

United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2020



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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 2020. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for support!

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2020

For a complete listing of UPC's action alerts, news, photos & activities in 2020, please visit News Archives 2020 at www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/2020.html.

UPC Sanctuary - 2020

Adopted 11 wonderful chickens in need of a loving home into our 12,000 square foot predator-proof outdoor aviary for the total safety of our rescued birds!

**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 2020 campaign and wide-ranging activities, see www.upc-online.org/respect.**

Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach Campaigns: A Shortlist - 2020

- 🐔 Protested Brutal Canada Geese Roundup and Slaughter in Denver, Colorado.
- 🐔 Joined Coalition to Save Gerald, the Rose Garden Turkey, in Oakland, CA, from being killed by local authorities and relocated instead to a safe habitat.

- 🐔 Urged U.S Postal Service to stop shipping baby chicks and ducklings to customers.
- 🐔 Petitioned Ridgeland, Wisconsin officials to stop the town's annual "Chicken Toss."
- 🐔 Petitioned Island Walk, Florida Board of Directors not to kill Muscovy Ducks.
- 🐔 Joined a coalition of activists urging that Mute Swan families in Passaic County, New Jersey needed help to prevent local officials from killing them.
- 🐔 Urged VP candidate Kamala Harris to speak out against America's meat consumption.
- 🐔 Protested National Public Radio for denigrating chickens and encouraging violence toward them on NPR's "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" and "All Things Considered."
- 🐔 Petitioned Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio to stop farming chickens and ducks.

Alliance to End Chicken Kaporos Campaign - 2020

The Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos is a project of United Poultry Concerns launched in 2010 to expose and eliminate the ritual of Kaporos in which chickens are abused and killed for "atonement" in many ultraorthodox Hasidic communities. Our legal and other actions and reports, 2010-2020, can be viewed on the Alliance website at www.EndChickensAsKaporos.com. Here are a few highlights from 2020.

- 🐔 Attorney for the Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos Files New Motion in Kaporos Case, August 4.
- 🐔 Animal Rights Group Plasters Anti-Kaporos Posters Throughout NYC, September 15.
- 🐔 Animal Rights Activists Rescue 510 Chickens From Slaughter, December 7.
- 🐔 Kaporos Chicken Slaughter: "An Unholy Ritual," *New York Daily News*, September 24.
- 🐔 Chicken Kaporos Webinar: Please Join Us!, October 20.

Fabulous Kiosks & Bus Posters for Chickens and Turkeys! – 2020

- 🐔 UPC Runs Bus Banners in Minneapolis for International Respect for Chickens Day/month of May!
- 🐔 Be Kind to Turkeys – Go Vegan, Miami!, November.

New UPC Website Articles - 2020

- 🐔 Wet Markets or Walmart? Animal Consumption & the Coronavirus, January 31.
- 🐔 Birth of a Baby Chicken: An Easter Story, April 11.
- 🐔 What's *Love* Got to Do with It?, May 19.
- 🐔 Understanding Euthanasia: When Life and Words Become Worthless, June 18.
- 🐔 Role of the Rooster – Father, Lover, Brother, Food-finder, Guardian, Sentinel, July 31.
- 🐔 Slaughterhouse Workers, Farmed Animals, and Animal Advocates: Can There Be Justice For All?, July 28.
- 🐔 *An Underwater Friend* Shines a Light on the Underside of Fishing, August 29.
- 🐔 Can Killing an Animal Be Compensated For by the Creation of a New Animal?, November 6.
- 🐔 The "Thanksgiving" Turkey: Object of Sentimentality, Sarcasm, and Sacrifice, November 25.

Website Videos, Podcasts, Radio Shows – 2020

In 2020, UPC's Projects Manager Hope Bohanec launched her wildly popular *Hope for the Animals* Podcast series with special guests each week promoting animal rights and vegan living around the world. These podcasts are featured in this list of our 2020 Website interviews.

- 🐔 New Podcast: Transforming Ourselves Through Compassion with Judy Carman, December 19.
- 🐔 UPC's Latest Podcast with Sarina Farb Who Was Born Vegan, December 3.
- 🐔 Louie B. Free Interviews Karen Davis, November 23.
- 🐔 Special Holiday Episode of UPC's Podcast Featuring Karen Davis, November 23.
- 🐔 Animal Farming Does Not Support "Ethics" Assurances, November 10.
- 🐔 Two New Podcasts Focused on Fish, November 9.
- 🐔 New Podcast Episode: Eco-Vegan Film Reviews and Media Maven Jane Velez-Mitchell, October 30.
- 🐔 New Podcast Episode: The Importance of Language and an Interview with Filmmaker Jasmine Leyva, October 15.
- 🐔 Living One Webinar with UPC President Karen Davis is Ready to Watch!, October 9.
- 🐔 Two New Podcasts: The Dairy Industry Exposed,

October 8.

