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Benjamin, one of our beloved sanctuary roosters, was left one cold day at the bottom of our yard next to the road. We found him alone and shivering in a plastic box, with a brick on top. When we introduced him as a new resident to our sanctuary, all of our chickens – including the other roosters! – welcomed him into their flock. Everybody loves dear, sweet Benjamin.

Photo of UPC Resident Benjamin from an upcoming book from No Voice Unheard (www.NoVoiceUnheard.org). © Davida G. Breier & No Voice Unheard, 2008.

UPC Campaign to Save Canandaigua Chickens Succeeds!

New York State Education Department Denies Application to “Terminate Life.”



Quake and Vandross rescued from Canandaigua and now residents of Farm Sanctuary

Following a year-long campaign to persuade Canandaigua Academy – a high school in upstate New York – to eliminate a project in which students butchered chickens in an ecology course, United Poultry Concerns learned on December 4 that the Education Department halted the project under NYS Education Law, Section 809 - Humane Treatment of Live Vertebrate Animals, which prohibits studies that employ “termination of life.”

Of the 25 baby chicks who were shipped inhumanely by airmail from a hatchery in Iowa to New York as “perishable matter,” the surviving 20 birds – severely overweight “broiler” chickens, most of them roosters with leg deformities and untreated foot sores – were picked up by Farm Sanctuary for permanent residence with the understanding that the class had been permanently cancelled.

Thus ended the saga that began in December 2007, when students illegally slaughtered 21 chickens in Eric Cosman’s ecology class, despite the pleading of Canandaigua activist, Joel Freedman, to show mercy and spare the birds.

It was subsequently disclosed that under NYS Education Law, Section 809, a school seeking to harm and kill animals must submit a waiver application to

the Education Department for review. The department promptly suspended the project, following a letter from attorney Elinor Molbegott, legal counsel for the Humane Society of New York, on August 5, 2008, advising the department of the project, which had not been applied for or approved.

Informed of the law, the school district applied for a waiver, a copy of which was obtained by attorney Molbegott under a Freedom of Information Law request. The application showed that the school offered no legal justification for killing the chickens. The goals set forth did not meet waiver approval standards, and the application was denied.

On December 5, 2008, United Poultry Concerns issued a press release announcing the end of the “Chicken Project.” UPC President, Karen Davis, spoke for many people in stating, *“It gives confidence to the humane community, which increasingly is all of society, that laws protecting sentient creatures from preventable harm are enforced, and that the animals themselves, be they chickens or dogs, are gathered within our circle of compassion where they belong.”*

UPC thanks everyone who wrote to the Canandaigua School District and the New York State Department of Education opposing the project, with special thanks to Canandaigua Academy student activist Katie Barber, Canandaigua activist & UPC member Joel Freedman, United Federation of Teachers Humane Education Committee Chairperson Dr. Sheila



Chickens rescued from Canandaigua all had bumble foot and pressure sores on their leg joints.



Andre had an infected leg joint.

Schwartz, and New York attorney Elinor Molbegott. We are grateful to Farm Sanctuary for giving a permanent loving home to the fortunate survivors of the wretched and defunct “Chicken Project.”

What Can I Do?

- 🐔 You may thank the New York State Education Department on behalf of the Canandaigua Academy chickens and humane education, by sending a polite letter of gratitude to:

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Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Instructional
Technology
New York State Department of Education
89 Washington Avenue, Room 320EB
Albany, NY 12234
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We thank those people who have contributed to our work with recent donations *In Loving Memory and in Honor and Appreciation* of the following beloved family members and friends:

In honor of Laurel Underwood Price, with love from her friend. – *Robin Latta Tweedy*

In honor of Nero, Bertha, Fredericka, Julie, Nathaniel, and Leonard, so warmly remembered and sadly missed this holiday season. – *Paul Deane*

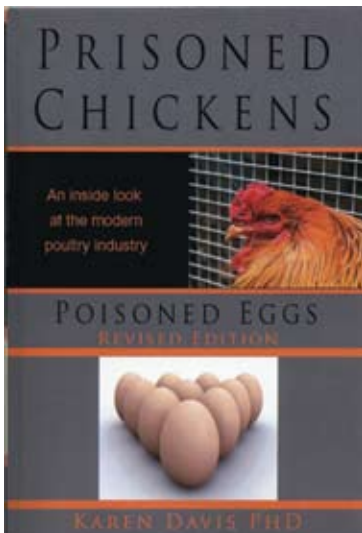
In memory and honor of Zelda, the last of our rescued “kapparot” hens. Zelda died peacefully at our sanctuary in her little house surrounded by her friends, Sir Valery Valentine, Miss Fleetfoot, Miss White Hen, and Hortense, on September 19, 2008. – *Karen Davis, UPC*

