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The Tragedy of Trusting Turkeys

By Karen Davis, PhD
President of United Poultry Concerns



Anthropology has shown that, determined to do violence to an innocent victim, societies must first turn the victim into someone who deserves such treatment, who at some mysterious level even “willed” being placed in an adversarial, self-destructive relationship with the destroyer. Be they “noble” or “dumb,” animals throughout history have been acquiescing at the altar of sacrifice in human narratives, inviting hunters to chase and kill them, begging people to eat them, “contracting” with people to domesticate them and determine their fate. And they have been despised for it, even the so-called noble ones.

As Joy Williams wrote in “The Inhumanity of the Animal People,” in the August 1997 issue of *Harper’s Magazine*, “Their mysterious otherness has not saved them, nor have their beautiful songs and coats and skins and shells, nor have their strengths, their skills, their swiftness, the beauty of their flights.”

According to a hunter, turkeys, though inheriting wildness, retain it only by “constant external stimulation.” By which he means stalking, terrorizing, injuring, and killing them. Indeed, once we start looking at the turkey, the categories of “wild” and “tame” get fuzzy. The bird the early Europeans encountered was not the bird that dominates modern hunters’ discourse. In anecdote after anecdote from the 17th through the 19th centuries, the wild turkey is characterized as showing an almost Disneyesque

friendliness toward people. As John Madson wrote in the *Smithsonian*, “Wild turkeys, as the first settlers found them, were as trusting and unwary as they were plentiful.”

A record of observations bears this out:

Wild turkeys drinking at the river were so undisturbed by a nearby hunter that he took away their broods of chicks without difficulty. They came so close to people they could be shot with a pistol. They were notoriously indifferent to disturbance at roost, which made shooting them at night very popular. They appeared to hover near our fire so we killed them. Turkeys could be so trusting that an observer might believe they were domestic.

It isn’t that these wild birds weren’t alert, savvy, and fully capable of living successfully in their natural environment; they just hadn’t yet learned to live under a relentless human assault. Absent the “constant external stimulation” of human violence toward them, wild turkeys had a tendency to revert to the trustfulness of their ancestors. By the same token, it was not uncommon for domestic turkeys “to revert to the wild,” according to reports that went on to say that, allowed to wander, domestic turkeys “became so wary that they could be recovered only by shooting them.”

The 20th-century disdain for the domestic turkey was held by a 19th-century hunter regarding the wild turkey whom he considered a “stupid, unwary bird.” Who could respect a bird whose flocks maintained their repose upon the sand as steamships rolled along the Mississippi?

Who, then, are *wild* turkeys versus *trusting* turkeys?

The wild turkeys of today are as much a rhetorical invention as they are an aboriginal species that has been “restored.” Restoration of turkey flocks, decimated in the 19th century by relentless killing and destruction of their ancient lands, involved extensive manipulation of the birds and their habitats – everything from specialized feeding programs, crop plantings, and breeding enclosures, to wing-clipping, artificial


incubation, artificial insemination, and culling of captive-raised birds to conform to shifting and competing standards of “purity” and “wildness” ranging from color to cunning. Add to these measures the use of immobilizing drugs, airplane drops, and release of thousands of game-farm hybrid turkeys and “surplus gobblers” prior to hunting season, and you get an idea of the extent to which U.S. tax dollars were spent by the government to resurrect “wild” turkeys so hunters could enjoy having fun with a gun.

Not surprisingly, the combination of human interventions, random matings, turkey escapes and vanishings, has resulted in “stock of doubtful purity,” wildness “tainted with domestic blood,” and diseases in wild turkey populations.

Despite the effort to recreate or construct a “true wild turkey” distinct from commercialized food-industry turkeys, the so-called wild bird keeps revisiting the human scene, walking around in suburbia, midtown, the Bronx. “Wild turkeys have proved to be more adaptable than we ever thought,” a biologist commented. “They often seem unperturbed by people, especially when tempted by a feast and not chased by dogs or guns.” – *Karen Davis*

More Than a Meal

The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality



Karen Davis, Ph.D.

“Not only is *More Than a Meal* an excellent account of the history of hunting, farming, and killing of the turkey, but it is a penetrating examination of the culture of Thanksgiving, in which the turkey plays a central and demeaning role.”—*Lesley Rogers*, Professor of Neuroscience and Animal Behaviour, University of New England, Australia

This article is adapted from *More Than a Meal: The Turkey in History, Myth, Ritual, and Reality*.

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I Feel So Bad for These Turkeys Hauled on Freezing Nights



Photo of turkeys being trucked to a Sara Lee slaughterhouse in Iowa in freezing temperatures, courtesy of Animals Angels.



The Letter to the Editor that follows this Introduction was written by Shane Zoglman and published Nov. 20, 2019 by *The Dubois County Herald* in Indiana, a mid-Western state with a large poultry and egg industry. In granting permission to UPC to share his letter with our readers, Shane added some information about his own evolution from oblivion to activism:

“Howdy, sure, post away. For some history, back when I was a teenager, and didn’t have any good examples or guidance in the form of grownups, I worked for about 4 years on a chicken farm, that is, an egg farm, gathering eggs from the mega-sized houses, taking out the dead and crippled chickens and also taking out the old ones, loading them on semis and putting the new young birds in the cages.

“I also did a few part time jobs of working for a farm where I helped load turkeys into the semis. I have to say I didn’t think about the animals’ suffering, it just

didn’t enter my mind. So I am someone who has seen both sides and has changed a lot over the years. The thing I do not understand is people that never wake up. I think a big help in my waking up to animal cruelty was stumbling onto the Shark Online YouTube channel years ago. I had been to a couple rodeos as a kid, but again, never was aware of the cruelty as I see it now after seeing their videos of rodeo cruelty.

“These days I do not buy guns and ammo to kill animals with. I buy binoculars to enjoy watching them with, and instead of putting effort into killing, I put effort and money into taking in animals that need a home as well as trying to spread some of the message in my own way that things need to change.”

