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*A film by Gary Kaskel, Music by Robert Douglas*

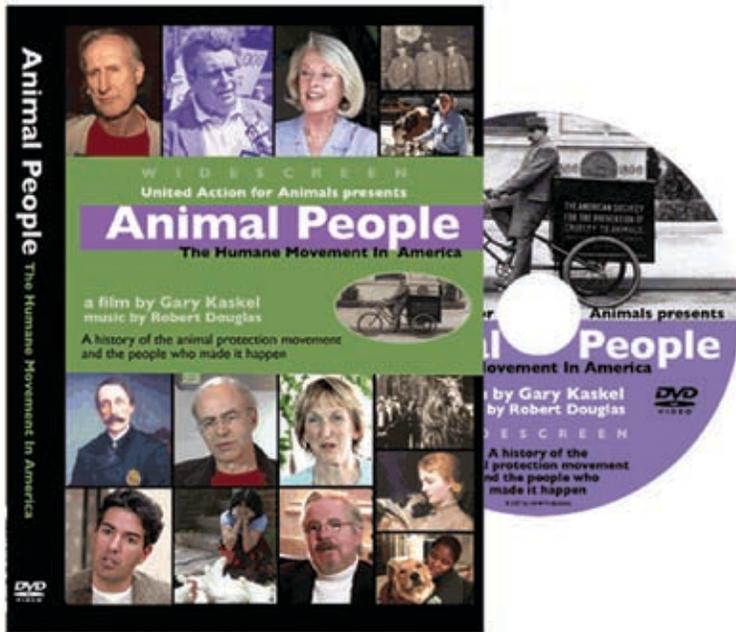
*84-minute award-winning documentary includes UNITED POULTRY CONCERNS*

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Other people interviewed in the film include Dr. Tom Regan (*The Case for Animal Rights*), Peter Singer (*Animal Liberation*), Ingrid Newkirk (PETA),





Special tributes are paid to animal protection pioneers Henry Bergh, who launched the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in 1866 in New York, Cleveland Amory, who founded The Fund for Animals in New York, and Henry Spira, who founded Animal Rights International in New York and launched the first major attack on the U.S. chicken industry in the 1980s. 🐔

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Sincerely,  
Karen Davis, Ph.D.  
President



Photo by Tai Ronnen

## UPC Chickens Got Ira Glass to Go Veg, He Tells David Letterman



Ira Glass

**O**n Friday, April 20th, media celebrity Ira Glass, host of the wildly popular Public Radio International's *This American Life*, aired on NPR and now on television, told David Letterman and millions of viewers on *Late Night with David Letterman*, that his visit to United Poultry Concerns' chicken sanctuary inspired him to become a vegetarian.

Talking with Letterman, Ira Glass described his encounter with Karen Davis of United Poultry Concerns and the huge letter-writing campaign UPC mobilized several years ago against *This American Life's* annual "Poultry Slam." He commented with amazement on the overwhelming task of advocating for chickens in a world where their death is everywhere you look, an "Armageddon," he called it.

Glass told Letterman and the audience about our sanctuary in the midst of a large poultry production area, where "little escaping chickens" falling off trucks are brought to UPC for safety, how he was invited to visit, and upon meeting the chickens he discovered they are indeed "little individuals with personalities – this one's shy, that one's outgoing."

When Glass asked Letterman if he had ever met a chicken, Letterman joked about meeting one at the end of a fork. He asked Glass if he'd changed his diet, and Glass replied that he thought of our chickens every time he took a bite of chicken after meeting them, and that he has indeed become a vegetarian.

[Many of you will remember our vigorous campaign against the "poultry slam." Aired between Thanksgiving and Christmas, it ridiculed chickens, turkeys and 

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ducks. Invited by Ira Glass for an interview, UPC president Karen Davis agreed on condition that he would visit our sanctuary first. On Saturday, November 22, 1998, Ira drove to Machipongo, Virginia where he met our chickens and saw how nice they were. On the November 27 "poultry slam," he told listeners: "In this portion of our show, Karen Davis explains what it is that we just don't understand about poultry, and why the whole idea of this poultry show was wrongheaded from the start."

