

United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2015



UPC outdoor aviary photo by Richard Cundari

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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 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 fulfill our mission in 2015. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your support!

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2015

For a complete listing of UPC's action alerts, news, photos & activities in 2015, please visit What's New 2015 at www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/2015.html.

UPC Sanctuary - 2015

Adopted 15 wonderful chickens in need of a loving home into our 12,000 square foot predator-proof outdoor aviary for the total safety of our 100 + rescued birds!



Felix and Gabby

International Respect for Chickens Day May 4/ Month of May - Celebrating the Life and Dignity of Chickens & Protesting Their Abuse in Farming Operations. For a full view of our 2015 campaign, please visit www.upc-online.org/respect.

- ♥ Hosted our annual public outreach demonstration & leafleting at the White House.
- ♥ Ran *What Wings Are For-Go Vegan!* King-Size Bus ads in Washington, DC, Minneapolis, San Francisco, and Boston.
- ♥ Promoted Chicken Run Rescue Chicken Photo Contest, May.
- ♥ Distributed UPC chickens literature & posters through our activist members in offices, libraries, shopping centers & university campuses in the U.S. and Canada.
- ♥ Garnered media coverage across the USA via PR Newswire and radio interviews!



Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach Campaigns - 2015

- ♥ Published “Compassion is a Beautiful Thing” display ad in *University of Maryland Visitor Guide* for 2014-2015.
- ♥ Urged Chandler Chamber of Commerce to Cancel Cruel Ostrich Races, March.
- ♥ Urged Comanche County, Texas prosecutor to convict Cassius Mankin of felony animal cruelty for torturing and killing Molly the emu on Feb. 14, 2015.
- ♥ Demanded Canadian chicken slaughter company Maple Lodge be punished for false advertising.
- ♥ Disrupted Ferry Building Meat Market Business in San Francisco May 2.
- ♥ Petitioned Honolulu to stop cruel roundup and gassing to death of feral chickens, July.
- ♥ Urged Yellville, Arkansas to stop dropping turkeys from airplanes, October.
- ♥ Urged Perdue Farms to stop appalling chicken



- abuse, December.
- ♥ Published display ad series in the University of Maryland student newspaper *The Diamondback* Spring & Fall semesters.

Alliance to End Chicken Kaporos Campaign - 2015

- ♥ The Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos is a project of United Poultry Concerns comprising individuals and groups seeking to replace the cruel use of chickens in the Kaporos ritual with compassionate tokens of atonement. In 2015, the Alliance, formed in 2010, filed a lawsuit in the New York Supreme Court requesting the court to compel the New York Police Department, Health Department, and other city agencies to enforce the 15 laws being broken by Kaporos practitioners. On September 14, the court denied our lawsuit request and the Alliance filed an Appeal in 2016. In September 2015, the Alliance was also a plaintiff in a lawsuit filed in the Los Angeles County Superior Court seeking to prohibit “the illegal business practices” of 7 sets of Kaporos practitioners. An ongoing record of media coverage, protest demonstrations and legal actions can be viewed on the Alliance website at www.EndChickensAsKaporos.com.



Fabulous Bus Posters for Chickens and Turkeys! - 2015

- ♥ UPC ran giant bus posters for chickens and International Respect for Chickens Month in May 2015 in Washington, DC, Minneapolis, San Francisco, and Boston.
- ♥ UPC ran giant bus posters for turkeys and a compassionate holiday in November 2015 in Seattle, Chicago, New York, and New Jersey.



New Website Documents - 2015

- 🐔 A Chicken Named Viva Changed My Life - A Plea for Compassion on International Respect for Chickens Day www.upc-online.org/respect/150504_a_chicken_named_viva_changed_my_life.html
- 🐔 Animal Rights Vegan Guilt www.upc-online.org/activism/150914_animal_rights_vegan_guilt.html
- 🐔 Stop (Saying) Factory Farming. The Term “Factory Farming” is Not Vegan www.upc-online.org/diet/151012_stop_saying_factory_farming.html
- 🐔 Open Rescues: How UPC Introduced This Strategy to U.S. Activists www.upc-online.org/activism/150807_open_rescues_how_upc_introduced_this_strategy_to_activists.html
- 🐔 Nearly Everything You Have Been Told About Diabetes Is False www.upc-online.org/pp/winter2015/thin_fat_diabetes.html
- 🐔 Is Chicken Healthier Than Red Meat? www.upc-online.org/diet/151106_is_chicken_healthier_than_red_meat.html

Keynote Speaking Engagements, Lectures & Exhibits – 2015

- 🐔 **UPC’s 13th Annual Conference – “Conscious Eating” – Berkeley, CA, April 4.**
- 🐔 “An Evening with Karen Davis,” Brock University, St. Catharines, ON, March 10.
- 🐔 Veggie Pride Parade, New York City, March 29.
- 🐔 Institute for Critical Animal Studies, Binghamton University (NY), April 17-19.
- 🐔 Left Forum, City University of New York, May 30.
- 🐔 Real Truth About Health Conference, Orlando, FL, May 30.
- 🐔 Animal Rights National Conference, Washington, DC, July 30-August 2.
- 🐔 Moving Vegan Festival, Millville, NJ, September 8.
- 🐔 Charlottesville VegFest (VA), September 26.
- 🐔 World VegFest, San



Francisco, October 3-4.
 🐔 “The Plight of Farmed Animals in Virginia.”
 College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA, October 15.