– *Shane Zoglman*



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Here is Shane’s letter in *The Dubois County Herald*, Nov. 20, 2019:

Protect turkeys in trucks from frigid temps

Dubois County Herald

November 20, 2019

To the editor:

Well it is wintertime in Dubois County again and once again the turkey manufacturing industry has done nothing to alleviate the suffering of turkeys being trucked down the highways at night in open cages, going 60-mph with no protection from the horrific freezing cold.

The profiteers of the turkey manufacturing industry cannot be bothered to spend a few bucks to lessen the cruelty they inflict on their product. After all, a healthy profit margin is what life is all about, right?

After their freezing cold, 18-wheeled torture trip, many of the turkeys are thrown still alive into boiling hot water. Then they are sold and shipped to China, where most turkeys “manufactured” in America end up. It’s so great that China gets the food and people in Dubois County get the pollution, the stink and the humanity-degrading, low-paying jobs of inflicting cruelty on animals while a few rich people at the top get the money.

What does it say that Dubois County has so many churches and so many Christmas decorations and so many people that claim to be Christians and yet so much unnecessary horrific animal cruelty and no complaint of it, or effort to do anything to stop it?

You cannot look at humans in middle America and convince me that monsters do not exist. Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

—Shane Zoglman
Jasper, Indiana

Live Bird (Poultry) Markets



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Live bird markets are storefront slaughterhouses where chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, peafowl, chukars (partridges), quails, pigeons, and pheasants are caged in filth awaiting slaughter in a bloody back room. Live animal markets are similar to live animal auctions, except that an auction comprises birds assembled from various locations specifically for further sale, rather than for onsite killing.

one report, chickens infected with avian influenza in a Philadelphia market were supplied by a dealer from New Jersey who bought the infected birds at an auction in Manheim, Pennsylvania.



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Where do the birds come from?

Dealers round up birds from various sources including auctions, other live poultry markets, “free-range” and backyard operations, flea markets, game-bird farms, and factory farms. The markets buy these birds to kill them for resale to walk-in customers, although some markets also sell them to customers to kill at home.

The birds are trucked from one spot to another, often traveling hundreds of miles across state lines without water or food in all kinds of weather. For example, in

At the market

Birds who end up in the market are typically sick, malnourished, injured, and terrified. At the market they are grabbed from the transport cages and stuffed into cages stacked in tiers often on wheeled carts. The encrusted cages contain filthy food trays and dirty or empty water containers often full of feces. The markets smell like the squalid shops they are: places of disease, suffering, cruelty, filth, dying, and death. Huddled in their cages, the birds are forced to listen to the screams of other birds being slaughtered behind a dirty curtain or even killed directly in front of each other.





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Manure and blood are washed down the drain.

Unsold birds and slaughter remains are sold to dealers or rendering companies, or “simply handled as typical garbage,” as a New York State slaughter inspector explained about disposal.



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Laws

Federal or state inspectors visit a market two or three times a year at most, as a perfunctory gesture. State animal cruelty laws are seldom or never enforced. In San Francisco, markets cited by the Department of Animal Care & Control are not prosecuted. The California Department of Food & Agriculture and its counterparts in other states turn a blind eye.



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Live bird markets are linked to frequent avian influenza outbreaks in the U.S. In Asia, these disease-ridden shops are called “wet” markets. Each year, New York and New Jersey markets alone sell more than 80 million chickens and other birds brought in from places no one keeps track of. Although live animal markets spread bird flu, bacterial diseases and the corona virus to both humans and other animals, U.S. Department of Agriculture and state agriculture agencies refuse to shut them down and pay mere lip service to regulating them.

Live poultry markets sell birds for ritual sacrifice.

As an end to their whole sad, miserable life, many live birds are sold by poultry markets to be tortured and killed in sacrificial rituals like Santeria and Kaporos.



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(cont.) Live Bird (Poultry) Markets

What Can I Do?

Live poultry markets are dirty, cruel, contaminated places. They are not an alternative to factory farms. They are *miniature* factory farms and extensions of the factory-farming industry. If you encounter media coverage portraying these putrid places in a rosy light, send a letter to the editor and/or protest to the program director and alert your social media. Inform local health officials that you do not want a slaughter market in your neighborhood. Leaflet in front of live poultry markets and educate people about their ugly reality. Check your local farmers markets to be sure live animals are not being sold. Support your local vegetarian society or start your own group featuring delicious, nutritious animal-free cuisine and education.

For more information about live bird markets and to order copies of this brochure for distribution, visit www.upc-online.org/livemarkets.

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New Podcast Series! Thinking Like A Chicken – News & Views!

“I want to influence people to perceive chickens and turkeys in their own right, apart from the categorical traps in which they are typically held captive.” – Karen Davis

Karen Davis, PhD, President of United Poultry Concerns, has launched an informative biweekly podcast series of 10-minute episodes featuring life from a chicken’s point of view. *If you were just “poultry” to most people, what would you want them to learn, say, think, and do about you?*

“Thinking Like a Chicken” features short, articulate talks about these birds and our advocacy on their behalf. Topics range from inside the poultry industry to life in a sanctuary, a cockfighting ring, a school hatching project, a backyard. Ideas and situations that highlight these birds are discussed. Karen describes her personal experiences with chickens, turkeys and other domesticated birds for more than three decades along with the challenges and ethics of plant-based and “clean-meat” advocacy.



