship and exorcising our guilt – if guilt is involved – than by saying, over and over, "I'm sorry." More and more Americans are throwing taboo to the winds and speaking up for turkeys, loving them, maybe, for who they are as much as for what they might stand for.

Increasingly, unanimous deprecation and consumption of the turkey can no longer be counted on to pull America together at Thanksgiving. A new consciousness of human-animal kinship is arising and new culinary opportunities are emerging. The news about eating animal products is not good in any case. Because of how they are raised, turkeys and other poultry go to slaughter

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UPC Takes Action for Thanksgiving Compassion



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Members of United Poultry Concerns demonstrate in Washington, D.C. outside the White House to protest the annual Presidential "pardoning" of a turkey ceremony.

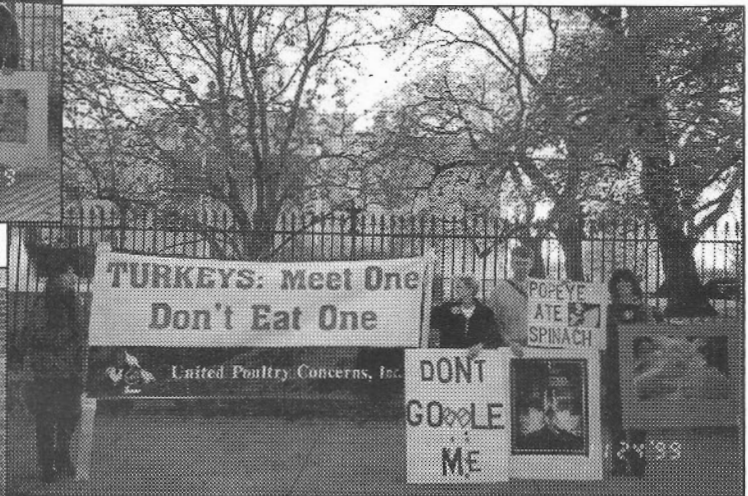


photo by Franklin Wade
UPC's 10th annual Thanksgiving party is enjoyed by all.

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 infested with disease organisms including salmonella and campylobacter bacteria. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, "Foods most likely to carry pathogens [disease microbes] are high-protein, nonacid foods, such as meat, poultry, seafood, dairy products, and eggs" (USDA FoodReview, May-August 1995). Significantly, the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows turkey slaughter to be down 4 percent in 1999 over the previous year, reflecting declining consumer purchases (USDA Agricultural

Census 1999).
 Celebration can include evolution. Just as western culture long ago substituted bread and wine for animal (and human) sacrifice in traditional religious celebrations, as in the Christian Eucharist, literally a "thanksgiving," so the tofu turkey and thousands of other nonanimal food choices are replacing the traditional corpse at the festive meal. If bread is not literally muscle tissue and wine is not blood, few people are clamoring for a return to the "good old days" of bloody altars and struggling victims. In this same

tradition of progress, the New American Pioneers are carving out fresh places for humans and turkeys to come together in a spirit of friendship. This, after all, is the true gift that the turkey brought to the table in the first place. Let us rejoice with our feathered friends.

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The Washington Post Profiles United Poultry Concerns

Article puts chickens front and center

Washington Post writer Tamara Jones provided an in-depth look at United Poultry Concerns and its founder-president, Dr. Karen Davis, in "For the Birds," a huge 3-page spread in the Sunday Style Section on November 14th. The article, which is posted permanently on UPC's website at www.upc-online.org, quoted UPC's president extensively, as in this excerpt about chicken and turkey slaughter:

"The stun cabinet is used to immobilize the birds, not render them unconscious at all. We're talking about a method that is basically pure torture. . . .

"Birds move toward the killing knife with the sensation of severe electric shocks added to their other agonies. Then they go on to the neck-cutting machine. . . . They go through a round, rotating blade. It's supposed to cut their carotid arteries, which deliver oxygenated blood to the brain, upon which consciousness depends. But if they don't hit the carotid and the backup person doesn't tend to the bird properly, they might slice the jugular. This is agony - conscious torment. They're deliberately kept alive till the scald tank to keep their hearts

beating. They go into the bleed-out tunnel and hang there for about 90 seconds, bleeding out upside down with their half-cut necks. . . ."

