

United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2002

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United Poultry Concerns holds that the treatment of chickens and other domestic fowl in food production, science, education, entertainment, and human companionship situations has a significant effect upon human, nonhuman, and environmental welfare. We seek to make the public aware of the ways in which poultry are treated and to advance the compassionate and respectful treatment of chickens and other domestic fowl. UPC conducts full-time educational programs and projects, including our quarterly newsletter *PoultryPress*, our website at www.UPC-online.org, and our sanctuary for chickens.

United Poultry Concerns works with individuals and groups around the world on issues pertaining to the treatment of domestic fowl. Our chicken sanctuary is accredited by the American Sanctuary Association. We are active coalition members of the Global Safe Food Alliance headed by Public Citizen, the Global Hunger Alliance initiated by Farm Animal Reform Movement, and The Summit for the Animals, an annual meeting of the heads of national animal protection organizations in the United States. United Poultry Concerns is a financial sponsor of *Farmed Animal Watch* (www.farmedanimal.net), a weekly email digest of documented information on farmed animal issues gleaned from industry, advocacy, academic, and mainstream sources.

United Poultry Concerns maintains a permanent full-time office, sanctuary, education center, and poultry adoption, sponsorship, and placement service at our headquarters at 12325 Seaside Road, Machipongo, Virginia 23405. We are grateful to all of our members and supporters for enabling us to fulfil our mission in 2002. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for your strong and continuing support.

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2002

UPC Sanctuary - rescued, adopted, and placed

- 200 hens left to starve to death by the Cypress Foods company in Pasco County, Florida in March. UPC adopted 70 hens and found home for 130 hens.
- 16 chickens from the Eastern Shore poultry industry
- 4 ducks from a foie gras factory
- 10 hens from a Maryland egg operation
- 5 bantam chickens from Northern Virginia

UPC Actions & Campaigns

- Carl's Jr. Chicken "Nuggets" Ad

- Tractor Supply Sale of Chickens
- Featherless Chickens (USDA, Israel)
- Guinea Fowl Drop (TX)
- Throwing Tomatoes at Pinned Chickens for Money (Salt Lake City, UT)
- Serving Chickens to Raise Money for Spay & Neuter (NC)
- Teacher Killing Chicken Before 7th & 8th Grade Students (WI)
- ASPCA and “Kapparot” Chickens In New York City
- Prosecution of Turkey Killers for Fun (Iowa)
- Cockfighting in Oklahoma
- Turkey Race in London, England
- Ostrich Race in Spain – Successful
- AVMA Policy Upholding Forced Molting of Hens
- United Egg Producers’ Forced Molting Practice
- National Chicken Council’s Refusal to Develop Minimum Welfare Standards

UPC Public Education Materials and Updated Website Documents

- Chicken Sanctuary Video: *The Dignity, Beauty & Abuse of Chickens*
- Posters: *Turkeys: Too Neat To Eat* and *Battery Hens: Roosting in Branches After Rotting in Cages*
- *Poultry Slaughter – The Need for Legislation and Elimination of Electrical Immobilization* <http://www.upc-online.org/slaughter/report.html>
- *Chickens are Foragers, Not Fighters* <http://www.upc-online.org/cockfighting/foragers.html>
- *The Plight of Birds in the Poultry and Egg Industry* <http://www.upc-online.org/industry/plight.html>

UPC Participation in Teachers Conferences

- Sowing Seeds Conference, International Institute for Humane Education, San Diego, CA, March 16-17
- Meeting on Animal Advocacy and Public Policy College Course, Institute for Animals and Society, Baltimore, MD, Oct. 2
- Virginia Association of Science Teachers Conference, Richmond, VA, Nov. 7-9
- National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Eastern Area Convention, Louisville, KY, Oct. 24-26
- NSTA Southwestern Area Convention, Albuquerque, NM Dec. 5-7

UPC Participation in Animal Agribusiness Conferences

- Animal Handling and Stunning Conference, American Meat Institute Foundation, Kansas City, MO, Feb. 21-22
- Poultry Breeders Roundtable, Poultry Breeders of America, St. Louis, MO, May 2-3
- Future Trends in Animal Agriculture, USDA, Washington, DC, Sept. 18
http://www.upc-online.org/industry/ftaa_eval.html
- Animal Cloning Food Safety Symposiums, FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine & the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology, Dallas, TX, Sept. 24-26

UPC Response to Government Request for Public Comments on Proposed Rules

- To EPA on Dry Lots for Ducks, Jan. 14 http://www.upc-online.org/environment/020114comments_dry_ducks.html
- To USDA Re: Standards for Organic Poultry, May 3 http://www.upc-online.org/020503comments_usda_organic.html

UPC President Dr. Karen Davis – Keynote Speaking Engagements

- Yale University Conference on The Chicken: Its Biological, Social, Cultural, and Industrial History, May 17-19. Talk/Paper: *The Dignity, Beauty, and Abuse of Chickens: As Symbols and In Reality* <http://www.upc-online.org/thinking/dignity.html>
- Compassionfest 2002, Cincinnati, OH, Sept. 22
- World Food Summit Rally, Global Hunger Alliance, Washington DC, June 9
- Animal Rights 2003 Conference, Washington, DC, June 28-July 3
- Sierra Club, Old MacDonald vs Industrial Agriculture Conference, Frankfort, KY, Oct. 25-26. Talk: “Awash in Misery and Manure”
- Last Chance for Animals/San Diego EarthSave Thanksgiving Celebration, San Diego, CA, Nov. 23
- The Vegetarian Society of DC Thanksgiving Day Feast, Bethesda, MD, Nov. 28. Talk: “Living at Thanksgiving”

Additional UPC Community Outreach

- White House Easter Egg Roll Protest, April 1
- Hampton Roads Vegfest, Norfolk, VA, Sept. 14
- Charlottesville Vegetarian Festival (VA), Sept. 28
- Eastern Shore Birding Festival, Cape Charles, VA, Oct. 4-6
- Vigil for Chickens Against National Chicken Council, Washington DC, Oct. 16-17
- Candlelight Vigil for Turkeys, Washington DC, Nov. 22
- Thanksgiving Open House, UPC Headquarters, Nov. 30

UPC in the News

- *Los Angeles Times* * *New York Times* * *Wall Street Journal* * *Harper's Magazine* * *Forbes* * *Columbus Dispatch* * *Hartford Courant* * *Boston Globe* * *Baltimore Sun* * *Daily Times* (MD) * *Dayton Daily News* (OH) * *Litchfield County Times* (CT) * *Weekly Independent* (NC) * *Door County Advocate* (WI), * *Washington Island Observer* (WI) * *Asheville Citizen-Times* (NC) * *United Press International* (UPI) * *WATT PoultryUSA* * *Egg Industry*, *Howard Stern Show*, and more!

Financial Report

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1, 2002 To December 31, 2002

Revenues.....	\$141,707.00
Public Support.....	140,904.00
Expenses.....	\$117,733.00
Programs and Education.....	89,655.00
Organizational Management.....	5,488.00
Fundraising.....	22,590.00
Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year.....	\$174,609.00

Thank You!

Karen Davis, PhD
President

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The New York Community Trust
The Summerlee Foundation

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