- 🐔 New Podcast Episode: More Glimmers of Hope, September 25.
- 🐔 The Humane Hoax Chicken Webinar Videos are Ready to Watch!, September 19.
- 🐔 New Podcast Episode: Rooster Rescuer Justin Van Kleeck, September 5.
- 🐔 New Podcast Episode: Are There Ethical Eggs? and Exposing “Humane” Labeling, August 24.
- 🐔 New Podcast Episode: Vegan Spirituality with Lisa Levinson, August 11.
- 🐔 Reason for Vegan Series 4 & 5 - Turkeys, Ducks, and Geese, July 29.
- 🐔 The Contradiction of “Humane” Meat and Journalist Martha Rosenberg, July 22.
- 🐔 Bird Brainpower and Rescuing Pigeons with Elizabeth Young, July 10.
- 🐔 A Glimmer of Hope and Melanie Joy Explains Carnism, June 29.
- 🐔 Unjust Farm Subsidies and Systemic Racism in the Food System with Connie Spence, June 15.
- 🐔 UPC’s Podcast: Introducing The Reason for Vegan Series, June 5.
- 🐔 Karen Davis returns to BrainFood from the Heartland today for International Respect for Chickens Day, May 4.
- 🐔 “Talking Animals” Radio Show Interviews UPC President Karen Davis for International Respect for Chickens Day: Tune In!, May 2.
- 🐔 UPC’s Hope Bohanec on Speciesism, the Covid-19 Crisis and the Chicken Industry, April 8.
- 🐔 Watch United Poultry Concerns’ 30-Year Anniversary Video!, April 3.
- 🐔 2020 Conscious Eating Conference 2020 Speaker Videos, February 29.
- 🐔 Podcast: Karen Davis on Chickens & Fowl Language on Our Hen House, January 20.

Speaking Engagements, Webinars & Exhibits – 2020:

Karen Davis, Hope Bohanec

- 🐔 Humane Hoax Online Summit, *organized, hosted, and presented*, January 18.
- 🐔 Forks Over Knives Film Showing, Elk Grove, CA, *hosted Q & A after*, January 27.
- 🐔 SacTown VegFest, Sacramento, CA, *hosted UPC table and presented*, February 1.
- 🐔 Climate Summit Webinar, *presented on the*

environmental impact of animal agriculture, February 19.

- 🐔 UPC’s Conscious Eating Conference, Berkeley, CA. *organized, hosted the panel discussion*, February 29.
- 🐔 Interview on a YouTube Channel, April 2.
- 🐔 Online Interview with Animal Rebellion UK for their monthly webinar series, May 23.
- 🐔 Unity/Climate Healers webinar, *presented*, June 22.
- 🐔 Vegan Spiritually Online Gathering, *presented on Ahimsa and Veganism*, September 10.
- 🐔 Humane Hoax Chicken Webinar, *organized and hosted*, September 12.
- 🐔 Living One Podcast with Karen Davis. Kerulos Center, October 4.
- 🐔 San Francisco Virtual VegFest, *presented on Effective Online Activism*, October 11.
- 🐔 Acterra Online Lecture Series *presented on GreenWashing Our Food: The Truth Behind Sustainable Labels*, November 17.

Additional Community Outreach - Exhibits & Demonstrations - 2020

“Kindness Is Contagious – Live Vegan – Wash Your Hands of Animal Suffering” Ad in the *Greenbelt News Review*.

Due to the covid pandemic restrictions in 2020, virtually all of our Outreach activities that year appeared as Internet exhibitions instead of the outdoor VegFests, leafleting and other “in-person” events that we look forward to participating in again soon.

UPC in the News:

PRINT MEDIA (Including Internet Publications): Published Letters, Columns, Citations, 2020

- 🐔 FOR THE BIRDS “Can Only Be Described with Superlatives.” *Animal Culture Magazine*.
- 🐔 “Ethologist Marc Bekoff Interviews Karen Davis About FOR THE BIRDS,” *Psychology Today*.
- 🐔 FOR THE BIRDS: Review by Marit de Haan, Facebook.
- 🐔 Letter: Karen Davis, “Don’t Reject Animal-Free Foods that Resemble Animal Products!” *All Animals*,

HSUS.

Letter: Karen Davis, "It's Time to Rethink Our Food Choices," *Eastern Shore Post* (VA).

Letter: Karen Davis, "Cockfighting Roosters Can Be Rehabilitated," *Voices of Monterey Bay* (CA).

Essay: Karen Davis, "How I Became a 'Poultry' Rights Activist," *Voices For Animal Liberation: Inspirational Accounts By Animal Rights Activists*, March 26.

Essay: Karen Davis, "Employing Euphemism to Falsify the Fate of Farmed Animals," *Animal Agriculture is Immoral*.

Essay: Hope Bohanec, "A New Normal: The Anti-Speciesism Imperative in the Post Covid-19 World," *Animal Agriculture is Immoral*.

Article: "Hard Decisions: How Consumers View Mass Depopulation," *Progressive Farmer*.

Article: "It is Time to Rethink the Way Humans Treat Animals," *Hindustan Times*.

Interview: Karen Davis, "Misery is Not a Health Food," *Animal Culture Magazine*.

BROADCAST MEDIA - 2020

"Talking Animals" Radio Show with Duncan Strauss, April 30.

Louie B. Free Radio, "Brainfood from the Heartland," Youngstown, Ohio, May 4.

Louie B. Free Radio, "Brainfood from the Heartland," Youngstown, Ohio, November 10.

Louie B. Free Radio, "Brainfood from the Heartland," Youngstown, Ohio, November 23.

Financial Report - 2020

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1 - December 31, 2020

Revenues.....	\$338,537
Public Support.....	282,835
Expenses.....	\$353,326
Programs and Education.....	329,490
Organizational Management.....	23,836
Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year.....	\$1,201,110

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