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"Once, a neighbor's dog stole into the yard and killed a rooster Davis cherished. As she sat by herself weeping over the loss, a hen named Sonja approached. 'I leaned down and she buried her head in my neck and I did likewise,' Davis recalls. 'I put my arms around her. Chickens will purr like a cat, a little trilling sound. She stood there for a long time. She knew I was sad. She restored my soul. . . . 'I wished I could stay in that moment forever.'"

— "For the Birds," The Washington Post, Nov. 14, 1999, F5

Tamara Jones and The Washington Post and to Washington Post photographer Frank Johnston. UPC also wishes to thank Joseph Cacchioli and The Daily Times of Salisbury Md for the inspiring Nov 28th feature article about United Poultry Concerns and our rescued chickens, "For love of the birds" in the Delmarva Section. "For the birds" and "For love of the birds" is what United Poultry Concerns is all about.

LIFE AND DEATH:

At left, Karen Davis hugs Angel the hen. On the right, helpless birds at a Tyson slaughter plant in Richmond, VA can only watch with empty eyes as death approaches.



Photo by Karen Porreca

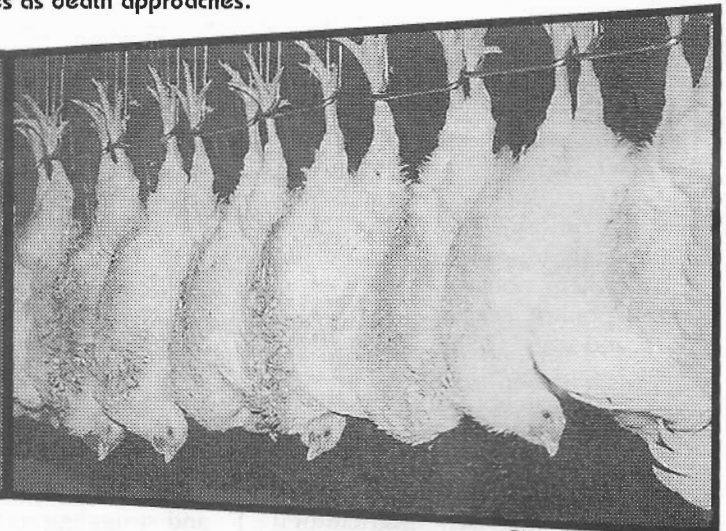


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Morning Glory

By Forest Greene Phillips

Last winter as I drove to the local auto shop for an oil change next to a chicken slaughter plant in Maryland, I saw something white in the road. Something pushed me to check further. I walked closer and saw a chicken in a mud puddle. I went back to the car, grabbed a terry cloth robe, gently picked up the chicken, and placed him in the car beside me. I told the mechanic to cancel the job: "I found a chicken." He said, "I'll call the plant and tell them to come get it." I said, "No thanks. No one from the slaughter plant is getting this chicken." I brought him home.

I did not know what I would do with this poor battered bird, but I knew I would protect him.

The smell of feces and ammonia was very strong. The chicken's underbelly and wings were brown with the filth he had lived in. He could not walk normally. He was large and his feet were swollen and deformed. He had a sound in his chest. I named him Morning Glory.

When I first fed Morning Glory, he struggled to get underneath me. He was a baby bird. I was the mother he needed to cuddle under. (He was only 6 weeks old, I later learned. That's when they kill them.) Morning Glory would climb on my lap and nuzzle under my arm. When I set him in my bedroom in the morning sun, he sang – a "chicken song" – sweet and soft. He was singing he was happy to feel the sun on his soft feathers. Then he crawled under my sweatshirt and fell asleep.

Morning Glory only lived a couple of

months. His legs collapsed under his heavy body and he developed a suffocating respiratory disease – the disease I heard gurgling in his chest the day I picked him off the road next to the slaughter plant. A week after I found him, I took him to United Poultry Concerns so he could live with other rescued chickens. There, he immediately chose an aging rooster named Clarence to snuggle under. Trilling and trilling, Morning Glory sat under Clarence's comforting old wings. He died in the arms of Karen Davis, the president of United Poultry Concerns, at the veterinary clinic. She helped him find the rest he could not find in life. She held him until he died. And I am here, in tears, telling his story. *Morning Glory*.



photo by Karen Davis

Morning Glory nuzzles up against Clarence.

STOCK CONTRIBUTIONS

Dear Friends,

Several of our members have recently 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, PhD
President

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One of my main drives in life now is to help free domestic animals. . . . I say that we must now give as much attention to peace between species as within the human species. . . .