In 2004, as a guest on NPR's *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me*, Ira Glass talked about the "poultry slam" and how he'd received "hundreds of letters from irate animal rights activists spearheaded by one woman." He said at the time he thought it was stupid that "with the holocaust killing of hundreds of

thousands of chickens every day, we would target his show, as if it would make any difference." Asked when he last ate chicken, he said "about 5 years ago." He said he had given up meat and that we had "the last laugh." ] 

## What Can I Do?

 **Please Thank IRA GLASS for Promoting His Veg Change on David Letterman.** Tell him how heartened you are by his story and ask him to consider doing some stories about how vegetarians live and how we promote our way of life for the good of animals and care of our planet and health. Contact:

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## United Poultry Concerns Pays Tribute to Gretchen Wyler



Gretchen Wyler

### A True Friend to Chickens and United Poultry Concerns

*“My respect for you and your work with chickens is so high. . . .”* – Gretchen Wyler to Karen Davis, July 13, 2000

By Karen Davis, President & Founder of United Poultry Concerns

**O**n Sunday, May 27, 2007, Gretchen Wyler, creator of the Ark Trust Genesis Awards, in 1986, died at the age of seventy-five of breast cancer. This dynamic actress, celebrated for her Broadway performances, TV and film appearances, left her acting career to devote herself fulltime to protecting animals. The motto of the Ark Trust Genesis Awards ceremony, which is held every year in Hollywood to honor individuals in the major media whose work has thrown the spotlight on animal abuse and exploitation, is “Cruelty Can’t Stand the Spotlight.”

I am honored to add to the wealth of worldwide tributes being paid to Gretchen Wyler. Over the years, Gretchen sent me many kind handwritten notes ranging from thanking me for my review of the 2000 Genesis Award-winning film *Chicken Run* published in the *LA Daily News* on July 13, 2000 – “*Can you possibly imagine how pleased I was to read your review of Chicken Run?*” – to extending her warmest wishes to United Poultry Concerns when we moved our headquarters and sanctuary from Maryland to Virginia in 1998.

The magnificent thing that Gretchen Wyler did for chickens and United Poultry Concerns was to honor *The Washington Post* profile article about United Poultry Concerns, “For the Birds,” by Tamara Jones, which appeared in the Sunday Style section of the newspaper on November 14, 1999. ([www.upc-online.org/991114wpost\\_karen\\_davis.html](http://www.upc-online.org/991114wpost_karen_davis.html)).

On March 18, 2000, the 14th Annual Genesis Awards ceremony honored “For the Birds” as the Outstanding National Newspaper Feature in 1999, “for an unprecedented profile of the care and killing of the

animals who most frequently appear on Americans’ dinner tables – chickens – and those brave souls, led by Karen Davis, who flock to their defense.” The write-up in the 1999 Genesis Awards Souvenir Journal included these words about me from “For the Birds”: “The horrors she has seen and felt and imagined convince her that there can be no caring, omnipotent being watching over this Earth. She is talking again about hens lying broken in their filthy cages, dumped into scald tanks, being hung upside down on hooks . . . ‘If God’s not there for them, I don’t care if He’s here for anyone.’”

In addition to this cherished Award, Gretchen Wyler and the Board of the Ark Trust nominated two other major media presentations featuring United Poultry Concerns’ work on behalf of chickens and other domestic fowl: The April 30, 2000 *Washington Post* article by Marc Kaufman, “Cracks in the Egg Industry: Criticism Mounts to End Forced Molting Practice”; and Emmy-winning filmmaker John Kastner’s November 14, 2000 show “Chickens are People Too,” which appeared on the Canadian Broadcasting Company’s weekly Primetime television program, *Witness*. “Chickens are People Too” has appeared on television many times since.

(A big reason Marc Kaufman’s article “Cracks in the Egg Industry” did not win the Award for Outstanding Newspaper Feature for 2000 was *The Washington Post’s* position of refusing to formally accept awards for major stories written by staff writers that could “appear biased to a controversial advocacy position.”)

United Poultry Concerns is indebted to Gretchen Wyler far beyond what words can express. Gretchen was a warm and caring friend as well as a staunch supporter of United Poultry Concerns. She and the Ark Trust Genesis Awards are a major reason why billions of beautiful, innocent birds trapped in the hell of “food” production are now at the heart of animal advocacy campaigns and exposures, nationally and worldwide. Gretchen’s courageous and compassionate spirit will continue to inform and inspire our work on behalf of these birds until they are freed, and free. 🐔

*Karen Davis, President of United Poultry Concerns, News Release, June 22, 2007*

# Unlock the Skinner Box & Animal Happiness Breaks Loose!

(B.F. Skinner was a mid-20th-century behavioral psychologist who considered all animals including humans as basically stimulus-response machines.)