Photo of Karen and Rainbow by Unparalleled Suffering Photography

“While I would not presume to speak for ‘voiceless’ birds — their voices speak for themselves! — I do seek to be their Voice in the public domain to help them be heard. Please join me for these biweekly podcast episodes.”
– Karen Davis, United Poultry Concerns

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“We could no longer look at a piece of meat anymore without seeing the sad face of the suffering animal who had lived in it when the animal was still alive.” He told how, at the slaughter plant where he worked, *“The chickens hang there and look at you while they are bleeding. They try to hide their head from you by sticking it under the wing of the chicken next to them on the slaughter line. You can tell by them looking at you, they’re scared to death.”*

–Virgil Butler, Ex-Tyson Slaughterhouse
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American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Refuses to Oppose Suffocating and Baking Birds to Death in “Depopulation” Killings

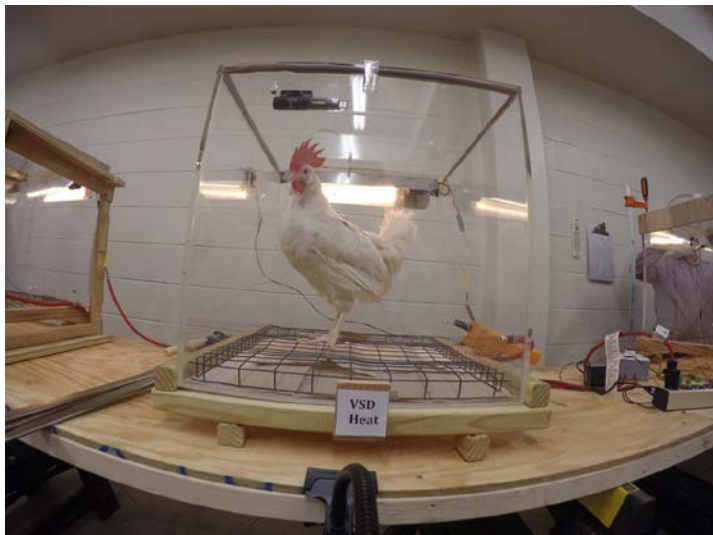


Photo obtained by Animal Outlook via public records request from experiments killing birds by ventilation shutdown performed at the Prestage Department of Poultry Science at North Carolina State University.

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Ramping up our campaign to get the AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association) to stop condoning **Ventilation Shutdown-Plus** – the infliction of heatstroke and suffocation on millions of birds to control avian influenza on factory farms – we ran two full-page ads (see p. 12) in Philadelphia’s largest circulated newspaper, *Metro Philadelphia*, July 27 and August 1 targeting the AVMA’s convention, July 29-August 2. Plus a blast of digital ads displayed 200,000 times to visitors around

the Convention center and delivered to animal activists, charitable donors, veterinarians, vet techs, and people with companion animals in the greater Philadelphia metro area.

Despite pleas from animal advocates and many veterinarians to oppose the use of Ventilation Shutdown-Plus as a method of mass-exterminating birds and pigs in response to avian influenza and other factory-farm disease outbreaks, the AVMA at its annual convention in Philadelphia July 29-August 1 ignored those pleas.

We are urging our supporters to keep up the pressure on the AVMA to condemn VSD-Plus. It is arguably the cruelest of all of the inhumane methods that are used by agribusiness to exterminate chickens, turkeys, ducks, pigs and any farmed animal population agribusiness wants to destroy as cheaply as possible.



Photo: Stefano Belacchi/Equalia / We Animals Media

Veterinarians have an opportunity to uphold medical ethics—and give the nation’s factory-farmed animals a small bit of mercy when they are killed.

This article was produced by [Earth | Food | Life](#), a project of the [Independent Media Institute](#).

July 27, 2022

By Karen Davis, PhD,
President of United Poultry Concerns

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) is holding its annual convention in Philadelphia starting on July 29. This is an opportunity for the group to formulate a policy statement opposing a method of killing farmed animals that epitomizes the inhumane treatment

of millions of birds on factory farms. The method, known as “ventilation shutdown plus (VSD+),” has become the main practice employed by the poultry and egg industries to address avian influenza outbreaks among chronically stressed and disease-prone birds.

This method “requires farmers to cut off airflow and heat their barns to 104 degrees Fahrenheit until the animals die from heatstroke,” states an article in Sentient Media. The “plus” means that, in addition to shutting down the ventilation system during VSD+, the barns are also exposed to extreme heat, humidity, and carbon dioxide (CO₂) to suffocate the animals and bake them alive.

Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a recurring phenomenon in the poultry and egg industries. The current outbreak in the U.S., which began in February, has antecedents in 2015, 2006, and 2003. Low pathogenic avian flu outbreaks in chicken and turkey flocks are routine events involving the mass culling of millions of birds.

On July 21, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service reported that since February, 40 million birds from 391 flocks in 37 states have had the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus. Taxpayers fund the killing of these infected birds through USDA indemnity programs like the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Understandably, most people do not envision the slaughter of thousands of birds dying together in a single facility from suffocation and heat stroke. The occasional glimpse of a truckload of dead chickens on their way to burial or a rendering plant seldom registers unless we are poultry workers, animal advocates, or investigators at an affected farm site.

This year, two separate investigations exposed the gruesome process of VSD+ and its effect on individual birds subjected to the method.

In April, the animal advocacy group Direct Action Everywhere released an investigative video showing the killing of 5 million caged hens by ventilation shutdown at Rembrandt Farms in Iowa following an outbreak of avian influenza there. Investigators found hens “being literally roasted alive—still in their cages, running loose in the

facility’s industrial sheds, even buried alive.”

Also in April, the advocacy group Animal Outlook released a video based on 10 hours of footage taken by researchers at North Carolina State University of a 2016 experiment funded by the U.S. Poultry and Egg Association to study the effects of VSD+ on chickens.

The footage shows hens enclosed individually in ventilation shutdown boxes with windows to observe each hen as she died. Animal Outlook attorney, Will Lowrey, who obtained the footage through public records requests, said the suffering of the hens in the boxes was “extremely profound,” according to an article in *The Intercept*.

These revelations have swelled the number of veterinarians and animal welfare groups urging the AVMA to stop condoning ventilation shutdown, in keeping with the Veterinarian’s Oath from AVMA’s website, to protect animal health and welfare, prevent and relieve animal suffering, and uphold the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

So far, the AVMA has equivocated by condoning the use of VSD+ “in constrained circumstances,” effectively abandoning the birds to commercial expediency. Many chickens, turkeys, and ducks have died of the avian flu virus on factory farms; millions more have been killed without evidence of infection.