"In the 10 minutes you take to read this paper, we will kill about 200,000 animals in our beloved USA. just to please our taste buds. Is that peace?"

"Peace on our planet does not just include stopping the burning of our rain forests or irresponsible dumping of toxic wastes. It includes eating as far down the food chain as possible, and a change of our attitude about our present exploitation of this planet. There will be no peace in this world until we learn to live in peace and harmony with the entire planet. This means that we must and will change our economy. We need to confront our enormous consumption, our materialism. At present the call is for 'strategies for sustainable economic development.' That is a step in the right direction. However, somehow we must and will come to live at peace with our planet, and I expect that will come because of a spiritual change in us, not just physical changes. . . .

[THE HEIFER PROJECT]

"This also means a new look at one of our Church of the Brethren creations: THE HEIFER PROJECT (HPI). What are we doing with HPI [Heifer Project

International], except promoting our animal slavery overseas? We no longer need to have animal food products in order to be adequately nourished. There are other less violent ways of providing nutrients for humans. We can no longer afford to promote any animal exploitation, so we must consider speaking out against The Heifer Project."

- From Eldon W. Kienholz, "Will There Be Peace Before We are Vegetarians?" - Manchester College Bulletin of the Peace Studies Institute, July 1990.

"What Can I Do?"

- Go Vegan. Start Today. Peace begins in the kitchen.

- Speak out against Heifer Project International (HPI). Its cloying fundraisers hide the ugly truth. Billions of chickens, goats, cows, pigs, and other animals suffer under this pretense of helping malnourished families. HPI exports animal factories, battery cages, debeaking, environmental pollution, zoonotic diseases, and U.S. drug companies overseas. Reject The Heifer Project, and let HPI know why. Call 1-800-422-0755. Write: HPI, PO Box 98175. Washington, DC 20090.

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CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE JOINS MURDER MAGNATE?

As we go to press . . .

THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTS Dec. 21, p. B2 METRO: "They Say Perdue Is Bad to the Bone, by James Barron"

"The actor DANNY GLOVER . . . is facing criticism from an animal rights group that says he should withdraw as a host of a children's art contest ["Masterpieces in Chicken"] sponsored by Perdue Farms, the poultry processor.

"Please divorce yourself from Perdue,' the group, United Poultry Concerns, urged in a letter on Dec. 8. The president, KAREN DAVIS, accused the huge chicken company of a variety of offenses, not least of them contributing to health problems caused by 'children growing up on greasy chicken nuggets and other artery-clogging poultry products.' A call to Perdue Farms was not returned.

"A related exhibition scheduled for a gallery in SoHo was cancelled after the group called the gallery. 'They caused such a ruckus and such a negative situation for us,' said the gallery owner, DAVID BEITZEL, 'so I put an end to it.' As for Mr. Glover, MICHELLE BEGA, a spokeswoman in Los Angeles, had no comment and said he was out of the country."

"What Can I Do?"

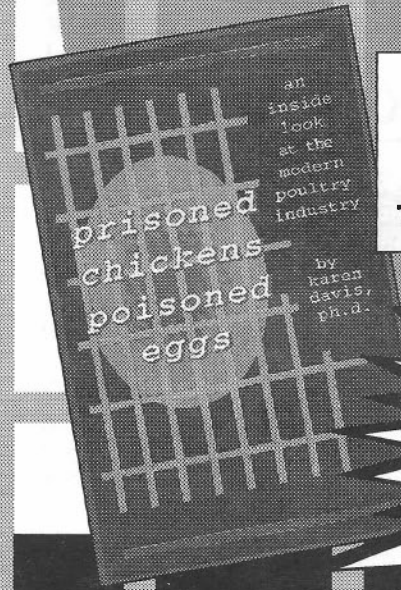
The "Monsterpieces of Chicken" child-exploitation exhibition had been set for Jan 12. Hopefully, it'll be cancelled, but urge Danny Glover, whatever, to withdraw. Fax Mr. Glover c/o Michelle Bega of Rogers and Cowan in LA at 310-788-6600. Tel: 310-201-8800. Check UPC's website for updates at www.upc-online.org.