Photo by: UPC

*The heart is hard in nature . . . that is not pleased with sight of animals enjoying life.*

William Cowper, from his poem *The Task*

In the previous issue of *Poultry Press*, we ran a cover story asking, “Is It Unscientific to Say that an Animal is Happy?” It was our answer to zoologist Marian Stamp Dawkins’s claim that ideas presented in books like Jonathan Balcombe’s *Pleasurable Kingdom: Animals and the Nature of Feeling Good* (2006) threaten to create a chaos in which there will no longer be any distinction “between the anthropomorphism of Bambi and the scientific study of animal behavior.” (Bring it on.) Two of our members responded as follows.

## A Mother Duck and her Ducklings

“Is it unscientific to say that an animal is happy? I once rescued a white Pekin duck who, while protecting her young, was caught and severely injured by a dog. Her two half-grown ducklings escaped into the lake, and a local couple fed them while their mother recovered under my care. She took a full month to heal, as meanwhile her ducklings spent time learning from the mallard ducks who also lived on the lake.

“On the day chosen for the mother duck’s return

home, we spotted a small flock of ducks on the bank. As we approached, the mallards went into the water. But the mother duck in my arms spotted the white ducklings and began to squirm and quack. The young ducks turned from the lake and ran excitedly toward us, quacking in return. When I put their mother on the ground, they raced to greet each other, gabbling in duck-talk, in what sounded to me like, “Where in the world have you been?” After moments of renewing their bond,

the three slipped into the lake and swam away.

“Were they happy? Would they have acted the same way if I had put another adult Pekin duck on the ground? My years of experience as a bird rehabilitator have taught me that they would have tolerated the other duck’s presence, but they would not have come enthusiastically to meet the newcomer.” – *Sandra Krebs, Virginia Beach, VA*

## Bertha

“I have lived with animals all my life, but my brown hen, Bertha, and my 18-year-old cat, Clara, were my favorites. They were very much alike – tough, opinionated, loving Empresses. Bertha was with us for nine years, the first four outside and free, the latter five enclosed after a hawk attack almost killed her. The enclosure I built for her when she recovered was in the midst of nature with trees in it, grass, dust for baths, and she had an entire shed with open door for shelter and privacy, two mattresses with blankets, and heat when needed.

“I visited with Bertha daily, summer and winter, read to her (she liked Edgar Allan Poe!), talked with her (they were really conversations), watched her dig up



Photo by: Paul Deane

the grass I planted for her, to enlarge her dustbathing area. She insisted upon sitting in my lap and having her head stroked before falling asleep there. (I can still feel

the cramp I endured so as not to disturb her.) If she was not happy in these moments, I am as limited in my perception as Prof. Dawkins.

“Bertha enjoyed her life, had distinct and positive tastes, preferences, and emotions. She fell in love once with a turkey, who spent two weeks on top of her pen, or beside her on the ground outside, until someone killed him, and she mourned for a long time, as I could only look on helplessly. She lies where she lived, with a statue, life-size, of a hen for a gravestone. I find myself still speaking to her when I go into the shed for daily bird seed, squirrel feed, bunny feed . . . In the midst of a city, I have turned my area into a sanctuary.” – *Paul Deane, retired University professor and author of published books, Stoughton, Massachusetts* 🐔

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## Freddaflower Memorial & Appreciation 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  
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For Bags, my first rooster (a tiny black rosecomb), who passed this late winter at age 11. He understood some English and would respond to me! – *Tierney Grinavic*

In honor of St. Martin De Porres and Cesar Chavez. – *Brien J. Comerford*

In honor of Leonard, Nathaniel, Julie, Fredericka, and Bertha. – *Paul Deane*

## *A Wing & A Prayer*

### *The Kapparot Chicken-Swinging Ritual*



Kapparot practitioner performs chicken-swinging ritual in Israel in 2003. Photo by: Agence France-Press

*“Kapparot is not consistent with Jewish teachings and law. Repentance and charity can be better accomplished by using money instead of a slaughtered chicken.”* – Former Israeli Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren quoted in “Jewish chicken killing ritual of Kapparot,” Los Angeles press release by Nazila Mahgerefteh, September 28, 2006

*“Our intention is not to dismay. Our intention is to save life.”* – Roberta Kalechofsky, Jews for Animal Rights

#### *What is kapparot?*

Kapparot or kaparos, meaning “atonements,” is a custom in which a chicken or money may be used. Kapparot using chickens is practiced by some Jews shortly before

Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement. First, selections from Isaiah 11:9, Psalms 107:10, 14, and 17-21, and Job 33:23-24 are recited. Then a rooster (for a man) or a hen (for a woman) is held above the person’s head and swung in a circle three times, while the following is spoken: “This is my exchange, my substitute, my atonement; this rooster (or hen) shall go to its death, but I shall go to a good, long life, and to peace.” The chicken is then slaughtered and may or may not be given to the poor for food.