Although the AVMA cannot mandate or prohibit any method for exterminating farmed animals, the AVMA’s recommendation against a particular procedure carries industry weight. We believe the AVMA has a moral responsibility toward these trapped and helpless animals, and that this responsibility should transcend an accommodation of commercial priorities.

With guaranteed government indemnities to the industries added to the AVMA’s current approval of VSD+, poultry and egg producers and their trade groups have no incentive to mitigate the squalor and debilitating breeding practices that enable flu viruses to spread among the thousands of birds crammed together in the mammoth industrialized sheds.

In “Prevention of Avian Influenza at Its Animal Source,” the World Organization for Animal Health observes that “good hygiene practices are

(cont.) AVMA Refuses to Oppose Suffocating and Baking Birds to Death

essential to prevent avian influenza outbreaks, because of the resistance of the virus in the environment and its highly contagious nature.”

In reality, industrialized animal farms cannot, by their very nature, be hygienic, although hygienic practices could be vastly improved. As of now, avian influenza epidemics are built into the heavily subsidized poultry industry with no accountability.

These epidemics will continue if no action is taken, especially by the organization that has sworn to protect animals from preventable suffering.

Accordingly, the AVMA should oppose ventilation shutdown and ventilation shutdown plus. This should be a priority topic at the AVMA’s convention in Philadelphia, with a tangible moral result.

– Karen Davis

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They Shut Their Ears to Her Cries as She Died a Merciless Death

The suffering of these hens is “extremely profound.” – Attorney Will Lowrey, *Animal Outlook*

Investigators found hens “literally roasted alive – still in their cages . . . even buried alive.” – *Direct Action Everywhere*

“We are concerned that our reputation as caring advocates for animals is tarnished each time our profession is used to lend legitimacy to this brutal practice.” – *Our Honor in a letter to The American Veterinary Medical Association*

The American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) is holding their annual convention in Philadelphia this month. We are calling on the AVMA to use the opportunity to formally oppose a merciless method of exterminating millions of helpless birds on factory farms, to control the avian influenza outbreaks that constantly infect these birds, mired helplessly in disease-spreading squalor.

Called Ventilation Shutdown-Plus, this method involves sealing up the buildings and shutting off the air supply. The “Plus” means adding intolerable levels of heat and carbon dioxide poisoning, resulting in a slow, agonizing death by suffocation and heatstroke for millions of chickens, turkeys and ducks.

U.S. taxpayers pay for these killings through U.S. Department of Agriculture subsidies aimed at protecting industry profits at the expense of the animals. Since February, 40 million birds have died this horrible death.

Veterinarians and animal advocates have begged the AVMA to stop condoning Ventilation Shutdown-Plus as a favor to agribusiness, and to honor the Veterinarian’s



Direct Action Everywhere (DxE) photo of a hen who survived VSD+ killings at Rembrandt Farms in Iowa in March 2022

Oath to prevent and relieve animal suffering and uphold the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

So far, the AVMA has turned a deaf ear.

While the AVMA cannot ban Ventilation Shutdown-Plus, their opposition to a particularly inhumane method of killing carries industry weight.

We believe the AVMA has a moral obligation toward these trapped and helpless animals – an obligation over and above corporate cozying.

Please urge the AVMA to condemn Ventilation Shutdown-Plus.

Urge the AVMA to step up for the birds and all animals they are pledged to protect.

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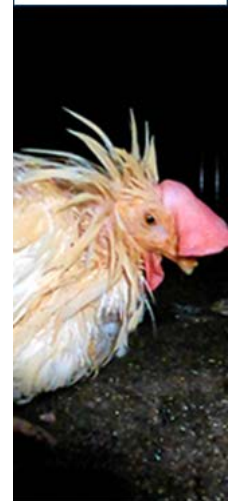
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End Chickens as Kaporos Activities in Progress as We Go to Press



Kaporos photos by Unparalleled Suffering Photography, September, 2021

Given the overlap of this year's Kaporos ritual with the publication of our magazine, we will hold off reporting on the activities of the Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos until the next issue. Suffice to say that we are on the streets of Brooklyn to bear witness to the chickens' suffering and mistreatment and that our Rescue Team is rescuing and placing many chickens in loving homes and sanctuaries in October that have long been ready and eager to receive them.



United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2021



UPC outdoor aviary photo by Richard Cundari

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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!



UPC sanctuary hens. Photo by Howard Edelstein, December 12, 2021

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.

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- 🐔 Alert: Massachusetts Legislature Betrays Hens and Voters, Dec. 31.
- 🐔 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.
- 🐔 Take Action: Turkey Education Action, Washington State, Nov. 21.
- 🐔 Protest Cockfighting in Kentucky, Oct. 21.
- 🐔 Protest Turkeys Stomped On, Punched, Left to Die on “Humane” Farm, Aug. 15.
- 🐔 Urge NYS Legislators to Support Bill to Ban Live Animal Shipments in New York, Feb. 24.
- 🐔 Protest Tractor Supply Co. Mistreats Baby Chicks & Ducklings, April 22.
- 🐔 Take Action: Tractor Supply Employee Exposes Company Cruelty to Baby Birds, April 16.
- 🐔 Support Gender Pronouns for Animals, April 3.
- 🐔 Urge Associated Press to Update Animal Pronouns, March 26.
- 🐔 Protect Baby Chicks & Ducklings, Feb. 28.
- 🐔 Take Action: Chicks & Ducklings are NOT Easter Toys, Feb. 22.
- 🐔 Protest NPR’s Promotion of Chicken “Wings,” Feb. 7.
- 🐔 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.
- 🐔 Alliance Strategy Team Conducted Professional Orientation Workshops Aug. 23-24.