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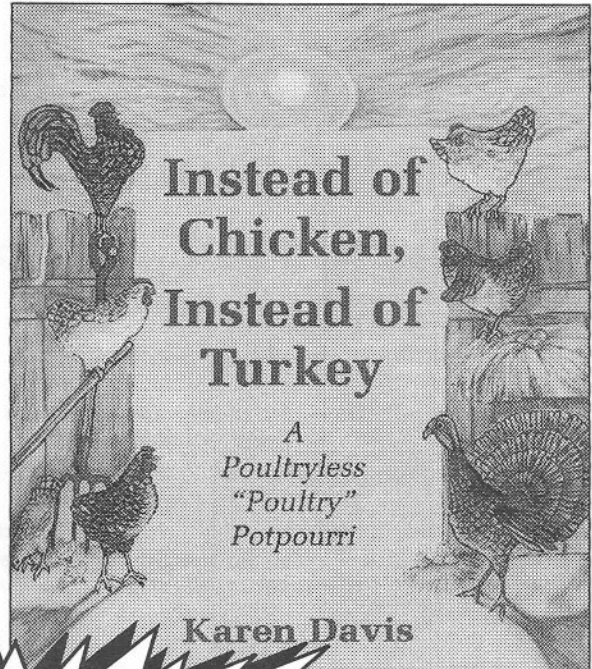


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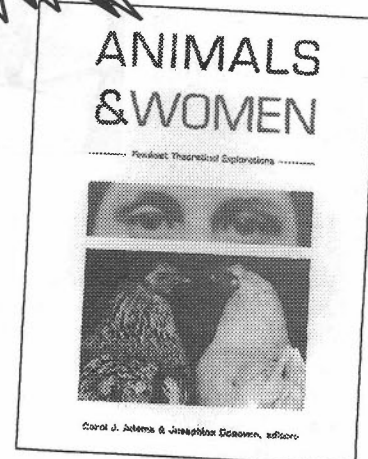
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Review by Deborah Tanzer, Ph.D. in *The Animals' Agenda*, Vol. 16, No. 2



“2000: Year of the Humane Child”

This comprehensive public outreach program was launched at a press conference in Los Angeles on December 2nd. A major goal is to educate parents and educators about the importance of teaching children to respect and protect animals as well as how to spot signs of animal abuse. It emphasizes the link between compassion for animals and compassion for humans and the proven link between childhood animal abuse and adult human violence. It asks “What are we Teaching Our Children?” The Action Alerts on these two pages urge you to get involved in what the Boy Scouts of America are teaching and the kinds of lessons young people are learning in the classroom. For more information contact the Doris Day Animal League at 202-546-1761.



Animal Activists Force Boy Scouts of America to Cancel Chicken Slaughter

“If the offices of the Boy Scouts had not heard from so many people today [Friday, Nov 19] . . . the slaughter would have occurred.”

– Lydia Nichols, Executive Director,
Animal Liberation of Texas
(www.animalliberation.com; 972-664-6760)

Animal activists succeeded in getting the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to cancel a chicken slaughtering exercise planned by a troop leader in Bedford, Texas for November 20th. In April 1998, Boy Scouts Troop 890, also in Texas, hacked a flock of chickens to death in a field (*Poultry Press* Spring/Summer 1998). 15 of the 80 Scouts refused to participate.

Former Scout leader Diana Orr, president of Rabbit Rescue (dorr@rdraab.com), wrote in November: “I fought all day to stop them from slaughtering rabbits. They moved to chickens. They still intend to do something along the same lines, on private land, away from ‘seeing’ eyes.”



In addition, the BSA offers a Boy Scout Badge in **Animal Science** that directs the Scout to “Kill and dress two birds” – chicks, poults (baby turkeys), or ducklings.

Fortunately the BSA 1998 Handbook does include **kindness as a Boy Scout characteristic**: A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. . . . Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing. . . . Kindness is not limited to how we feel about people. Be kind to pets and wildlife. Be kind to the earth. . . (Ch. 3, p. 50). However, these virtues needs to be translated into a written Code of Behavior specifying Boy Scout behaviors and

activities in regard to nonhuman animals that will not be tolerated within the parameters of Scouting.

“What Can I Do?”

- Urge the Boy Scouts of America to implement a formal written Code of Behavior prohibiting the intentional maiming, killing, or other harming of birds and other animals. Penalties of censure, demerit, and expulsion of the animal abuser, be he a Scout, troop leader, or Scoutmaster, should be clearly stated in writing and carried out.