In honor of Lucky, my dear rescued rooster – *Lynn Terzich*

Remembering Jim and his precious hen, Henny Penny, and dear Bing, our beloved rooster buddy. – *Mary Britton Clouse & Bert Clouse, Chicken Run Rescue*



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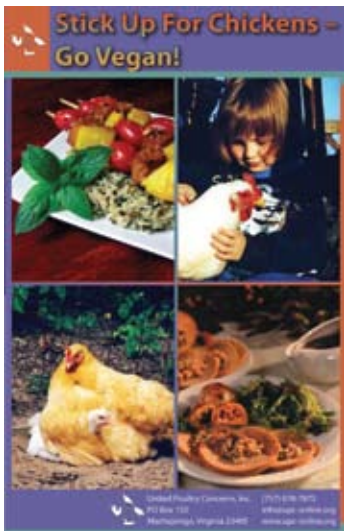


**Coming Soon! PRISONED CHICKENS,
POISONED EGGS: AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE
MODERN POULTRY INDUSTRY – New Revised
Edition, 2009**

*“At the heart of this story is the chicken, to whom this book is dedicated, and on whose side, and at whose side, I remain steadfast.” – Karen Davis, President & Founder of United Poultry Concerns, author of *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs**

The New Revised Edition of *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs* looks at a world in which avian influenza, food poisoning, global warming,

genetic engineering, and the expansion of poultry production and consumption are careening to an unsustainable point. Read the compelling argument for adopting a compassionate, plant-based cuisine as an alternative to the warfare waged on defenseless chickens. Forthcoming in early 2009 by The Book Publishing Company. ♡



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California Voters Pass Proposition 2 with 63 % of the Vote

“Modern cage housing for hens already provides the highest standards of animal welfare as prescribed by animal ethicists and scientists.” – *Feedstuffs, The Weekly Newspaper for Agribusiness*, October 13, 2008

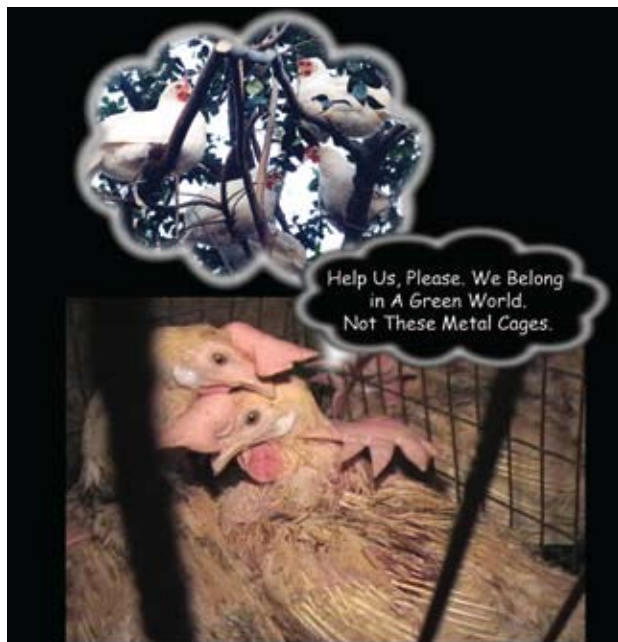
California voters – 7.5 million of them – did not agree with *Feedstuffs*, or with the American Veterinary Medical Association, which joined agribusiness in an unsuccessful effort to defeat the state’s Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, or Proposition 2, on the November ballot.

The law, which takes effect in 2015, requires that calves raised for veal, pregnant pigs, and hens used for commercial egg production must be given enough space to lie down, stand up, fully extend their limbs, and turn around without bumping into other animals, walls and bars in the confinement area. Though the law affects pregnant pigs and “veal” calves, the majority of animals affected are the state’s nearly 20 million egg-laying hens.

A massive campaign to defeat Proposition 2 was waged by the egg industry and related business interests to persuade California voters that the law would raise the price of eggs, ruin the California egg industry, and force consumers to buy eggs from states and countries that lack California’s food-safety standards.

However, the majority of voters were more deeply influenced by the intense campaign waged by The Humane Society of the United States, and joined by groups including United Poultry Concerns, showing the absolute cruelty of the egg industry’s practice of cramming hens into “small wire cages stacked to the rafters, in the name of efficiency and profits,” as noted by the Internet magazine *Grist* shortly before the election. To underscore the brutality of the egg industry, investigators for the animal rights group, Mercy For Animals, released documentary footage showing horrific abuse of battery-caged hens by workers at a facility run by Norco, one of California’s largest egg producers.

