United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2021

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 2021. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for support!

Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2021

For a complete listing of UPC’s action alerts, news, photos & activities in 2021, please visit News Archives 2021 at www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/2021.html.

UPC Sanctuary - 2021

Adopted 7 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 2021 campaign and wide-ranging activities, see www.upc-online.org/respect.

Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach Campaigns: A Shortlist - 2021

- Tell the AVMA to oppose Inhumane “Depopulation” of Farmed Animals, Dec. 28.
- Protest Cruel Chicken-Killing Story on NPR’s This American Life, Nov. 30.
- Protest Cockfighting in Kentucky, Oct. 21.
- Protest Turkeys Stomped On, Punched, Left to Die on “Humane” Farm, Aug. 15.
- Protest Tractor Supply Co. Mistreats Baby Chicks & Ducklings, April 22.
- Support Gender Pronouns for Animals, April 3.
- Protect Baby Chicks & Ducklings, Feb. 28.
- Take Action: Chicks & Ducklings are NOT Easter Toys, Feb. 22.
- Demand that Critter Visits and Timberwind Farms STOP Renting Out Animals, Feb. 2.
- Protest Chicks Dumped in Freezing Garage Waiting to Be Killed, Jan 12.
- Take Action: WALMART Egg Supplier Tortures Caged Hens, Jan 4.

Alliance to End Chicken Kaporos Campaign - 2021

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, 2010-2021, can be viewed on the Alliance website at www.EndChickensAsKaporos.com. Here are a few highlights from 2021.

- 708 Chickens Were Rescued in Brooklyn for Loving Veterinary Care and New Homes!
- 250 Chickens Were Emergency Rescued Sept. 10 when the Truck Driver Carrying Them to Kaporos Sites Abandoned Them in the Street.
- A Powerful New Film Documented the Suffering of the Chickens and Courage of Their Advocates & Rescuers: Slaughter in the Streets of Brooklyn (The Story of Kaporos).
- One Kaporos Chicken-Killing Site Was Shut Down by Police on the Very First Night.

Fabulous Kiosks & Bus Posters for Chickens and Turkeys! – 2021

- Our Turkey Bus Posters in Austin, TX Won Praises, month of November.
- Washington DC Commuter Posters “Kindness is Contagious!” month of May.

New UPC Website Articles - 2021

- Does Guilt Have a Place in Animal Rights Activism? Dec. 6.
- Pre-Slaughter Electric Shock is NOT “Stunning,” Nov. 27.
- Sharing the Love and the Loathing, Nov. 25.
- Traditional Thanksgiving: Where the “Sacred” and the Profane Intersect, Nov. 23.
- In Praise of Roosters, Sept. 19.
- Emergency Rescue of Kaporos Chickens, Sept. 7.
- If Plants Have Feelings, How Does This Affect Our Advocacy for Animals? Aug. 22.
Regarding the Pain of Farmed Animals, Aug 1.
Do Chickens Mind Seeing Other Chickens Traumatized in Their Presence? May 1.
Breaking the Sound of Silence for Good, April 12.
Does Emu Oil “support your passion for wellness to change the world?” April 2.
I Want to Tell You About the Action We Had in a Chicken Farm in Israel, Jan. 26.
Understanding How Chickens Talk, Karen Davis on Vegan India, March 28.

Website Videos, Podcasts, Radio Shows – 2021

UPC Projects Manager Hope Bohanec’s weekly Podcast Series Hope for the Animals, featuring guests promoting animal rights and vegan living, can be listened to here: www.upc-online.org/videos/#hope
Hope Bohanec, Vegan Climate Summit, April 22.
Karen Davis: Talk About Birds at Famous Fido’s Celebration of Life, Nov. 17.
Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos: Video, Sept. 13.
Karen Davis Presentation: Chicken Webinar, May 19.
Karen Davis Presentation: Celebrating Chickens, May 11.

Additional Community Outreach - Exhibits & Demonstrations - 2021

Richmond Vegfest, VA, Oct 2.

Due to covid pandemic restrictions in 2021, most of our Outreach activities that year appeared as Internet exhibitions instead of the outdoor VegFests, leafletting and other in-person events that we normally do.

UPC Opinion in the News:

“Thanksgiving Without a Turkey? A Valid Argument for Skipping the Bird,” Huffington Post, Nov. 4.
“America’s Chicken Wing Shortage is Bad for the Environment,” Newsweek, April 4.
“A Ban on Mail Order Chicks?” Modern Farmer, Feb. 22.

Financial Report - 2021

United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1 - December 31, 2021

Revenues..................................................$276,537
Public Support..........................................251,635
Expenses..................................................$359,522
Programs and Education..........................314,836
Organizational Management....................44,686
Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year......$1,118,125

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