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.
- 🐔 Moral Injury in Animal Advocates & Nonhuman Animals. Oct. 27.
- 🐔 In Praise of Vegan Voices: Book Review, Oct. 13.
- 🐔 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: The Real Truth About Health Conference, April 28.
- ♥ Hope Bohanec, Vegan Climate Summit, April 22.
- ♥ Karen Davis: Video on Becoming an Activist, Humane Education, & “Humane” Farming, Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario posted Dec. 31, 2021.
- ♥ Karen Davis: The Vibrant Voices of Chickens, Dec. 14.
- ♥ Karen Davis: Talk About Birds at Famous Fido’s Celebration of Life, Nov. 17.
- ♥ Karen Davis: Radio Interview on Peace & Social Justice, Oct. 19.
- ♥ Alliance to End Chickens as Kaporos: Video, Sept. 13.
- ♥ Karen Davis Presentation: Animal Place Farmed Animal Conference E-Summit, July 26.
- ♥ Karen Davis Presentation: Chicken Webinar, May 19.
- ♥ Karen Davis Presentation: Celebrating Chickens, May 11.
- ♥ Karen Davis Presentation: Animal Voices Vancouver, BC, May 6.
- ♥ Karen Davis Presentation: What’s in a Word: The Curious Problem with “Meat,” March 2.

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, leafleting and other in-person events that we normally do.

UPC Opinion in the News:

- ♥ “Consider Some New Traditions,” Letter by Karen Davis, *The Riverdale Press*, NY, Dec. 15, 21.
- ♥ “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

United Poultry Concerns gratefully acknowledges the kind assistance of:

Lauren Marino, Fidelity Charitable	\$10,000
Harold B Larson Charitable Trust	\$21,087
Estate of Ann Zion	\$11,565
Rhoda Christopher	\$6,500
VEG Investment Trust	\$22,000
Rita Lemongello	\$5,600
Mike Spurlino	\$8,000

Thank you for your support

Freddaflower Memorial & Appreciation Fund

The pain of losing them is the price we pay for the privilege of knowing them and sharing their lives . . .

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, both those who have passed away and those who are with us.

Our adorable rooster, Lorenzo, was brought to our sanctuary in 2013 by caring people who said neighbors complained that he crowed too loud in their Raleigh, NC suburb. Living with us, Lorenzo crowed as loud and as often as he pleased! We loved his exuberant and sweet personality. He died on Sunday, July 31, 2022 from complications due to his advanced age.



Photo by Richard Cundari, May 21, 2014

Lorenzo

Jewel, our white Pekin duck in front, enjoyed quiet time with his companion Jamaica. They were rescued from a bad situation in Charlottesville, VA February 19, 2018 together with two other ducks, both males. Sadly, on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, Jewel had to be euthanized at the animal hospital after he lost his coordination and could no longer function physically. Jamaica meanwhile is doing very well. – *United Poultry Concerns*



Photo by Richard Cundari

Jewel and Jamaica

My contribution to UPC is my translation of your new English-language brochure *Live Bird (Poultry) Markets* into Spanish, *Mercados de Aves Vivas (Aves de corral)*. My son and I are very happy to help you and your cause. My heart goes out to these birds and we do whatever we can when able. – *Carolina Roberts*

In honor of Nero, Fredericka, Julie, Nathaniel, Leonard, and Bertha, remembered forever and sadly missed. – *Paul Deane*

My gift is in honor of All God's Creatures. – *Brien Comerford*

Free Ways to Help United Poultry Concerns Raise Much-Needed Funds

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Every time you shop at any of 1600+ online stores in the iGive network, a portion of the money you spend benefits United Poultry Concerns. It's a free service, and you'll never pay more when you reach a store through iGive. In fact, smart shoppers will enjoy iGive's repository of coupons, free shipping deals, and sales. To get started, just create your free iGive account. And when you search the web, do it through iSearchiGive.com where each search means a penny (or more!) for our cause!

Start iGiving at: www.iGive.com/UPC and help UPC get every possible donation when you shop or search online!



*Vegan Recipe Corner***Vegan Green Bean Casserole***Recipe by NoraCooks.com***Ingredients**

- 2 pounds fresh or frozen green beans
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 8 ounces mushrooms, sliced
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup vegetable broth
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsweetened vegan creamer
- 1 1/2 cups plain unsweetened soy or almond milk
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste
- 6 ounces french fried onions

Instructions

1. Cook the Beans: Trim the ends, if using fresh beans. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, then add the beans and cook for 5 minutes. Drain and set aside.
2. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. If you don't

have a 10-inch cast iron skillet, lightly grease a large casserole dish and set aside.

3. Warm the oil in a large cast iron skillet (10 inches) over medium-high heat. Now add the mushrooms and garlic and cook for 3-5 minutes until the mushrooms are soft.
4. Sprinkle the flour on top of the mushrooms, then slowly add the vegetable broth and stir until the mixture thickens. Add the vegan creamer, then the non-dairy milk, stirring frequently for about 5 minutes until thick and creamy. Add salt to taste. Remove from heat.
5. To the skillet, add the green beans and 1/3 cup of the french-fried onions. (If you don't have a cast iron skillet, add all ingredients to the casserole dish instead.)
6. Top with the rest of the french-fried onions, place the cast iron skillet (or casserole dish) in the oven and cook for 15-20 minutes, until the onions are crispy but not burnt. Serve immediately.



For more great recipes, go to
www.upc-online.org/recipes!