Groundbreaking as the new law is – for nothing is crueler than the battery-cage system of confinement – it does not require California egg producers to eliminate cages. It will, however, make cage systems more difficult to maintain, due to the, albeit minimal, spatial requirements for confining hens once the 2015 law



goes into effect. Instead of cages, many California egg producers are expected to switch to “cage-free” housing, in which thousands of hens are enclosed in buildings in huge “floor systems,” often including platforms and perches designed to crowd even more hens into the volume of space.

The law will not stop the systematic destruction of millions of newborn male chicks who are suffocated, electrocuted and ground up alive at the hatchery, because male chicks do not lay eggs and are considered mere “hatchery debris” on the way to becoming pet food and farmed animal feed.

Nor does the law affect the brutal catching, transport and disposal of hens considered “spent” – no longer economically worth keeping – by the egg industry. Indeed, many “cage-free” hens end up in squalid cages in live poultry markets, where they are as pitiful, featherless and miserable as their sad sisters from battery-cage systems. The new law will not stop the suffering and abuse of hens, or alleviate the putrid conditions that prevail when thousands of living creatures are crowded together in buildings without sunshine and fresh air. However, despite these facts, as UPC President, Karen Davis, pointed out in a letter published in *The New York Times* on October 9, 2008, Proposition 2 should, if implemented, bring “a smidgeon of comfort to millions of hens used for egg production” compared to the current, unregulated system. It therefore “deserves voter support and extension to other states.”

The Mother Turkey and Her Young

By Karen Davis, President of United Poultry Concerns

This article was distributed by McClatchy-Tribune Information Services in November and appeared in media outlets including Times Argus in Vermont. www.realclearpolitics.com/news/tms/politics/2008/Nov/24/the_mother_turkey_and_her_young.html.

Unlike baby songbirds and raptors, whose parents are absent for long periods gathering food for their young, groundnesting birds, such as turkeys, stay close to their mothers for months after they are born. Young turkeys, known as “poults,” panic if they become separated from their mother.

When a young turkey has wandered away from his family and discovers that he is alone, he gives out a “lost call” – a loud, persistent shriek of distress. Hearing the cry of her terrified youngster, his mother responds instantly with anxious “yelps,” which he answers, and then, “opening his wings, he gives them a joyous flap or two,” and with a few sharp, quick yelps of relief, he runs to rejoin his family.

People in modern society have become so used to seeing thousands of young turkeys crowded together in factory farm sheds, awaiting their death, that many are surprised to learn about the lively poults and their mothers chasing grasshoppers in a meadow, sunning themselves and dustbathing together, leaving, as naturalist Joe Hutto writes in *Illumination in the Flatwoods: A Season with the Wild Turkey*, “tiny, bowl-shaped impressions the size of small wild turkey bodies.”

During their first weeks of life, young turkeys sleep in their ground nest, snuggled in the soft feathers of their mother. After a month or so, they fly at dusk onto a low tree branch where, in the words of John

J. Audubon, they “place themselves under the deeply curved wings of their kind and careful parent, dividing themselves for that purpose into two nearly equal parties.”

But even after they’ve taken to roosting in the trees at night, young turkeys stay with their mother, who remains the center of their universe for another four or five months, until the next mating season. In 1645, a New England observer reported seeing sixty broods of young wild turkeys with their mothers “on the side of a Marsh, sunning of themselves in a morning betimes.”

Turkeys in the commercial food industry have a totally different experience from those who hatch in the nest with their brothers and sisters under their mother’s wings. Commercially raised turkeys struggle out of their shells amid thousands of other embryos, in incubator drawers in huge mechanical hatcheries.

They never know their mother, because she is locked away somewhere in a breeder facility where a baby turkey’s “lost calls,” his peeps and trills, will never be heard. The young birds will never know the joy of roaming the woods and fields with her. They will never know the comfort she brings.

Instead, during their first three hours after breaking out of their shells, turkeys in commercial hatcheries undergo a series of painful amputations – “major surgeries” that, according to the trade journal *Turkey World*, leave them “traumatized.” A recent investigation by the nonprofit group Compassion Over Killing showed how, from the moment of hatching, the turkey poults were “submerged into a world of misery.”