This Code should appear in every Scout Handbook. It should address both wildlife and domesticated animals. No merit badge award should require the use of animals. Indeed, the BSA needs to establish a merit badge of compassion for Scouts who exhibit morally courageous behavior on behalf of animals. Contact:

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- If you hear that a local troop is planning a chicken slaughter or other animal abuse exercise, immediately contact the above headquarters, or the Boy Scouts Consul Office for that area. Click on the BSA website: BSA.scouting.org – consul locator, 1st page – for a directory of local consuls. Remember: the Boy Scouts of America prides itself on Leadership. It’s time for a BSA Leadership Policy on the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

- If you do not get swift intervention by the local consul or national headquarters, contact the news media, including the nearest Associated Press Bureau, and tell them what’s up.

Violence in the Schools?

Check Out the Classroom

Schools teach attitudes to students as well as practices. Science programs, in particular, may teach respect for life, or they may promote flippancy and cruelty, as part of an "experimental" and "aggressive" approach to careers and grades. Sensitive students are often coerced into silence by teachers who hold grades and recommendations over their heads, and by classmates whose violent tendencies are rewarded by programs that incorporate animal abuse in the name of science. This hostile aggressive situation may go on for years.

SUCCESS!

In December, United Poultry Concerns succeeded in stopping one of these programs, the "Chick Hormone Lab." The name of the school district is being withheld in keeping with our agreement that if the school district stopped the program, we would withhold its name. We worked closely with a local animal advocacy group in responding to a call for help from a handful of outraged parents and students whom school district administrators were ignoring. We got their attention.

The Chick Hormone Lab For 20 years, this school district offered a Biological Sciences Curriculum Studies (BSCS) course in which high school biology students injected sex hormones (testosterone and follicle stimulating hormone), saline solution, and sesame oil into the legs, wings, and thighs of baby chicks in order to observe the effects. At least 140-150 chicks were subjected to this experiment each year. The surviving chicks—filled with the hormones, sesame oil, saline solution, and possible infection from repeated needle injections administered by students—were then (said to be) chloroformed to death by the teacher unseen by the students.

A reason why this type of experiment goes on is that birds, rats, and mice are excluded, not from the federal

Animal Welfare Act, but from the federal regulations needed to enforce the Act. Why? Because the U.S. Department of Agriculture refuses to fulfill its mandate to regulate the treatment of birds, rats and mice under the Animal Welfare Act. Thus a school may do unspeakable things to birds, rats, and mice – things they cannot do to dogs and cats – under the contention that birds, rats, and mice are not regulated. This invocation of unaccountability is another lesson that a school may teach its students.

At the same time, the federal Animal Welfare Act defines an animal research facility as any school "except an elementary or secondary school." It does not say "except in the case of birds, rats, and mice." Under federal law, an elementary or secondary school, by definition, is not an animal research facility.

The BSCS chick hormone "investigation" into "The Behavior and Development of Chicks," is not only cruel, it is scientifically absurd. Sex hormones interact synergistically within the biological and behavioral systems of adult birds. There is no parallel in nature to adult sex hormones circulating in the body of a baby bird, nor is there any parallel to injections of sesame oil and saline solution, or of raw infusions of sex hormones, in birds of any age. The experiment has no relevance to anything in the natural world.

"What Can I Do?"

- Get involved in student programs in your community. Find out what is being taught by the schools and by the Scouts. If kids are learning from adults that "it's cool to be cruel," strenuously object. Call your local TV and

radio stations and write letters to the editor. Publicize the problem. Talk to the school principal, the teacher, the school superintendent, the Scout leader. If you are a teacher, urge your Teachers Association to develop humane education policies. Many cruel biology "investigations" have been on the books for years. It's time for an overhaul. The animals need your help. So do the students. *Thank you for getting involved.*



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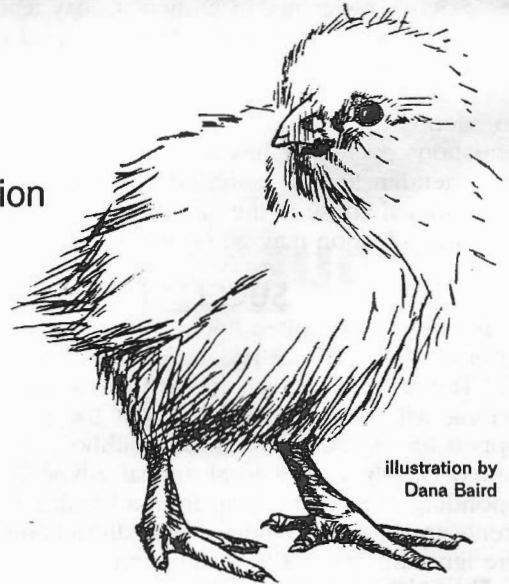


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STARVING HENS AND SALMONELLA-INFESTED HENS AND EGGS: The Link

- USDA Food Safety & Inspection Service: "FSIS recognizes that public health concerns are raised by highly stressful forced molting practices. For example, extended starvation and water deprivation practices lead to increased shedding of *Salmonella enteritidis* (SE) by laying hens subjected to these practices." — Letter to UPC, Aug. 21, 1998.