#### *History of kapparot*

Kapparot is not mentioned in the Torah or the Talmud. It was first discussed by certain Jewish scholars in the ninth century who claimed that since the Hebrew word *gever* meant both “man” and “rooster,” punishment of the bird could be substituted for that of a human. According to the

*Rabbi Zusya used to travel around the countryside collecting money to ransom prisoners. One night he came to an inn in which there was a large cage with all kinds of birds in it. Zusya saw that the creatures wanted to fly free through the spaces of the world. He burned with pity for them and said to himself, “Here you are, Zusya, walking your feet off to ransom prisoners, but what greater ransoming of prisoners can there be than to free these birds from their prison?” Then he opened the cage and the birds flew out to freedom.* – Rabbi Everett Gendler, *The Life of His Beast*

*“I am a member of the religious Jewish community in Brooklyn, New York. This year I took pictures of the deplorable conditions in which the birds were kept. I believe they receive no food or water for the week or so that they are in the possession of the retailers. They certainly receive no food or water over the Shabbat. One kapparot station had the birds outside exposed to the rain on a Shabbat through Sunday. I saw birds dead in their crates. Birds were crushed. Birds were opening and closing their mouths, probably out of thirst. The retailer who sold me my birds [to live in a sanctuary] tossed them into my box as if they were loaves of bread. The fact that most retailers didn’t even question me when I took pictures means that no one has made life difficult for these retailers. It’s time to make life difficult for people claiming to be religious and doing this to animals.”* – David Rosenfeld (2006)



Chickens abandoned by Kapparot practitioners in Brooklyn, NY in October 2005. Photo by: Sam Schloss

Encyclopedia Judaica, other Jewish scholars strongly opposed kapparot. The 13th-century scholar Rabbi Solomon ben Abraham Aderet considered kapparot a heathen superstition. Rabbi Joseph Caro called it a “foolish custom.” Others have pointed out that kapparot does not remove sins, and if it could, what would be the need for Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement?

### *More recent objections to kapparot*

*“Anyone who walks through the markets can see that the manner in which the chickens are held before the Kapparot is insufferable. There is no veterinary supervision and no concern for the feelings of these poor creatures.”*—Rabbi Gilad Kariv quoted in ynetnews.com 09/28/2006

The chickens are treated poorly in the days leading up to, during, and after the kapparot ceremony. In the U.S., Israel and elsewhere where the ritual is performed, the birds are crammed in crates, where they are typically kept in their own excrement, without food, water or shelter, for six days before the “shlug kaparos” (“swinging of the chickens”) is performed on the eve of Yom Kippur. In 2005 and 2006, the ASPCA in New York City confiscated hundreds of starving chickens abandoned in crates in a garage and a parking lot when the ceremony

was over. Chedva Vanderbrook, a board member of the Jerusalem SPCA, described a typical scene in Jerusalem: “The chickens are brought to the slaughter in cramped cages without water in the broiling sun. Half of them die on the way.”

In 2006, Nazila Mahgerefteh described the events she watched take place in Los Angeles: “For 6 days until Oct. 1, morning to night, in front of adults, children and babies, these pitiful birds are swung around the practitioner’s head. Then the vocal chords are slit so the chicken cannot scream in pain, and then, still alive, the writhing birds are thrown into a plastic trash bag while still walking and looking for a way out of the bag with the head clinging to a cut throat.”

### *How can kapparot be carried out without using chickens?*

*“It is absurd that people are asking for life by taking the life of another creature, especially when Kapparot can be done with money.”*—Chedva Vanderbrook, Jerusalem Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, quoted in ynetnews.com 09/28/2006

In kapparot ceremonies practiced by many Torah-observant Jews, money is put into a handkerchief which the person swings three times around his or her head while reciting: “This money shall go to charity, and I shall go to a good, long life, and to peace.” This ceremony, which is mentioned in many prayer books



including the highly regarded Artsroll Siddur, preserves, even enhances, the sense of repentance and the tradition of charity, since no innocent creature has to suffer and die for a person's misdeeds.