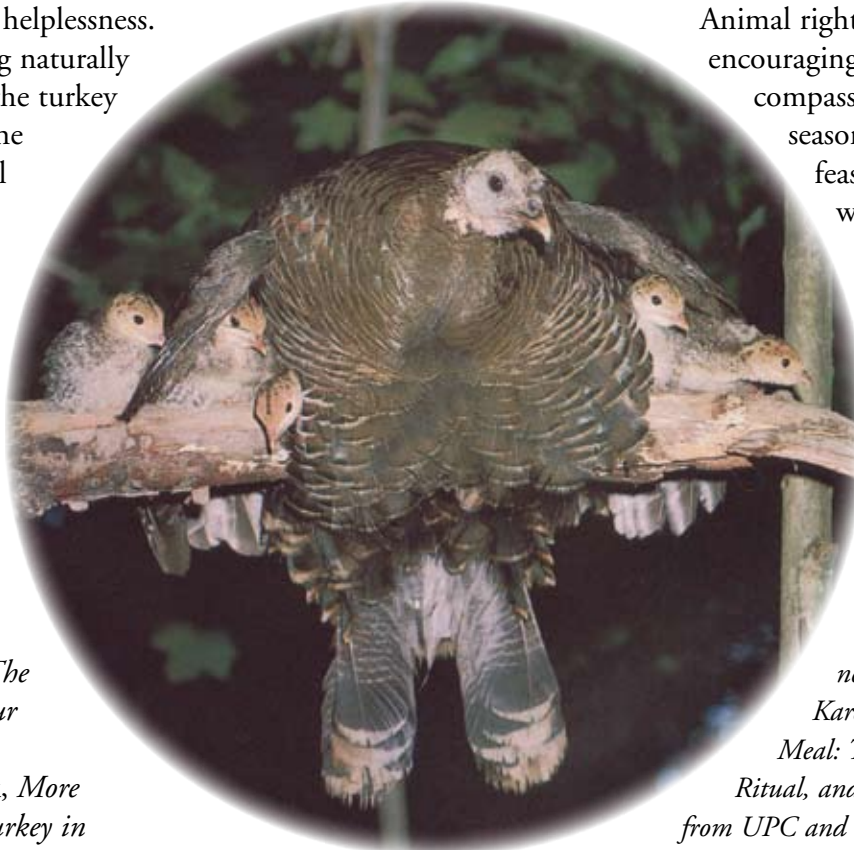
The newborn turkeys were dumped out of metal trays, jostled onto conveyer belts after being mechanically separated from cracked eggshells, then sorted, sexed, debeaked and detoed, all without anesthetic. Countless baby turkeys were “mangled from the machinery,” suffocated in plastic bags, and dumped into the “same disposal system as the discarded egg shells they were separated from hours earlier.”



The mother turkey, meanwhile, has been relegated by the turkey industry to the abject status of a “breeder.” This deeply maternal bird, who in nature will pretend to be hurt to distract a predator’s attention to herself away from her poults, who will fight with a passion to protect her young that “would make the eagle seem tame,” in the words of an awed observer, has been stripped to helplessness.

Instead of mating naturally with a male turkey, the turkey hen is subjected to the ignominy of artificial insemination, from which nearly all commercial turkeys now derive. The artificial insemination of turkeys, known by the industry as “breaking the hens,” is graphically depicted in Peter Singer and Jim Mason’s book, *The Way We Eat: Why Our Food Choices Matter*.

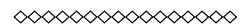
In my own book, *More Than a Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality*,



I describe the condition associated with artificial insemination known as “deep pectoral myopathy.” In it, the terrified “breeder” turkey’s chest muscles literally strangle to death in a seizure brought on by the bird’s “struggling and wing beating” in the process of being “broken” by the inseminators. The “harvesting” of semen from male turkeys is similarly horrific.

Animal rights advocates are encouraging people to give thanks compassionately this holiday season, with an all-vegetarian feast. As a songwriter once wrote, “A turkey on the table is frightful, but a ‘tofurky’ with all the trimmings is so delightful.” Truly it is.

– Karen Davis,
United Poultry Concerns.



To learn more about turkeys, order our beautiful new *Turkeys Brochures* and read Karen Davis’ book *More Than a Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality*, available in print from UPC and online at [www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/More than a Meal Final.pdf](http://www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/More%20than%20a%20Meal%20Final.pdf).

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UPC Urges Compassionate *Kapparot* Ceremonies

“There was certainly a greater atmosphere of awareness regarding the *kapparot* issue this year,” says UPC activist, David Rosenfeld, who with UPC member, Sam Schloss, distributed our brochures, *A Wing & A Prayer - The Kapparot Chicken-Swinging Ritual*, throughout Brooklyn and elsewhere in New York City this year and last.

For more than a decade, United Poultry Concerns has worked to get members of the Jewish community who observe the ritual of atonement known as *Kapparot* (also spelled *Kapores*) to use money instead of chickens.