Photo by Liqin Cao

POSTCARDS

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"Love is Best"



"Peaceable Kingdom"



"Chickens - To Know Them is to Love Them"



"Misery is Not a Health Food"

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- "Viva, the Chicken Hen / Chickens Raised for Meat"
- "Jane-one tiny chicken foot"
- "Starving Poultry for Profit" (forced molting)
- "Poultry Slaughter: The Need for Legislation"
- "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"
- "Guide to Staffing Tables: Do's & Don'ts"
- "Henny's New Friends"
- "Avoiding Burnout"
- "The Life of One Battery Hen"
- "Bird Flu - What You Need to Know"
- "How I Learned the Truth About Eggs"

"Peeper the Turkey, a Story of Endless Love"

"Factory Farming vs. Alternative Farming: The Humane Hoax"

BROCHURES

20 for \$3.00

- "A Wing & A Prayer" (Kapparot ritual)
- "Don't Plants Have Feelings Too?"
- "Chickens"
- "The Battery Hen"
- "Turkeys"
- "Ostriches & Emus: Nowhere To Hide"
- "Japanese Quail"
- "The Use of Birds In Agricultural and Biomedical Research"
- "Free-Range' Poultry and Eggs: Not All They're Cracked Up to Be" - New & Revised!
- "Live Poultry Markets" (in English, Spanish, & Chinese)
- "Chicken-Flying Contests"

LEAFLETS (FLYERS)

10 for \$1.00, 25 for \$2.50

- "Chicken for Dinner?"
- "The 'Human' Nature of Pigeons"
- "The Truth about Feather Hair Extensions"
- "Birds Suffer Horribly for Pillows & Coats"

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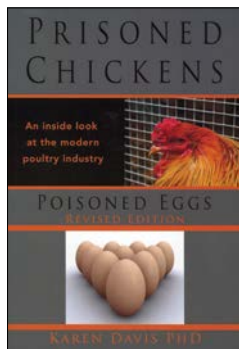


BOOKS

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

By Karen Davis

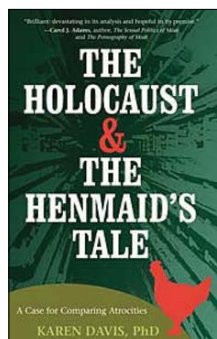
This newly revised edition of *Prisoned Chickens, Poisoned Eggs* looks at avian influenza, food poisoning, chicken suffering, genetic engineering, and the growth of chicken rights activism since the 1990s. Presents a compelling argument for a compassionate plant-based cuisine. "Riveting . . . Brilliant." – *Choice magazine, American Library Association* \$14.95. 40% off bulk orders of 5 (\$8.97 each) = \$44.85 for 5.



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

By Karen Davis

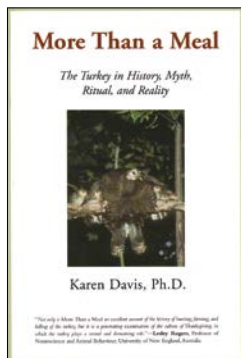
In this thoughtful and thought-provoking contribution to the study of animals and the Holocaust, Karen Davis makes the case that significant parallels can – and must – be drawn between the Holocaust and the institutionalized abuse of billions of animals on factory farms. "Compelling and convincing . . . this bold, brave book." – Charles Patterson, author of *Eternal Treblinka* \$14.95



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

By Karen Davis

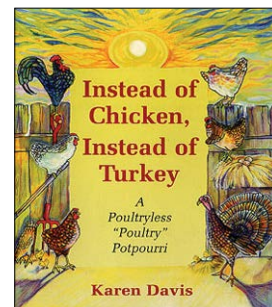
Karen Davis shows how turkeys in the wild have complex lives and family units, and how they were an integral part of Native American and continental cultures and landscape before the Europeans arrived, while drawing larger conclusions about our paradoxical relationship with turkeys, all birds and other animals including other human beings. "The turkey's historical disfigurement is starkly depicted by Karen Davis in 'More Than a Meal.'" – *The New Yorker* \$14.95



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

By Karen Davis

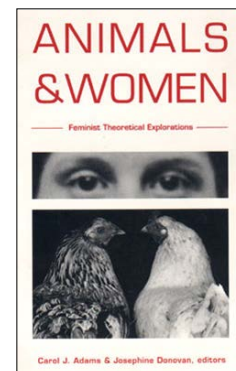
This delightful vegan cookbook by United Poultry Concerns features homestyle, ethnic, and exotic recipes that duplicate and convert a variety of poultry and egg dishes. Includes artwork, poems, and illuminating passages showing chickens and turkeys in an appreciative light. \$14.95



Animals and Women: Feminist Theoretical Explorations

Edited by Carol J. Adams & Josephine Donovan

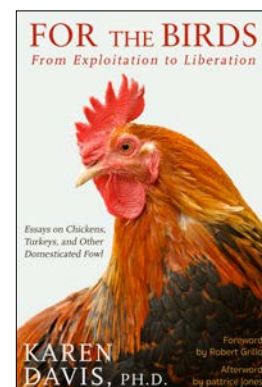
"Karen Davis's brilliant essay [Thinking Like a Chicken: Farm Animals and The Feminine Connection] brings together the book's central concepts, leading to conclusions that rightly should disturb feminists and animal advocates alike." – Review by Deborah Tanzer, Ph.D. in *The Animals' Agenda*. \$16.95



For the Birds: From Exploitation to Liberation

Essays by Karen Davis

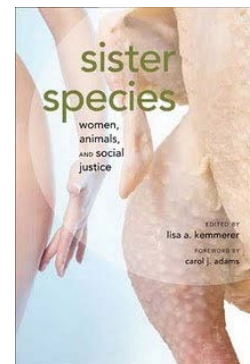
FOR THE BIRDS "Can Only Be Described with Superlatives" – *Animal Culture Magazine*. \$20



Sister Species: Women, Animals, and Social Justice

Edited by Lisa Kemmerer, Forward by Carol J. Adams

Sister Species presents the experiences of fourteen women activists who are working on behalf of non-human animals and a more just and compassionate world. \$14.95



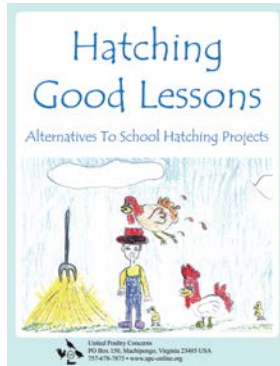
CHILDREN'S BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Hatching Good Lessons: Alternatives To School Hatching Projects

By *United Poultry Concerns*

A guide booklet for elementary school teachers and other educators including parents. 16 pages of information, storytelling, classroom activities & color photos. Grades K-6 (some activities are designed for K-12). \$2.50 per booklet. 5 for \$5. It can be viewed and printed out at

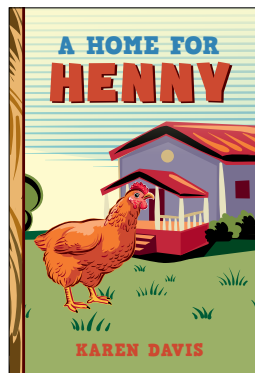
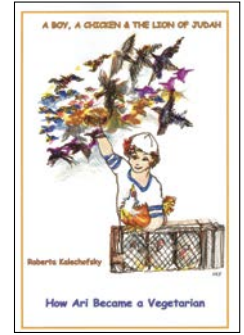
www.upc-online.org/hatching.