- 🐔 SoCal Vegfest, Orange County CA, November 1.
- 🐔 Green Festival, San Francisco, CA, November 12.

Additional Community Outreach – Exhibits, Demos – 2015

- 🐔 Oakland VegFest, Oakland, CA, April 25.
- 🐔 Baltimore VegFest, Baltimore, MD, May 9.
- 🐔 Green Festival, Washington, DC, June 5-7.
- 🐔 Richmond VegFest (Virginia), June 20.
- 🐔 CARE Vegan Fest, West Chester, PA, August 8.
- 🐔 Washington, DC VegFest, October 3.
- 🐔 Protest demonstrations in Brooklyn, New York against the use of chickens in Kaporos rituals, September 20-21.
- 🐔 Annual Leafleting for Turkeys at the White House, November 22.
- 🐔 Peaceful Protest for Turkeys, Santa Rosa, CA, November 26.
- 🐔 Life-Affirming Thanksgiving Celebration, Washington, DC, November 26.
- 🐔 UPC Thanksgiving Open House & Sanctuary Tour, November 28.



ANIMAL FARM

Art, Activism, and Factory Farming

LECTURE BY **SUE COE**
ARTIST AND ACTIVISTOPENING LECTURE BY **KAREN DAVIS**,
PHD, PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER OF
UNITED POULTRY CONCERNS
*The Plight of Farmed Animals in Virginia Legally
& Literally: What I've Learned in My Work*THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015
7:00PM, TUCKER THEATRE

UPC in the News:

PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications) - 2015

Published Articles & Letters to the Editor - 2015

- 🐔 “Let’s Embrace a New Ethic” by Hope Bohanec,

- Press Democrat (CA), January 14.
- ♥ “Sick Chickens” by Karen Davis, *New Yorker*, February 16.
- ♥ “Animal Compassion is More Than Just Pets” by Karen Davis, *Cape Charles Wave*, February 16.
- ♥ “Dead Meat Aspires to Be Fake Meat” by Karen Davis, *Los Angeles Times*, March 8.
- ♥ “No Beings Are Lesser” by Karen Davis, *Earth Island Journal*, Spring issue.
- ♥ “Don’t Blame Wild Birds” by Karen Davis, *Daily Item*, Sunbury, PA, June 21.
- ♥ “Don’t Turn County Into a Dumpsite” by Karen Davis, *Cape Charles Wave* (VA), June 22.
- ♥ “Asphyxiation is Cruel to Chickens” by Karen Davis, *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*, July 15.
- ♥ “Respect Animals by Not Eating Them” by Karen Davis, *Cape Charles Wave*, August 2.
- ♥ “An Exemplar of Human Kindness” by Karen Davis, *New York Daily News*, August 29.
- ♥ “Provide Fire Protection for Farmed Animals” by Karen Davis, *DelmarvaNow*, September 4.
- ♥ “Is Chicken Healthier Than Red Meat” by Karen Davis, *Center for Health Journalism & OpEd News*, November 6-7.
- ♥ “Dying Tradition” by Hope Bohanec, *North Bay Bohemian* (CA), November 19.

Additional Print Media Coverage - 2015

- ♥ “Wayne Creed Pays a Visit to United Poultry Concerns,” *Cape Charles Wave*, Feb. 23.
- ♥ Virginia Press Association Media Award for Media Coverage of United Poultry Concerns, April 18.
- ♥ “Asphyxiation Used to Kill Condemned Poultry,” *InForum*, Fargo, ND, April 25.
- ♥ *Update*, publication of the New England Anti-Vivisection Society tribute to UPC President Karen Davis, Summer issue.
- ♥ End Chickens as Kaporos coverage: *New York Daily News*, *New York Post*, *Gothamist*, *Smithsonian.com*, *Daily Mail Online*, *Jerusalem Post*, *CBS New York*, *Bay Ridge Journal*, and many more news & opinion publications, July-October.

BROADCAST MEDIA - 2015

- ♥ *Jack Murphy Show* 105.7FM San Diego, CA, January 5.

- ♥ *University of Missouri Peace Studies Radio KORN 89.5FM*, Columbia, MO, January 14.
- ♥ *Conscious Lifestyles Radio*, January 30.
- ♥ *Louie B. Free Radio*, *Brainfood from the Heartland*, February 11.
- ♥ *Howard Straus Radio*, *Global.net*, March 4.
- ♥ *International Respect for Chickens Day Action In San Francisco*, *YouTube*, May 2.
- ♥ *Louie B. Free Radio*, May 15.
- ♥ *Animal Voices Vancouver (BC)*, May 29.
- ♥ *Humane Hoax Video*, May 4.
- ♥ *Conscious Eating Conference 2015 Video*, May.
- ♥ *Louie B. Free Radio*, June 4.
- ♥ *WABC-TV New York Channel 7 Eyewitness News*, July 7.
- ♥ *Activists Disrupt Kaporos Chicken Massacre*, *Video*, *Their Turn*, September 26.
- ♥ *Impromptu Video Interview with Karen Davis*, October 8.
- ♥ *Tune To Nature*, *WEFG Atlanta (GA)*, November 24.

Financial Report - 2015

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1 - December 31, 2015

Revenues.....	\$446,000
Public Support.....	426,000
Expenses.....	\$565,000
Programs and Education.....	480,000
Organizational Management	85,000
Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year.....	\$1,421,000

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