

United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2016



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 2016. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your support!

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2016

For a complete listing of UPC's action alerts, news, photos & activities in 2016, please visit What's New 2016 at www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/2016.html.

UPC Sanctuary - 2016

Adopted 12 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!



Reva found love and happiness at United Poultry Concerns.
 Photo by Karen Davis

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 2016 campaign, please visit www.upc-online.org/respect.

- ♥ Hosted our annual public outreach demonstration & leafleting at the White House.
- ♥ Posted *What Wings Are For-Go Vegan!* Ads on Kiosks throughout NYC's 5 boroughs in May.
- ♥ Promoted *Chicken Run Rescue Chicken Photo Contest* in 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 - 2016

- ♥ Urged humane alternatives to classroom chick-hatching projects to teachers.
- ♥ Updated "Chicken for Dinner: It's Enough to Make You Sick" in response to the USDA's updated *Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2015-2020*.
- ♥ Won felony conviction of Cassius Mankin on April 21, 2016 for torturing and killing Molly the emu in Comanche County, Texas on February 14, 2015.
- ♥ Urged Chandler, Arizona Chamber of Commerce to Ban Ostrich Races at its annual March Festival.
- ♥ Protested Artist Strapping Lights onto the legs of 2,000 pigeons for Art Shows in New York City in May.
- ♥ Protested classroom chicken slaughter at Berman Academy, Rockville, MD, May 18.
- ♥ Successfully protested "foie gras and duck meat" auction by Pets Lifeline in Sonoma Valley, CA, July 30.
- ♥ Urged Wild Abundance in Asheville, North Carolina to cancel sheep slaughter workshop.
- ♥ Protested Yellville, Arkansas "turkey drop" from an airplane, October.
- ♥ Rescued a mother hen and 7 chicks from a gas station in Sonoma County, CA, December 9.
- ♥ Protested U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe's Pigeon Shoot on Federal land.
- ♥ Helped sanctuaries and individuals around the

country find permanent homes for rescued cockfighting roosters and other abandoned, neglected and mistreated birds. See our Farmed Animal Sanctuary Websites webpage at www.upc-online.org/sanctuaries.

Alliance to End Chicken Kaporos Campaign - 2016

- ♥ In 2015, the Alliance filed a lawsuit in the New York Supreme Court requesting the court to compel the NYPD and other city agencies to enforce the 15 laws broken by Kaporos practitioners. When the court denied our request, the Alliance filed an Appeal in 2016. For an update, see pp. 10-12 in this issue and visit the Alliance website at www.EndChickensAsKaporos.com.

Fabulous Kiosks & Bus Posters for Chickens and Turkeys! - 2016

- ♥ 100 "What Wings Are For" Kiosks in New York City in May.
- ♥ Giant Bus Posters for turkeys and a compassionate holiday in November in Seattle, Washington State & Minneapolis, Minnesota.



UPC Kiosks Take "What Wings Are For" to New York City Streets

University of Maryland Diamondback full-color display ad series, Spring & Fall:

"Compassion is a Beautiful Thing" • "Misery in Every Mouthful," • "Don't Gobble Me!"

New Website Documents - 2016

- ♥ "BIRDS: The Need For Avian Advocacy" www.upc-online.org/alerts/160609_the_need_for_avian_advocacy.html
- ♥ Avoiding Burnout: How Does One Survive Dealing Day After Day with a Cruel Industry? www.upc-online.org/pp/fall2016/avoiding_burnout.html

- ♥ Transforming Our Traditions www.upc-online.org/pp/winter2016/transforming_our_traditions.html
- ♥ Which Is Worse For The Environment — Poultry Or Beef? www.upc-online.org/pp/summer2016/which_is_worse-poultry_or_beef.html
- ♥ Perdue's Chickens: Could Their Lives Be Made Less Miserable? www.upc-online.org/broiler/160705perdues_chickens_misery.html
- ♥ Pet Food, Bird Shredding & Embryo Sexing: Behind the Scenes www.upc-online.org/pp/fall2016/pet_food_bird_shredding.html