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

By *Roberta Kalechofsky*

This wonderfully gifted children's story, set in modern Israel, is about a young boy's quest for moral independence. An intelligent book for all ages. Winner of the Fund for Animals "Kind Writers Make Kind Readers Award." \$10



A Home for Henny

By *Karen Davis*

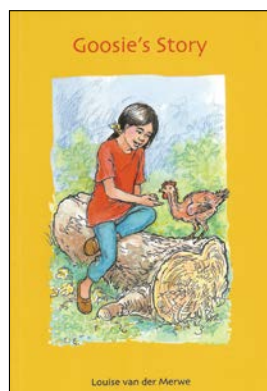
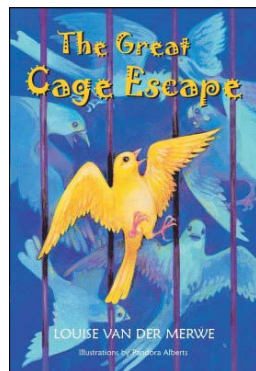
Melanie is a 3rd grader who is excited about a chick hatching project in her class at school. The project seemed like a good idea at first, but unexpected problems arise and the whole class learns a lesson in compassion. When the project is over, Melanie adopts one of the chicks she names Henny. *A Home for Henny* explores the challenges and concerns with school hatching projects

while evoking the lively personality of Henny and her loving relationship with Melanie. \$6.99

The Great Cage Escape

Grades 4-7. By *Louise Van Der Merwe*

The birds in a pet shop think they are happy until a brown box punched full of air holes is left overnight on their front door step. The creature inside looks very weird at first. But as his feathers begin to grow, his true identity becomes apparent, and the stories he tells inspire the pet shop birds to pull off a Great Cage Escape. This is a story that encourages respect for all forms of life and helps learners realize that heaven can be right here on earth if we choose to make it so. \$4.95



Goosie's Story

By *Louise Van Der Merwe*

A touching story about a "battery" hen who is given a chance to lead a normal life – a happy life. This moving book will be warmly welcomed and shared by children, parents and teachers, highlighting as it does the concern and compassion we ought to feel for all our feathered friends on this earth. \$4.95



Dave Loves Chickens

By *Carlos Patino*

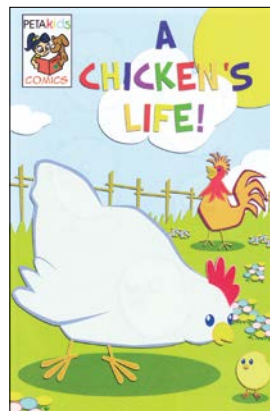
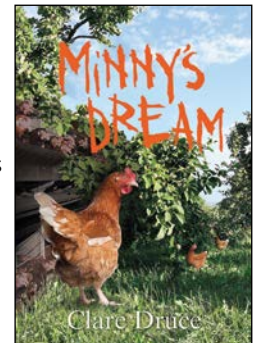
Dave is a quirky monster from another planet who loves chickens and all animals on Earth. He encourages people to share his love and not eat any

animals! Filled with fun and bold colors, this book is perfect for young children to learn compassion for chickens and all animals in a sweetly told, lovable story. \$10

Minnie's Dream

By *Clare Druce*

What happens when a young girl from the city discovers a battery-hen operation in the country? What happens when a "battery hen" named Minny speaks to her? What must she do when her friend Minny is going to be killed? This book is a must for the young person(s) in your life, age 8-14. \$10



A Chicken's Life!

Grades 4-6. *PETAkids Comics*

This cute comic book illustrates a group of children visiting an animal sanctuary where they meet a flock of chickens and learn all about them including the differences between Nature's Way and The Factory Farm Way. "Are these chickens really your friends?" they ask. "I've never met a chicken before." *A Chicken's Life* includes a puzzle for elementary school students to unscramble

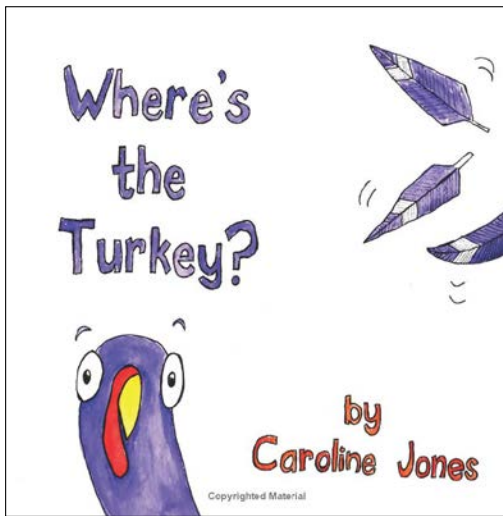
words including barn, beak, cluck, feathers, grass, hatch, peck, peep, wings, and lots more. \$1.50 each. 10 for \$10.