Kapparot is a custom preceding Yom Kippur – the Jewish Day of Atonement which this year fell on October 8. In it, many ultra-Orthodox observers swing chickens over their heads while reciting verses about transferring their sins symbolically onto the bird. The chicken is then usually slaughtered, and may or may not be given to charity, though many birds so used are dehydrated, starving, and visibly injured.

Before the ceremony, the chickens are typically crammed in crates for days without food, water or shelter. In Los Angeles, live birds have been seen with partially cut necks being thrown into garbage bags in

front of screaming children. In 2005, *Time Out New York* reported “hundreds of crates stacked high in an idling 16-wheeler.” The slaughter filled “Brooklyn streets with blood and feathers” amid “deafening” cries of chickens and children.

Kapparot is not required by the Torah or the Talmud. Most Modern Orthodox observers swing money for charity. As noted by former Israeli Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, “*Kapparot* is not consistent with Jewish teachings and law. Repentance and charity can be better accomplished with money instead of a slaughtered chicken.”

What Can I Do?

- Members of the Jewish community who care about animals are encouraged to write letters to their local newspapers expressing their objections to the use of chickens for *Kapparot* and urging that money be used instead. In addition, please ask the Rabbinical Council of America and other community leaders to advocate that *Kapparot* be carried out with money instead of chickens. Contact:

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Phone: 212-807-7888
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Email: office@rabbis.org, Shlomo@rabbis.org

- Our brochures, *A Wing & A Prayer - The Kapparot Chicken-Swinging Ritual*, are available for a small donation of \$3 for 30 brochures. Please order these brochures and distribute them to your local news media and to anyone else you think might be helpful. To view the brochure online, go to www.upc-online.org/kaparas. We are grateful to everyone who assisted our compassionate *Kapparot* campaign this year, and we look forward to your continued involvement on behalf of the chickens in 2009.



Photo by: Sam Schloss

**Chickens abandoned by *Kapparot* practitioners
in Brooklyn, NY in October 2005**

“Questioning *Kapparot*” in the Fall Edition of *B’nai B’rith Magazine*

The internationally prestigious quarterly Jewish magazine, *B’nai B’rith*, published the following article in the Fall edition on page 13. It is reprinted with kind permission from *B’nai B’rith Magazine*.

Questioning *Kapparot*

By Janet Lubman Rathner, Senior Editor

An animal rights organization is suggesting an alternative to the ancient High Holidays custom of *Kapparot*, a tradition that involves swinging a live chicken over one’s head while reciting psalms and prayers. The custom is a sin-cleansing exercise performed between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Observers are typically from ultra-Orthodox communities who are then supposed to donate the birds to charity.

The treatment of the birds in the days leading up to, during, and after *Kapparot* has attracted controversy. There have been several reports and photos of starving and abandoned chickens, hundreds of which were rescued by the ASPCA in New York City, after being found crated and abandoned in a garage and parking lot in 2005 and 2006.

United Poultry Concerns (UPC), a nonprofit dedicated to the compassionate treatment of domestic fowl, wants *Kapparot* practitioners to use money – swinging coins in a handkerchief – instead of birds, and then donate the proceeds.

“*Kapparot* is not required by the Torah, the Talmud, or any laws of religious practice. It is a symbolic gesture and any kind of object is acceptable,” says Karen Davis, founder and president of UPC. “We do not object to *Kapparot*. We just want it practiced in a humane way.”

Although the UPC’s 2007 request received no acknowledgement last year, Davis says the Rabbinical Council of America, which represents many Orthodox rabbis, will once again receive a letter from UPC asking for endorsement of the substitution.*

“We’re not asking that *Kapparot* be abandoned; just the use of chickens,” Davis says. “We don’t want to see any animal go through suffering when there is no requirement.” – Janet Lubman Rathner, Senior Editor

*UPC’s 2008 letter to the Rabbinical Council of America can be read at:

www.upc-online.org/kaparos/90908kapparotletter.html &
www.upc-online.org/kaparos/.