1990s UPC Videos Posted on YouTube

- ♥ [UPC 24-Hour Spring Mourning Vigil for Chickens \(1992\)](#)
- ♥ [UPC Thanksgiving Dinner for Turkeys \(1994\)](#)
- ♥ [Raw Footage, Raw Pain \(1994\)](#)
- ♥ [Chickens in a Truck Accident \(1995\)](#)
- ♥ [Ratite Slaughter: Ostriches and an Emu \(1996\)](#)
- ♥ [Ostrich Slaughter at Brandywine Farms, Hemet CA \(1996\)](#)

Speaking Engagements, Lectures & Exhibits – 2016

- ♥ **UPC's 14th Annual Conference – “Conscious Eating” – Berkeley, CA, March 19.**
- ♥ Sacramento (CA) VegFest, January 30.
- ♥ Animal Law Symposium, Vermont Law School, March 24.
- ♥ Veggie Pride Parade, New York City, March 29.
- ♥ Left Forum, City University of New York, May 21.
- ♥ Salisbury (MD) University Environmental Studies Class Lecture, June 8.
- ♥ National Animal Rights Day, Washington DC, June 11.
- ♥ Animal Rights National Conference, Washington, DC, July 7-10.
- ♥ National Animal Rights Day, New York City, July 24.
- ♥ Animal Activist Training Day, Berkeley, CA, August 14.
- ♥ Charlottesville VegFest (VA), September 26.
- ♥ Vegan Mania, Chicago, IL, October 1.
- ♥ New York City Hall End Chicken Kaporos Press Briefing & Rally, October 5.
- ♥ World VegFest, San Francisco, CA, October 8 & 9.
- ♥ Salisbury (MD) University Environmental Class Lecture, November 5.

- ♥ Green Festival, San Francisco, CA, November 11-13.

Additional Community Outreach – Exhibits, Demos – 2016

- ♥ Frederick Veg Out Street Fair Celebration (MD), Apr 23.
- ♥ Baltimore VegFest, (MD), April 30.
- ♥ Compassionate Living Protest at Whole Foods, Petaluma, CA, May 1.
- ♥ Leafleting at the White House for International Respect for Chickens Day, May 7.
- ♥ Taking Action for Animals Conference, Washington, DC, June 17-20.
- ♥ Richmond Vegetarian Festival (VA), July 9.
- ♥ CARE Veggie Fest, West Chester, PA, August 6.
- ♥ Vegan Soulfest, Baltimore, MD, August 20.
- ♥ Sonoma County VegFest (CA), August 20.
- ♥ Washington, DC VegFest, September 24.
- ♥ Charlottesville Vegetarian Festival (VA), September 24.
- ♥ New Jersey VegFest, Morristown, October 2.
- ♥ Demonstrations in Brooklyn against Kaporos, October 9-10.
- ♥ Twin Cities VegFest (MN), October 29-30.
- ♥ Hampton Roads VegFest VA), November 6.
- ♥ Virginia Association of Science Teachers Conference, November 17-19.
- ♥ Annual Leafleting for Turkeys at the White House, November 20.
- ♥ Life-Affirming Thanksgiving Celebration, Washington, DC, November 24.