While the Jewish tradition is filled with concepts, prayers and actions during the Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur period that stress the importance of *rachamim* (compassion and sensitivity), the message of kapparot using chickens to those who take part and view it, including children, is a lesson of insensitivity to the feelings of other living creatures. Respected Jewish author & educator, Dr. Richard Schwartz, has pointed out that using chickens for kapparot is inconsistent with the Torah prohibition of *tsa'ar ba'alei chayim*, which forbids the causing of unnecessary pain to living creatures. He states that "using money rather than chickens is consistent with Judaism's powerful teachings on compassion to animals" and that "at a season when we ask for God's compassion, we should have compassion on God's defenseless creatures."

*What should Jews who are concerned about the treatment of animals do?*

Please contact the Rabbinical Council of America and ask them to advocate that kapparot be carried out with money rather than chickens. Contact:

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Kapparot practitioners prepare to swing chickens in Chicago in 2004.

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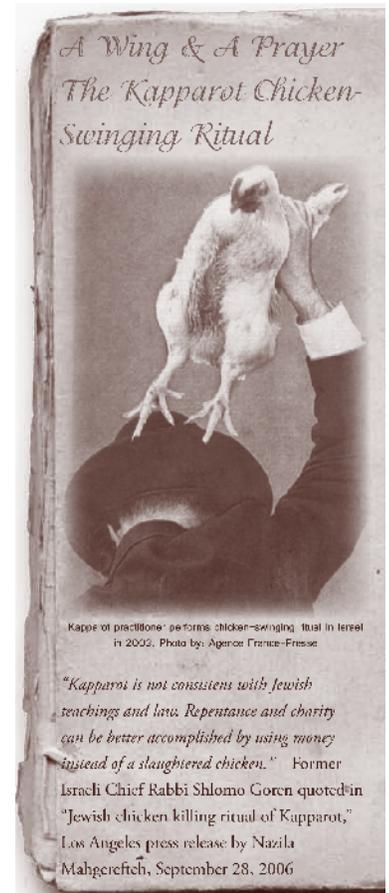
Write letters to your local Jewish newspapers expressing your objection to the use of chickens for kapparot. Ask them to do an article about kapparot that examines the ceremony from the standpoint of Jewish teachings that encourage compassion for animals.

Distribute this brochure to members of your community and to everyone whom you believe should become involved in this issue.

The brochure has been produced by United Poultry Concerns and is cosponsored by Jews for Animal Rights ([www.micahbooks.com](http://www.micahbooks.com)) and Concern for Helping Animals in Israel (CHAI), [www.chai-online.org](http://www.chai-online.org).

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United Poultry Concerns works with individuals and groups around the world on issues relating to the treatment of domestic fowl. UPC president Karen Davis is a member of the Advisory Board for the award-winning magazine, *VegNews*. United Poultry Concerns was certified by Independent Charities of America to receive donations through the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign. CFC contributions are posted and funds are distributed in 2007. Our CFC Agency Code for 2006 was #1844.

United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent full-time office and sanctuary, education center, and poultry adoption, sponsorship, and placement service 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, interviews, alternatives to classroom chick-hatching projects, and numerous other communications concerning 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 2006. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your strong and continuing support.

## Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2006

### Sanctuary

-  Adopted 2 peahens (female “peacocks”), May 16
-  Rescued & adopted Felix the chicken who fell off a truck, MD, June 9
-  Adopted 8 neglected chickens from Media PA, Sept 3
-  Adopted 25 “kapparot” chickens from NYC, Oct 20

**Actions \* Investigations \* Campaigns \* Billboards**

- 🐔 Urged Wegmans Food Markets (Rochester NY) to eliminate battery-caged hen business, January
- 🐔 Supported San Diego Meeting to ban foie gras, Dec 6
- 🐔 Urged Ridgeland Wisconsin to eliminate annual “chicken drop,” February
- 🐔 Urged Reptile Gardens (SD) to eliminate “chicken basketball,” March-April
- 🐔 Supported Delaware SB 253 to give battery-caged hens more space, April
- 🐔 Sponsored UPC’s 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum, “Using the Media Effectively to Promote Farmed Animal & Vegetarian Issues.” Columbus, Ohio, April 8-9
- 🐔 Sponsored International Respect for Chickens Day Actions in Maryland, Washington DC, Florida, Hawaii, Minnesota, New York, Virginia, British Columbia, May 4
- 🐔 Opposed US Senate Bill 2395: Shipping Baby Chickens by Mail
- 🐔 Urged Nevada SPCA to eliminate chicken from fundraising dinner, June
- 🐔 Urged North Carolina bird sanctuary to eliminate chicken from fundraising dinner, August
- 🐔 Protested mistreating chickens on “Survivor,” September
- 🐔 Protested abuse of chickens in kapparot rituals, Los Angeles, New York, September
- 🐔 Displayed month-long Billboards in Ohio (April), Texas (June), and Minnesota (July): “Bird Fly Fowl Play?” & “Nonviolence Begins at Breakfast”
- 🐔 Leafleted for Turkeys at the White House, Nov 21