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✿ A polite letter to the editor of *B’nai B’rith Magazine* thanking them for this informative and timely article may be sent to:

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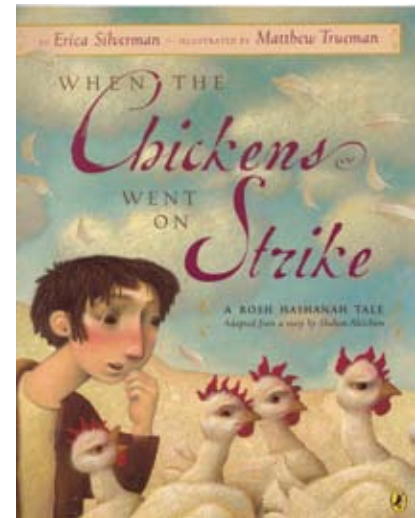


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***Kapparot* practitioner performs chicken-swinging ritual in Israel in 2003.**

“Customs come and customs go. I learned this from chickens.”
 - Narrator of *When the Chickens Went on Strike*

One day during Rosh Hashanah – the beginning of the Jewish New Year – a boy overhears the chickens in his village plan a strike. They are sick of being used for Kapores, the custom practiced in his Russian village where live chickens are waved over everyone’s heads to erase their bad deeds. “An end to Kapores!” the chickens chant as they flee the town.



"Fellow fowl! You know why we are here!"
 "Freedom for fowl!" they clucked.
 "Rights for roosters!" they crowed.
 "Strike! Strike!" they squawked.

The speaker flapped for attention. "Every year at this time, the villagers use us for a strange custom. They grab us and twirl us over their heads. They mumble strange words. They think this will take away their bad deeds."

"The dumb clucks!" heckled a speckled hen. The rooster went on, "They call this custom Kapores!"
 "An end to Kapores!" a spring chicken shrieked.
 "No more Kapores!" they all chanted.

Later in the story, the boy follows a team of negotiators to reason with the chickens....

The rabbi approached the crowd. "Worthy fowl, why are you on strike?"

"We demand our rights," said the rooster.

"Rights?" Reb Fishel sneered. "You are chickens!"

There was an angry flutter of wings. "We refuse to be your Kapores!" a chicken shouted.

“*Sha*, good chickens, *sha!*” The rabbi’s wife held up her hands.

“What if we compromise? We can hold you more gently. We can pray more quickly.”

“You can use a turnip!” said the rooster.

“But, chickens,” pleaded the rabbi, “we need you for Kapores.”

“Is that so?” A broody hen stepped forward.

“Where is it written?”

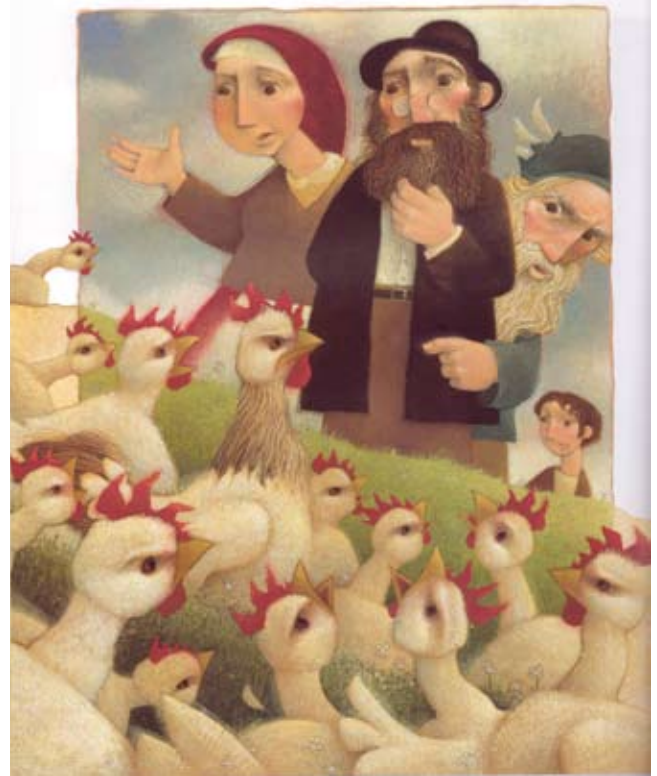
Good question, I thought. *Where is it written?*

“What does it matter to you?” replied the rabbi’s wife. “It is a custom of ours from years and years ago.”

“An end to your custom!” the chickens chanted.

Reb Fishel wagged a finger at them. “This is a revolution. You chickens want to turn the whole world upside down!”

“We just want our rights!” a chicken cried out....



Excerpts from *When the Chickens Went on Strike*, A ROSH HASHANAH TALE by Erica Silverman and illustrated by Matthew Trueman. This book is adapted from a story by Sholom Aleichem, the great Yiddish author best known for his tales which are the basis of the internationally acclaimed play *Fiddler on the Roof*. It is published by Dutton Children’s Books, a division of Penguin and can also be purchased on the Internet at www.allbookstores.com. We highly recommend this wonderful book.



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From United Poultry Concerns and all our Feathered Friends, we thank you for helping to ensure our future!

