

United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2009

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Charities of America to receive donations through the
Combined Federal Campaign. Our CFC Agency Code is
#11656.

Officers & Directors, 2009

Karen Davis, PhD, President-Director
Liqin Cao, Vice President-Director
Joan Meanor Holtgraver, MA-Secretary Treasurer-Director

Staff, 2009

Karen Davis, President
Joan Meanor Holtgraver, Bookkeeper
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United Poultry Concerns holds that the treatment of
chickens, turkeys, ducks and other domestic fowl in the areas
of food production, science, education, entertainment, and
human companionship situations has a significant effect
upon human, animal, and environmental welfare. We seek
to make the public aware of the ways poultry are used, and
to promote the compassionate and respectful treatment of
these birds and the benefits of a vegan diet and lifestyle. UPC
conducts full-time educational programs and campaigns
through our quarterly magazine *Poultry Press*, our Website
at www.UPC-online.org, and our chicken sanctuary in
Machipongo, Virginia.

United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent full-time
office, sanctuary and education center at our headquarters
at 12325 Seaside Road, Machipongo, Virginia 23405. We
respond daily to Internet and telephone requests for help
with bird-care problems, student projects, alternatives to
classroom chick-hatching projects, and numerous other
communications on the care, treatment and abuse of
domestic fowl. We are grateful to all of our members and
supporters for enabling us to fulfil our mission in 2009.
From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for
your support!

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2009

*Sanctuary Adoptions – UPC adopted 93 wonderful
chickens in need of a loving home in 2009. All of our birds
were rescued from abuse, abandonment or surrender by
their previous owners.*



- ♥ 58 lively game hens & 2 roosters
rescued from Mississippi
cockfighting raid.
- ♥ 3 sweet “broiler” chickens
in Delaware: Marigold,
Jasmine & Magnolia.
- ♥ 13 suffering brown
hens rescued from Little
Rhody Egg Farm in
Rhode Island.
- ♥ 6 gentle hens adopted
from Chesapeake, Virginia.
- ♥ 11 feisty white “sentinel”
hens adopted from
Hampton Roads, Virginia.



**UPC president Karen Davis
holds a Little Rhody hen.**

International Respect for Chickens Day May 4/Month of May - Celebrating the Life and Dignity of Chickens & Protesting Their Abuse in Farming Operations

- ♥ Conducted public outreach demonstration & leafleting,
White House May 2.
- ♥ Held public outreach demonstration & leafleting, San
Diego, CA May 2.
- ♥ Promoted 2009 Chicken Run Rescue Chicken Photo
Contest for 2010.

- ❧ Distributed UPC chicken literature & posters through our activist members in offices, libraries, shopping centers & university campuses in the U.S. and Canada.
- ❧ Sponsored library displays in Kanab, Utah and Niagara, New York.
- ❧ Garnered media coverage from Guam to Toronto and around the USA!

Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach Campaigns - 2009

- ❧ Cosponsored a follow-up investigation with Animals' Angels of turkey transport conditions at the Sara Lee turkey slaughter plant in Storm Lake, Iowa.
- ❧ Protested Oprah Winfrey's promotion of free KFC chicken dinners.
- ❧ Campaigned with San Francisco-based LGBT Compassion to protest and eliminate cruel live poultry markets in the San Francisco Bay Area. Published jointly with LGBT Compassion a handout brochure, in English and Chinese, titled "What's Wrong with Live Chickens at Farmers Markets?" www.upc-online.org/livemarkets/.



- ❧ Urged the Humane Society of Missouri NOT to serve chicken at its annual fundraiser but to serve compassionate meals to raise money for its Longmeadow Rescue Ranch facility.

- ❧ Launched a campaign against Little Rhody Egg Farm in Foster, Rhode Island to expose the company's force-molting of its hens by food deprivation. Worked jointly with Rhode Island Vegan Awareness to educate consumers and expose this horrible practice. www.upc-online.org/molting/.



- ❧ Campaigned to replace the cruel "chicken swinging" kapparot ritual with compassionate atonement

ceremonies preceding Yom Kippur, in Hassidic communities that practice the ritual. This is an annual UPC campaign.



- ❧ Provided background information for the NPR Report "Swinging Chicken Ritual Divides Orthodox Jews," which aired on September 25. www.upc-online.org/kaparos/.

- ❧ Rescued from slaughter, and placed in a wonderful new home two beautiful hens and two roosters who were used in a "chicken-swinging" kapparot ritual, in San Diego, CA.



- ❧ Provided a written Expert Opinion for the Mercy For Animals investigation of the suffering and abuse of baby chicks at Hy-Line Hatchery in Spencer, Iowa.

www.upc-online.org/battery_hens/090902mfa_hatchery.html

- ❧ Launched a campaign to expose and eliminate the chicken slaughter "poultry project" at The Community School, a private K-12 school in Sun Valley, Idaho. www.upc-online.org/classroom/.

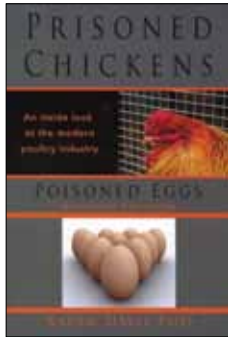


These sweet birds were brutally killed by the students.

- ❧ Joined the Coalition of Animal Sanctuaries in composing, publicizing, and distributing a "Collective Position Statement on Backyard Poultry" – including recommendations for municipalities considering zoning that would allow people to keep chickens in urban areas. www.upc-online.org/chickens/backyard_poultry.html.

New Print Publications & Website Documents - 2009

- Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry by UPC President Karen Davis, PhD. Revised Edition, Book Publishing Co. Press Release: www.upc-online.org/nr/090310prisoned.html.