**New Website Documents**

- 🐔 *Chickens: [www.upc-online.org/chickens/chickensbro.html](http://www.upc-online.org/chickens/chickensbro.html)*
- 🐔 *Turkeys: [www.upc-online.org/turkeys/turkeysbro.html](http://www.upc-online.org/turkeys/turkeysbro.html)*
- 🐔 *Mass Depopulation of Poultry as a Disease Control Method: [www.upc-online.org/poultry\\_diseases/71106usda.html](http://www.upc-online.org/poultry_diseases/71106usda.html)*

**Teachers Conferences**

- 🐔 Minnesota State Teachers Conference, St. Paul, Oct 19
- 🐔 Virginia Association of Science Teachers Convention, Richmond, Nov 16-18

**Animal Agribusiness Conference Participation**

- 🐔 Farmed Animal Campaigning Meeting, HSUS, Washington DC, June 10-11
- 🐔 Depopulation of Poultry Meeting, USDA, Riverdale, MD, June 21
- 🐔 Farm Animal Welfare Congressional Hearing, Washington DC, June 29
- 🐔 Future Trends in Animal Agriculture, USDA, Washington DC, Sept 20
- 🐔 Animal Ethics Symposium, MSU/Pew Foundation, Washington, DC, Oct 18
- 🐔 “Mass Depopulation of Poultry as a Disease Control Method.” Submitted to USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service, July 6. [www.upc-online.org/poultry\\_diseases/71106usda.html](http://www.upc-online.org/poultry_diseases/71106usda.html)

**Keynote Speaking Engagements & Exhibitor Tables**

- 🐔 “Wings” Lecture Event, Hopkins Center for the Arts, Minneapolis, MN, Feb 4
- 🐔 United Poultry Concerns 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum, Columbus, OH, April 8-9
- 🐔 Animal Acres Hoe Down, Los Angeles, May 6
- 🐔 Animal Liberation Theory & Action Conference, Syracuse, NY, April 22
- 🐔 Vegetarian Summerfest, North American Veg. Soc., Johnstown, PA, July 5-9
- 🐔 Dark Star Days Conference, Baltimore AR Coalition, Baltimore, July 15
- 🐔 Animal Rights 2006 National Conference, Washington DC, Aug 10-14
- 🐔 Vegetarian Society of Washington, DC, Bird Flu Lecture, Aug 24

- 🐔 Taking Action for Animals, Washington DC, Sept 2-5
- 🐔 International Compassionate Living Festival, Los Angeles, Oct 6-8

**Additional Community Outreach – Exhibitor Tables**

- 🐔 Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Oregon, March 3
- 🐔 Richmond Vegetarian Festival, July 29
- 🐔 Charlottesville (VA) Vegetarian Festival, Sept 30
- 🐔 Green Festival, Washington DC, Oct 14-15
- 🐔 Vegetarian Society of Washington, DC, Thanksgiving Celebration, Nov 23
- 🐔 United Poultry Concerns Thanksgiving Open House, Nov 25

**UPC in the News: Articles \* Letters-to-the-editor \* Display Ads**

**PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications)**

- Chase Calendar of Events 2006*
- Broadcast News Source NewsReleaseWire.com*
- U.S. News Wire*
- Satya Magazine, Feb*
- The Dunn County News (WI), Feb 22*
- Rapid City Journal (SD), April 9*
- Asheville Citizen-Times (NC), April 11*
- Post-Tribune (IN), April 11*
- Los Angeles Times, April 28*
- The Maui News (HI), May 2*
- Orlando Sentinel (FL), May 3*
- St. Louis Post-Dispatch (MO), May 3*
- VegNews Magazine, May-June*
- Reuters, June 1*
- Reuters, June 5*
- Wisconsin Ag Connection, June 14*
- Honolulu Advertiser (HI), July 14*
- The Baltimore Sun, July 15*
- The Animals Voice Magazine, July-Sept*
- San Jose Mercury News (CA), August 3*
- Washingtonian Magazine (Washington, DC) Sept*
- Satya Magazine, Oct*
- New Haven Register (CT), Oct 22*
- New Haven Register (CT), Nov 6*
- Union Star and Reporter, VA, Nov. 9*
- Stafford County Sun Papers (VA), Nov 10*
- Record-Journal (CT), Nov 13*
- Eastern Shore News (VA), Nov 15*
- Altoona Mirror (PA), Nov 23*
- The New Yorker, Nov 20*
- Satya Magazine, Dec*
- Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Dec 1*