Sincerely,
Karen Davis, Ph.D.
President

Cooper the Rooster

By Kim Sandusky

I live on the tropical island of Guam, where the sun shines year round, and cockfighting is legal. Throughout the island, chickens roam freely in the villages and on the streets. In April 2006, I was taking an evening walk through my village of Asan when I came upon a lone crying chick. After looking around for the mother hen with no luck, I took the chick to my yard. The next morning, I found the little black chick chirping on top of a warm sock and a pile of rice left by my neighbor. Realizing the chick's strength to survive, I moved it into a covered cat box lined with towels and a stuffed monkey for warmth and comfort. It wasn't long before the box was moved into my house and the chick became Winnie Cooper, my sweet little hen who cried to be held and kept warm at all times.

The box stayed in the bathroom, away from the prying eyes of my five cats. Soon Winnie Cooper was able to hop out of her box and explore the bathroom. Every minute of my time at home was spent making her food and holding her. Winnie Cooper cried and demanded to be held by standing on my foot or in front of me, bobbing her head and squawking until I picked her up. At times, I had to tuck her into the fold of my robe just to have my hands free around the house. We enjoyed daily walks outside where she followed me everywhere, amazing my neighbors who eventually embraced and loved her. Soon everyone in the village knew about the blond female with the pet chicken, unheard of on the island of Guam.

Outgrowing the bathroom, Winnie Cooper moved onto the balcony. June approached, and I had plans to



travel to the states on a three week holiday. A friend agreed to look after my animals, including the fast growing Winnie Cooper. Excited to return home, I opened the balcony door to see my dear sweet hen who recognized me right away and ran to be held. As soon as I picked her up, she gave me an excited greeting by letting out a loud, although not fully mature, crow. My little black hen was now a big black and white rooster! No doubt, *Winston Cooper* missed his human mom.

Cooper continued to live on the balcony with frequent visits inside the house, but eventually he integrated outside fulltime with the other chickens. Forsaking the balcony, Cooper chose a spot next to a potted plant at the top of the stairs that lead to my front door. Every night he was perched in his spot by 6 o'clock, and faithfully crowed throughout the night. His crowing was comical and sometimes unbelievably loud, but it was also a great comfort. For the next year, Cooper roosted in his nightly spot where I greeted him with a pat or his favorite snack of brown rice. During the day, Cooper had worked his way to the top of the pecking order and accumulated many hen followers.

One evening, I came home to find Cooper's spot empty. Panicking, I asked my neighbors, who said, "Kim, he probably has a girlfriend and is sleeping in the



trees.”

Sure enough, early the next morning, I recognized his crow and went outside to find Cooper giddy and flocking around me to show off his new girlfriend. He rarely returned to his sleeping spot after that. Instead he slept proudly perched high in the tree next to my house with all his buddies and lady friends.

No matter how much time passed, Cooper always ran to greet my car, wanted to be held and never stopped loving his human mom. He knew his name and my voice, and he would always stop what he was doing and run across the yard when I called him. At times, he still followed me up the stairs and into the house, to eat cat food and perch on his balcony, until another rooster started flirting with one of his hens, and off he would go to protect her. A few times kids tried to steal Cooper during the cockfighting fiestas, but my neighbors and I were able to protect him. He was so big and handsome, he caught the eye of everyone around.

A fond memory I have is walking down the road with Cooper tucked in my left arm, the leash of my friend’s dog in my right hand, and my elderly neighbor leading his pet water buffalo, Lucy, with our three outdoor cats following behind.

Sadly, Cooper recently fell ill and, despite

medication, he passed away peacefully on his balcony surrounded by love. He was buried in the yard with his stuffed monkey, a bowl of brown rice, and a letter thanking him for all the joy he brought to my life and telling him that I loved and missed him. Cooper was truly a dear friend, crowing and all.

Kim Sandusky is a clinical social worker on the island of Guam and a member of United Poultry Concerns.



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- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup soymilk
- 2 tbs baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup mashed, cooked pumpkin
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp allspice
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp apple cider vinegar (or white if necessary)



Combine soymilk with the tsp vinegar in a separate bowl. Give it 5 minutes to curdle (this is like using buttermilk). Stir together pumpkin, spices, water and soymilk in mixing bowl. Add in remaining ingredients and stir **JUST UNTIL MOIST, NO LONGER**. Let sit 5 minutes to rise and lightly stir again. Let rest 5 more minutes and cook them up. Makes twenty 4" pancakes.

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UPC Sanctuary Assistant Holly Wills said her whole family loves this recipe.