FORCED MOLTING & SALMONELLA: The Science

- "Influence of Disease on Egg Quality," *Egg Industry*, June 1999: "Reduced feed and water intake is the most detrimental and universal aspect of disease" in hens used for egg production (p. 10).

- "Salmonella Control and Molting of Egg-Laying Flocks — Are They Compatible," University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service (Fact Sheet VM 92, July 1994): "The stress resulting from an induced molt significantly depresses the cellular immune response in laying hens and will increase the severity of a concurrent intestinal SE infection. Molted birds shed significantly higher numbers of SE during a forced molt as compared to unmolted birds. The ceca and colon of the molting hens also have more severe inflammation than non-molted birds. . . . No matter what specific or combination of fac-

tors are involved in causing increased susceptibility of laying hens to SE infection, the fact remains that laying hens undergoing a forced molt by feed removal are under stress and are more likely to become salmonella shedders as compared to non-molted hens."

"What Can I Do?"

- Order *Replacing Eggs* from United Poultry Concerns and learn how easy and delicious it is to replace eggs in your diet. 16 great recipes. \$3.50.

- Tell *The Today Show* to stop promoting the Incredible **In**-Edible Egg. The majority of eggs come from suffering, sick, debeaked hens imprisoned in filthy wire cages and subjected to deliberate starvation. Many survivors choke to death when food is returned to these featherless skeletons following 1-2 weeks of "feed withdrawal." The debeaked hens cannot preen or eat properly either. They develop tumors and suffer from phantom limb pain in the nerve endings where the baby hen's beak was amputated at the hatchery. Every egg is filled with misery, and the egg industry is merciless. This industry suffocates to death and grinds up alive a quarter of a billion male chicks every year because roosters don't lay eggs. *The Today Show* should not support this. Factory eggs are neither healthy nor humane. Contact:

Jeff Zucker, Executive Producer

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We are proud to introduce **Goosie's Story**, a wonderful new illustrated children's book by Louise Van Der Merwe. **Goosie's Story** is about a "battery" hen who is given a chance to lead a normal life — a happy life. Goosie tells her own story in her own words! We share her discovery of the world outside the battery prison and realize that, far from being a mere unit of production, she has a robust ability to live life to the full. This moving book will be warmly welcomed and shared by children, parents and teachers, highlighting as it does the concern and compassion we ought to feel for all our feathered friends on this earth. Order from United Poultry Concerns, P.O. Box 150, Machipongo, VA 23405. \$4.95.

GOOSIE'S STORY



LOUISE VAN DER MERWE

Martha Stewart in Bad Taste

Martha Stewart's new special-edition magazine, *Entertaining*, promotes pate de foie gras (fatty liver paste) in many recipes. Foie gras producers force-feed ducks and geese to abnormally distend their livers. Birds are confined in small cages or crowded pens for 28 days of force-feeding. 16"-long tubes are rammed down their throats, attached to a pressurized pump that gorges the birds, leaving many birds unable to walk naturally. Necropsies during a foie gras farm police raid showed heart disorders, ruptured liver cell membranes, cirrhosis of the liver, and lesions (wounds) in the gizzards and intestines of the force-fed birds. Dead birds have been

found with food spilling up from their stomachs out of their nostrils.

"What Can I Do?"

• Do not purchase fatty liver paste (foie gras), and do not buy Martha Stewart's magazine, *Entertaining*, and tell her why. Write to: Letters Department, Martha Stewart Living, 11 West 42nd St, New York NY 10036. Fax 212-827-8204.

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UPC's brochure, *Live Poultry Markets*, is available in Spanish as well as English. We wish to thank Marion Zinowski for her translation and Patricia Vandenberg (the illustrator of *A Home for Henny*) for her artwork. If you are in an area that has a live animal/poultry market, please order our brochures and distribute them. Live poultry markets are cruel and a major source of avian influenza virus.