UPC billboard in Columbus, Ohio, April 2006

**BROADCAST MEDIA (Radio and Internet Live & Taped Interviews)**

- Animal Matters with Karen Meicht, KZFR Chico, CA, Jan 19*
- Louie b. Free Show, WASN, Youngstown, OH, March 14*
- Animal Talk with Suzanne Dragan, WCTC Central Jersey, April 2*
- Louie b. Free Show, WASN, Youngstown, OH, April 5*
- Go Vegan Texas! KPTF, April 24*
- Animal Talk with Suzanne Dragan, WCTC Central Jersey, April 30*
- WB Channel 11 News@Ten (NYC), June 5*
- Interview with Joe Zupan, WVTF, Roanoke, VA, Aug 16*
- Wake Up America with Tina Volpe, Global Talk Radio, Sept 21*
- Animal Talk with Suzanne Tragan, WCTC, Central Jersey, Nov 19*
- Animal Matters with Karen Meicht, KZFR, Chico, CA, Nov 23*
- Cassandra Ashley, KPTF, Houston TX, Nov 23*

**Financial Report**

**United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006**

<b>Revenues.....</b>	<b>\$128,653</b>
Public Support.....	120,073
 <b>Expenses.....</b>	 <b>\$135,533</b>
Programs and Education.....	113,108
Organizational Management .....	8,969
Fundraising.....	13,456
 <b>Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year.....</b>	 <b>132,254</b>

**United Poultry Concerns gratefully acknowledges the kind assistance of**

- The Marino Foundation**
- Compassion for Animals Foundation**
- The New York Community Trust**
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***Thank You!***

Karen Davis, PhD  
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- "Debeaking"
- "Starving Poultry for Profit" (forced molting)
- "Poultry Slaughter: The Need for Legislation"
- "Why Be Concerned About Mr. Perdue?"
- "The Rougher They Look, The Better They Lay" (free-range egg production)
- "Intensive Poultry Production: Fouling the Environment"
- "Philosophic Vegetarianism: Acting Affirmatively for Peace"
- "The Rhetoric of Apology in Animal Rights"
- "Providing a Good Home for Chickens"
- "Chicken Talk: The Language of Chickens"
- "Celebrate Easter Without Eggs"
- "Chicken for Dinner: It's Enough To Make You Sick"
- "Say Hi To Health and Bye To Shells From Hell"

- "Guide to Staffing Tables: Do's & Don'ts"
- "Assume No Animal Products are Safe"
- "Henny's New Friends"
- "Avoiding Burnout"
- "The Life of One Battery Hen"
- "Bird Flu - What You Need to Know"

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- "Chickens"
- "The Battery Hen"
- "Turkeys"
- "Ostriches & Emus: Nowhere To Hide"
- "Japanese Quail"
- "Ducks: Free as a Bird"
- "The Use of Birds In Agricultural and Biomedical Research"
- "'Free-Range' Poultry and Eggs: Not All They're Cracked Up to Be"
- "Live Poultry Markets" (in English, Hispanic, & Chinese)
- "Chicken-Flying Contests"

## LEAFLETS (FLYERS)

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- "Where Do Eggs Come From?"

## Bumper Stickers

Don't Just Switch from Beef to Chicken: Get the Slaughterhouse out of your kitchen. \$1 each

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### The Emotional World of Farm Animals

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### Inside a Live Poultry Market

By United Poultry Concerns

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### Behavior of Rescued Factory-Farmed Chickens in a Sanctuary Setting

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See what a chicken can be when almost free! This 12-minute video shows chickens, turkeys, and ducks at UPC's sanctuary racing out of their house to enjoy their day. VHS and DVD. \$10

### Inside Tyson's Hell: Why I Got Out of the Chicken Slaughtering Business

by Virgil Butler

Produced by United Poultry Concerns and the Compassionate Living Project. DVD. 58.35 min. \$15