- Free- Range Poultry & Eggs: Not All They're Cracked Up to Be. www.upc-online.org/freerange.html.
- BROKEN WINGS: The Breakdown of Animal Protection in Canada, a Report by Canadians for the Ethical Treatment of Food Animals to which UPC contributed. www.upc-online.org/canada/090414broken-wings.html.
- Coalition of Animal Sanctuaries Collective Position Statement on Backyard Poultry. www.upc-online.org/chickens/backyard_poultry.html.

**Keynote Speaking Engagements, Lectures, Book Signings, Exhibits – 2009**

- Go Green America Expo, Gaithersburg, MD, March 28-29.
- Second Annual Veggie Pride Parade, NYC, May 17.
- Chop Suey Books, Richmond, VA, April 21.
- 7th Annual Critical Animal Studies Conference, Yale University, April 25.
- Urban Chicken Keeping, Lancaster, PA, May 30.
- Second Annual National Pigeon Day Celebration, June 13.
- Animal Rights National Conference, Washington DC, July 16-20.
- Taking Action for Animals Conference, Washington DC, July 24-27.
- New York Public Library, NYC, December 30.

Additional Community Outreach – Exhibits, Display Ads & Demos - 2009

- Denver, CO Vegetarian Festival, April 11.
- Veggie Pride Parade Los Angeles, April 26.
- Their Lives Our Voices Conference, Minneapolis, MN, June 13-14.
- Richmond Vegetarian Festival, VA, June 20.
- Vegan Earth Day Community Fest, La Pierce College, CA, June 21.
- San Francisco Pride Parade, June 27-28.
- DC VegFest, Washington, DC, September 12.
- Charlottesville Vegetarian Festival, VA, September 26.
- World Farm Animals Day Demonstration, Washington, DC, September 2.
- Green Festival, Washington DC, October 10-11.
- Virginia Association of Science Teachers Conference, November 5-7.
- New York League of Humane Voters Gala, November 12.
- League of Humane Voters-NYC Gala Program Display Ad, November 15.
- Thanksgiving Vigil for Turkeys, Bethesda, MD, November 20.
- Vegetarian Society of Washington, DC, Thanksgiving Celebration, November 26.
- United Poultry Concerns Annual Thanksgiving Open House, November 28.

**UPC in the News:****PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications) - 2009**

- "About Animal Rights," Online Interview, January 13.
- "Battered Hen," ARTS & OPINION, Vol. 2, No. 1, April.
- "International Respect for Chickens Day," Chase's Calendar of Events, April.



- ♥ "A Moral Question on the Dinner Table," *The New York Times*, April 16.
- ♥ "Celebrating Chickens the World Over," *Los Angeles Times*, May 4.
- ♥ "Party Time for Chickens," *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto, Ontario, May 4.
- ♥ "Being Fair to Fowl," *Intelligencer Journal*, Lancaster (PA) *New Era*, May 30.
- ♥ "Animal Agriculture Boosts Antibiotic Resistance," *The Epoch Times*, June 24.
- ♥ *Choice Magazine Recommends Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs* (American Library Association), August, Vol. 46, No. 11.
- ♥ "Stray Chickens Came First, Then Eggs," *New York Daily News*, August 15.
- ♥ "Why Chickens Should Be Eliminated From Kapparat Ceremonies," *Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles*, September 25.
- ♥ "Complaints about Pet Hens and Ducks Puzzling," *The Daily Times* (Salisbury, MD), October 15.
- ♥ "Thanksgiving: A Time to Celebrate Birds," *The Order of the Earth*, November.
- ♥ "Chickens Require More Care Than Some Realize," *Iowa City Press-Citizen*, November 14.
- ♥ "Poultry Project Ruffles Feathers," *Idaho Mountain Express*, November 18.
- ♥ "Poultry Project was Misguided," *Idaho Mountain Express*, November 18.
- ♥ "Coming Home to Roost," *Animal Sheltering (HSUS)*, November-December.

BROADCAST MEDIA

- ♥ *Wake Up America Radio*, January 24.
- ♥ *Vegan World Radio KPFT*, Houston, TX, April 6.
- ♥ *IndyMedia Live*, WRIR Radio, Richmond, VA, April 21.
- ♥ *Power Hour*, Syndicated Radio, April 29.
- ♥ *Wordy Birds*, WRIR Radio, Richmond, VA, May 1.
- ♥ *Los Angeles Times*, May 4.
- ♥ *The Globe and Mail*, Toronto, Ontario, May 4.
- ♥ *ACT Radio*, KTEP-FM, NPR Texas, May 10.
- ♥ *The Little Chicken Named Viva*, *Real Health Podcast* 84, May 15.
- ♥ *Why Industrial Chicken Production is Wrong*, VSSE Podcast, May 15.
- ♥ *Louie B. Free Radio Show*, Youngstown, Ohio, May 27.
- ♥ *Louie B. Free Radio Show*, Youngstown, Ohio, June 17.
- ♥ *Straight Talk*, *Star Planet Radio*, Chicago, IL, June 18.

- ♥ *Murphy in the Morning Radio Show WKZL*, Greensboro, NC, July 2.
- ♥ *Midday Madness Show*, WALE 990 AM, Rhode Island, MA, August 21.
- ♥ *Murphy in the Morning Radio Show WKZL*, Greensboro, NC, September 1.
- ♥ *Hatchery Horror*, *Doug Clifford Show*, WSKY-FM, Gainesville, FL, September 13.



UPC sanctuary turkey, Amelia, sits quietly in her favorite nesting place.

Financial Report - 2009

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

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| Revenues..... | \$192,913 |
| Public Support..... | \$179,355 |
| Expenses..... | \$187,815 |
| Programs and Education..... | \$149,285 |
| Organizational Management..... | \$38,530 |
| Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year..... | \$391,410 |

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