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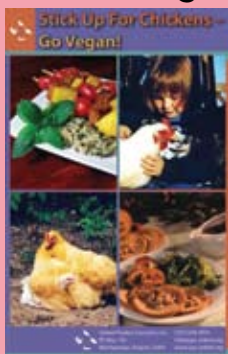
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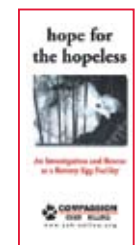
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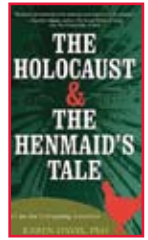


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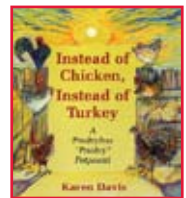
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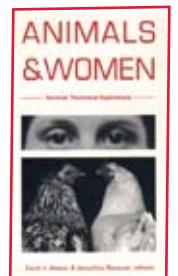
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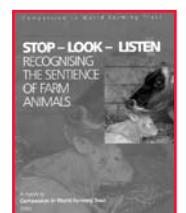
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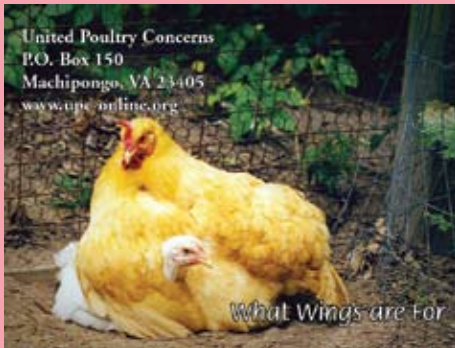
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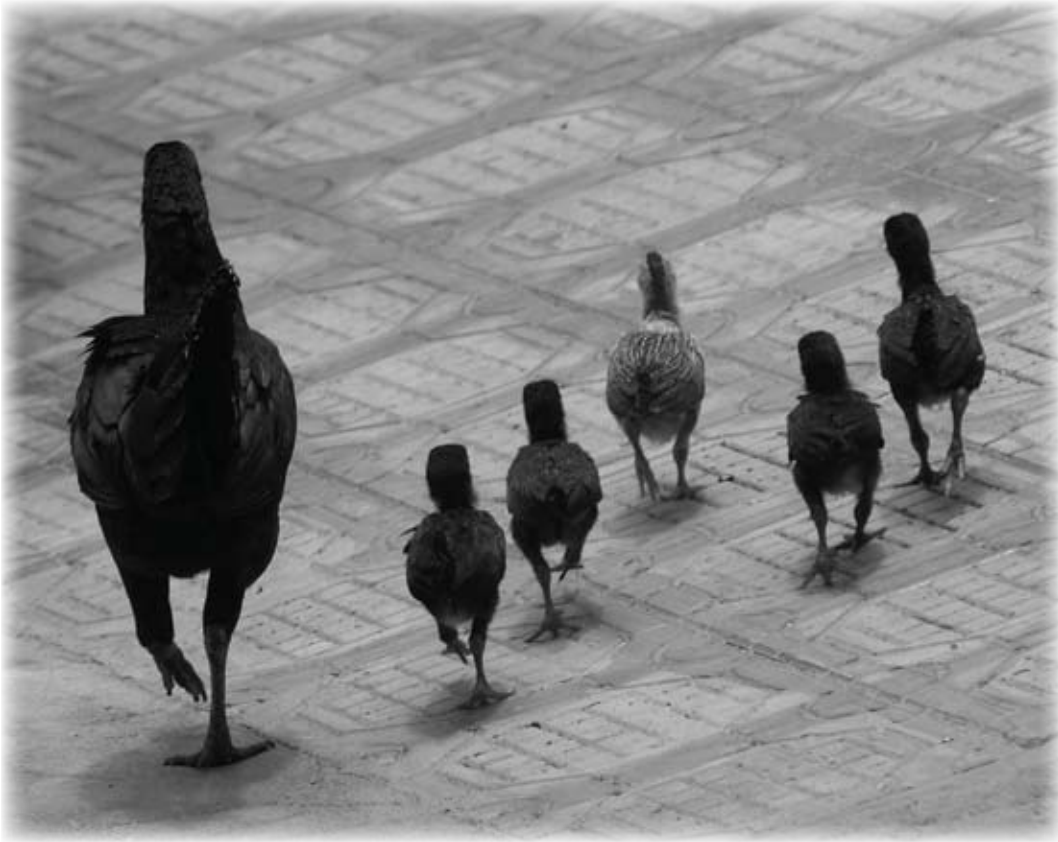


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