UPC in the News:

PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications) - 2016

Published Articles, Book Chapter & Letters to the Editor – 2016

(By Karen Davis, PhD, President of United Poultry Concerns)

- ♥ “The Global Tragedy of Bird Flu,” *AV Magazine, American Anti-Vivisection Society, Spring issue.*
- ♥ “Backyard Chickens Have a Downside,” *The Gainesville Sun, March 13.*
- ♥ “My Personal Path & Rocky Road to Thinking Like a Chicken,” *Cape Charles Mirror, May 1.*
- ♥ “Happy Hens, Free of Factory Farms, Don't Peck Each Other,” *Washington Post, August 20.*

- 🐔 “You’re Not Doing the Environment a Favor by Eating Chicken Instead of Beef,” *Los Angeles Times*, October 20.
- 🐔 “We Don’t Need to Slaughter a Sheep to Learn Where Our Food Comes From,” *Mountain Xpress*, Asheville, NC, November 17 & 18.
- 🐔 “Transforming Our Traditions.” *Eastern Shore News*, November 19.
- 🐔 “Let Them Eat Chicken,” *Audubon*, Winter issue.
- 🐔 “The Provocative Elitism of ‘Personhood’ for Nonhuman Creatures in Animal Advocacy Parlance and Polemics,” *Meat Culture*, Boston: Brill Publisher.

Additional Print Media Coverage - 2016

- 🐔 “Reva the Revenant: Our Chesapeake Chicken Rescue” by Kathy O’Hara, *One Green Planet*, August 31.
- 🐔 “Interview with Hope Bohanec,” *Free from Harm*, September 25.
- 🐔 *Court House News*, October 3. Kaporos campaign coverage.
- 🐔 *Orange County Register*, October 4. Kaporos campaign coverage.
- 🐔 *New York Times*, October 6. Kaporos campaign coverage.
- 🐔 *New York Post*, October 9. Kaporos campaign coverage.
- 🐔 *Jewish News*, October 10. Kaporos campaign coverage.
- 🐔 *Forward.com*, October 10. Kaporos campaign coverage.
- 🐔 *Gothamist*, October 11-12. Kaporos campaign coverage.
- 🐔 *The Atlantic*, October 12. Kaporos campaign coverage.
- 🐔 *Hamodia*, October 13. Kaporos campaign coverage.
- 🐔 “Celebrate New Traditions. *Eastern Shore News*, November 19.
- 🐔 “For Living & Being: Interview with Karen Davis,” by Sande Nosonowitz, *Poughkeepsie Journal*, October 19.

BROADCAST MEDIA - 2016

- 🐔 *Louie B. Free Radio, Brainfood from the Heartland*, February 17.
- 🐔 *Animal Sounds Radio*, April 27.
- 🐔 *Chris Chapman Show WJJC in Commerce, Georgia*, May 4.
- 🐔 *Louis B. Free Radio, Youngstown, Ohio*, May 4.
- 🐔 *Conscious Eating Conference 2016 Videos*, May 12.
- 🐔 *Louie B. Free Radio*, June 4.
- 🐔 *Louie B. Free Radio*, August 2.
- 🐔 *Healthy Planet Radio Show*, September 23.

- 🐔 *What Is Kaporos? Why Are You Fighting It? Karen Davis Tells Why on The Pet Buzz*, September 18.
- 🐔 *Impromptu Video Interview with Karen Davis*, Oct. 8.
- 🐔 *Video: Dead and Dying Kaporos Chickens at 1416 50th St in Brooklyn*, 10/11/2016, 10:40am October 12- *YouTube.com*.
- 🐔 *Video: Slaughter of Kaporos Chickens at President and Kingston in Brooklyn*, 10/10/2016 October 13, 2016 - *vimeo.com*.
- 🐔 *Video: Dead and Dying Kaporos Chickens at 4500 9th Ave in Brooklyn*, 10/10/2016, 3pm October 13 - *facebook.com*.
- 🐔 *Tune To Nature, WFG Atlanta, Georgia*, October 18.
- 🐔 *The Yom Kippur Massacre of 2016 (VIDEO)*, *TheirTurn.net*.
- 🐔 *Louie B. Free Radio, Youngstown, Ohio*, December 16.

Financial Report - 2016

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1 - December 31, 2016

Revenues.....	\$220,000
Public Support.....	215,000
Expenses.....	\$418,000
Programs and Education.....	352,000
Organizational Management.....	66,000
Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year.....	\$1,041,000

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