### 45 Days: The Life and Death of a Broiler Chicken

By Compassion Over Killing

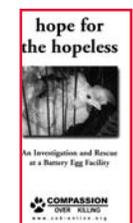
This 12-minute video shows the pathetic industry treatment of the more than 8 billion baby "broiler" chickens slaughtered each year in the US. VHS and DVD. \$10



### Hidden Suffering

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### Hope for the Hopeless

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An Investigation and Rescue at a Battery Egg Facility documents the living conditions of hens at ISE-America in Maryland. www.ISECruelty.com 18:28 minutes VHS. \$10

### Ducks Out of Water

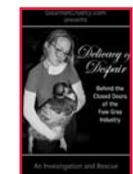
By Viva! International Voice for Animals

This powerful 5-minute video takes you inside today's factory-farmed duck sheds in the US. VHS. \$10

### Delicacy of Despair

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This investigation and rescue takes you behind the closed doors of the foie gras industry and shows what ducks and geese endure to produce "fatty liver." 16:30 minutes. DVD. \$10



### Humane Slaughter?

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## CHILDREN'S BOOKS

### Replacing School Hatching Projects: Alternative Resources & How To Order Them

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### Animal Place: Where Magical Things Happen

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### A Boy, A Chicken and The Lion of Judah – How Ari Became a Vegetarian

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### Minnie's Dream

By Clare Druce

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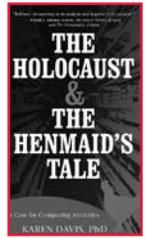


## BOOKS & BOOKLETS

### The Holocaust and the Henmaid's Tale: A Case for Comparing Atrocities

By Karen Davis

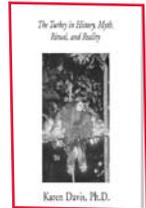
In this thoughtful and thought-provoking contribution to the study of animals and the Holocaust, Karen Davis makes the case that significant parallels can – and must – be drawn between the Holocaust and the institutionalized abuse of billions of animals on factory farms. \$20



### More Than a Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality

By Karen Davis

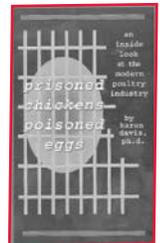
Karen Davis shows how turkeys in the wild have complex lives and family units, and how they were an integral part of Native American and continental cultures and landscape before the Europeans arrived while drawing larger conclusions about our paradoxical relationship with turkeys, all birds and other animals including other human beings. "The turkey's historical disfigurement is starkly depicted by Karen Davis in 'More Than a Meal.' " - *The New Yorker* \$20



### Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs: An Inside Look at the Modern Poultry Industry

By Karen Davis

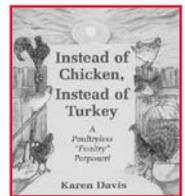
This book is a fully-documented source of up-to-the-minute information about chickens, including everything from how a chick develops inside an egg to the causes of salmonella, and much more. Provides a chilling account of the morally handicapped poultry & egg industry. \$14.95



### Instead of Chicken, Instead of Turkey: A Poultryless "Poultry" Potpourri

By Karen Davis

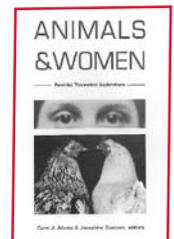
This delightful vegan cookbook by United Poultry Concerns, Inc. features homestyle, ethnic, and exotic recipes that duplicate and convert a variety of poultry and egg dishes. Includes artwork, poems, and illuminating passages showing chickens and turkeys in an appreciative light. \$14.95



### Animals and Women: Feminist Theoretical Explorations

Edited by Carol J. Adams & Josephine Donovan

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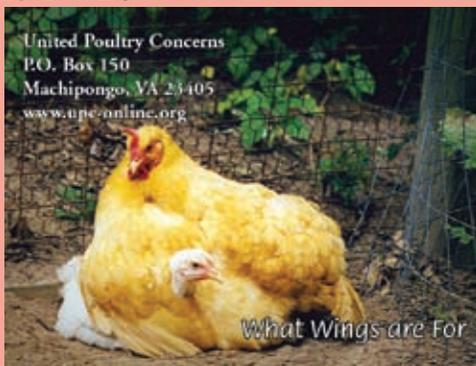


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**Walking to Freedom After a Year in Cages**

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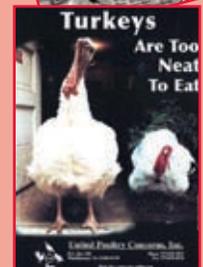
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