CALL 757-678-7875 FOR INFO

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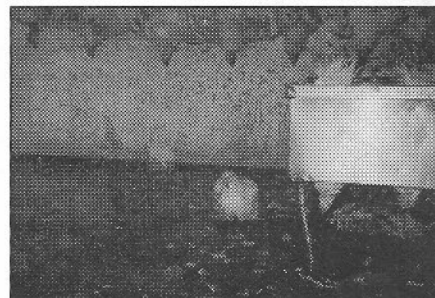
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HUMANE SLAUGHTER?

HUMANE SLAUGHTER takes the viewer into poultry slaughterhouses to witness the horrendous suffering endured by chickens and turkeys. The video contains undercover footage obtained by Farm Sanctuary investigators of standard poultry slaughter operations, where terrified chickens and turkeys are slowly bled to death - sometimes on the slaughterhouse floor.

Scenes from **HUMANE SLAUGHTER** have prompted thousands of people to eliminate poultry from their diets. When you see this video you'll see why:

"Undercover footage [**HUMANE SLAUGHTER**] of a poultry slaughterhouse in Los Angeles shows chickens having their throats manually cut . . . and then being stuffed alive into bleeding holes in an idle manner by the employees. Blood-soaked chickens with partially cut throats try vainly to lift themselves out of the troughs into which more bleeding and writhing birds are casually flung before being picked up and shackled. Bleeding, flapping chickens fall off the line onto the floor - no one pays any attention."



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- Karen Davis, "The Death," *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry*, p. 114.

Red Cross Honors Chicken Saviors

United Poultry Concerns congratulates Pasado's Safe Haven for receiving the American Red Cross Award. Please thank Wells Fargo Bank for sponsoring this Award:

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Wells Fargo Foundation
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Seattle, WA 98104

Pasado's Safe Haven, located in Sultan, Washington, was awarded the 1999 American Red Cross Award for animal rescue for calling attention to the plight of thousands of chickens abandoned last February without food or water at Amberson Egg Farm in Lake Stevens, Washington.

This Award was sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank and is the first animal rescue award ever given by the Red Cross for the rescue of chickens!

This Award is a Giant Step for Chickens and for all

animals who need and deserve our protection from suffering and abuse. We are all indebted to Pasado's Safe Haven for their magnificent work, and to Wells Fargo Bank and the American Red Cross for honoring that work with this splendid Award.

Thank You!


UPC gratefully thanks Emilie Hardman and Matt & Mary Kelly for holding fundraising benefits for United Poultry Concerns in the Fall. Please consider doing a fundraiser for UPC in your area in 2000. All funds raised help the birds. Thanks!

Crow-Magnons Have Met Their Match!

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Oklahoma Citizens Against Cockfighting 2000 announced they've met their goal of 100,000 signatures in 90 days. OCAC head Jamie Massey did it in Arizona and is now successfully leading the anti-cockfighting campaign in Oklahoma. E-mail OCAC2000@aol.com

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By Karen Davis

This book is a fully-documented source of up-to-the-minute information about chickens, including everything from how a chick develops inside an egg to the causes of salmonella, and much more. Provides a chilling account of the morally handicapped poultry & egg industry. \$14.95

A Home for Henny

By Karen Davis

This wonderful new children's book tells the touching story of a little girl, a chicken, and a school hatching project. Beautifully illustrated by Patricia Vandenberg. \$4.95

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

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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. Winner of the 1996 Fund for Animals "Kind Writers Make Kind Readers Award." \$10.00

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

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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.

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"Raw Footage, Raw Pain"

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Sensitively 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. \$20.00

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Don't Just Switch from Beef to Chicken: Get the Slaughterhouse Out of Your Kitchen

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

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A HEART BEATS IN US THE SAME AS IN YOU



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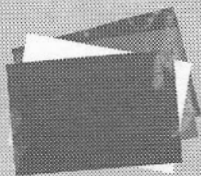
Today's chickens are forced to grow too big too fast. They're forced to live in filth. They go to slaughter with yellow pus, harmful bacteria, heart and lung disease, tumors, crippled legs, sick immune systems, and more. Millions of dollars are spent hiding these facts from you. Why put dead birds in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



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- "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"

- "Celebrate Easter Without Eggs"
- "Chicken for Dinner: It's Enough to Make You Sick"

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