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(continued) CHILDREN’S BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Where’s the Turkey?, by Caroline Jones, is a charming and adorable book for young children. The child is engaged in a journey, with visual clues in the illustrations, toward discovering where the turkey is, which is not on the table. Young children love the “look-and-find” challenge page by page. I recommend this book most highly. It illustrates a Happy Thanksgiving with the whole family and a delicious Thanksgiving feast for which the turkeys themselves can give thanks for enjoying the day in their own happy “turkey” way. \$6.99

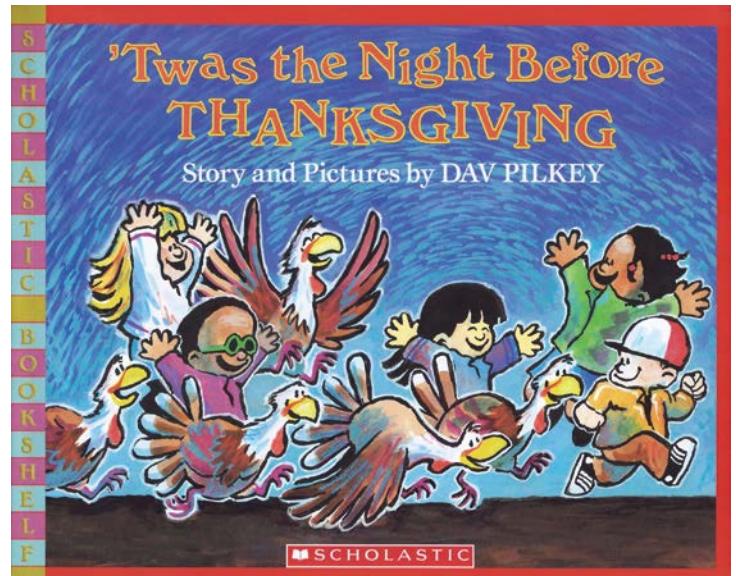
– Karen Davis, United Poultry Concerns



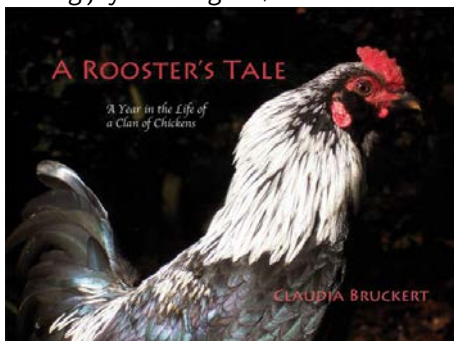
'Twas the Night Before THANKSGIVING

Story and Pictures by Dav Pilkey, Scholastic Book Shelf

Turkeys don’t usually celebrate Thanksgiving. And they wish we wouldn’t either! Here is a tale of eight children who meet eight turkeys who are in big trouble. Only the kids can keep the turkeys from meeting their Thanksgiving fate. But how will they save the turkeys? \$6.99

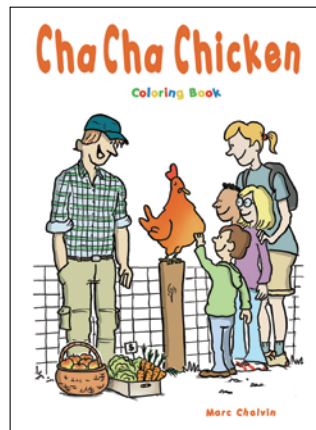


A Rooster’s Tale: A Year in the Life of a Clan of Chickens, by Claudia Bruckert, transports readers to the fascinating world of Change, who tells the real life story of his chicken family during his first year of life. Enchanting experiences and intriguing facts, chronicled and photographed beautifully over the course of one year, convey deep insights into the daily life of chickens. Grades 3-12 and a reading joy for all ages. \$20



Cha Cha Chicken Coloring Book By Marc Chalvin

Narrated by Cha Cha the hen, this book invites children to visit Green Farm sanctuary and learn about the happy animals who live there. Written by Marian Hailey-Moss and illustrated by Marc Chalvin, Cha Cha shows children that chickens are people too and invites them to color their world beautiful! *Cha Cha Chicken Coloring Book* is a delightful gift for children K-3. \$10



Chickens at Play

By United Poultry Concerns

This vibrant video shows chickens at the United Poultry Concerns sanctuary accompanied by lively music, with brief explanations of what the chickens are doing throughout their daily activities into the evening as, one by one, they hop up to their perches for the night. Narrated by a young child. 10:04 minutes. DVD. \$5. \$12.50 for 5. Watch: <http://vimeo.com/13210456>



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International Respect for Chickens Day

Celebrate 12.5" x 17" Wings 12" x 16"



A Heart Beats in Us the Same as in You

Photo by PeTA. Full-color poster vividly captures the truth about factory chickens for the public. Vegetarian message. 18"x22".



Today's chickens are forced to grow too big too fast. They're forced to live in filth. They go to slaughter with yellow pus, harmful bacteria, heart and lung disease, tumors, crippled legs, sick immune systems, and more. Millions of dollars are spent hiding these facts.

Friends, Not Food

Photo by Franklin Wade. Liqin Cao & FreddaFlower. Full color 19"x27" poster.



WHAT WINGS ARE FOR



CHICKS NEED THEIR MOTHERS

Photos by Jim Robertson & Karen Davis. Great educational tool. Full color 11-1/2"x16" poster.

Walking to Freedom After a Year in Cages

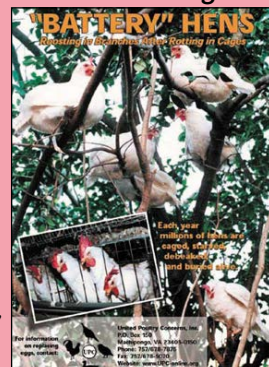
Photo by Dave Clegg. Full color, 18"x22" poster.



"Battery" Hens

Roosting in Branches After Rotting in Cages

Photo by Susan Rayfield. This beautiful color poster shows the rescued Cypress hens at UPC. Perfect for your office, your home, your school. 11.5"x16".



Great Turkeys Poster!

Photos by Barbara Davidson & Susan Rayfield. The posters are in color, and come in two sizes: 11.5" x 16", and 18" x 27".

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