

Fall 2025

Volume 35, Number 2



# Poultry Press

*Promoting the compassionate and respectful treatment of domestic fowl*

*Celebrating 35 years of dedicated activism for domestic fowl*

## United Poultry Concerns

P.O. Box 150  
Machipongo, VA  
23405-0150

(757) 678-7875

[info@upc-online.org](mailto:info@upc-online.org)

Visit Our Web Site:  
[www.upc-online.org](http://www.upc-online.org)



*Sponsor a Precious UPC  
Sanctuary Resident*



[www.upc-online.org/sponsor](http://www.upc-online.org/sponsor)



*Chickens love woodsy places, reminding them of their original tropical forest home. Their genes hold their ancestral memory. UPC photo by Liqin Cao, August 9, 2025.*

## Pennsylvania Bill to Ban Live Pigeon Shoots: Please Contact the House Judiciary Committee

**H**ouse Bill 1097 to ban barbaric pigeon shoots in Pennsylvania, sponsored by Rep. Perry Warren, has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee after securing strong bipartisan support and numerous co-sponsors. At this point, it would be most helpful to contact members of the Judiciary Committee and urge them to bring up the bill for a vote. To contact the committee, please visit the following link: [www.upc-online.org/pa-hb1097](http://www.upc-online.org/pa-hb1097).

Live pigeon shoots are barbaric bloodsports that inflict needless terror, pain, and death on defenseless birds. These terrified pigeons—often stolen from city streets—are released mid-air only to be riddled with bullets. Many are left wounded, suffering slowly from broken necks, crushed skulls, or worse. This is cruelty masquerading as entertainment, a shameful practice that must end.

This bill defines a summary offense for individuals who willfully organize, operate, conduct, or knowingly permit a premises to be used for a contest or event where live pigeons are used as targets for amusement or as a test of skill in marksmanship. While HB 1097

leaves existing hunting and certain animal training activities untouched, its passage would still represent a significant step forward in protecting pigeons. New York City Council Member Carlina Rivera wrote to Pennsylvania House Majority Leader Rep. Matt Bradford, stressing that the bill's passage would also help curb the illegal trafficking of pigeons from New York into Pennsylvania for these cruel events

### What Can I Do?

- ❖ Please visit [www.upc-online.org/pa-hb1097](http://www.upc-online.org/pa-hb1097) to contact the members of the House Judiciary Committee and urge them to bring up HB1097 for a vote.
- ❖ For more information about pigeons, please read *The "Human" Nature of Pigeons* below.

***Thank You for Taking Action!***

## The "Human" Nature of Pigeons



Photo by Karen Benzel

*Pigeons are highly intelligent birds and model parents. Their hearts and minds are akin to our own. Pigeons have keen eyes and versatile perceptions. They can fly over 90 miles an hour and find their way home from thousands of miles away. Pigeons can live up to 10 or more years.*

### Courtship and Family

Pigeon pairs stay together for life. They normally raise 5 or 6 families a year, two chicks at a time. When pigeons are courting, they coo and nibble each others' necks affectionately. The male pigeon feeds his mate regurgitated food, which she receives by putting her beak into his in the practice known as "billing."



City pigeons lay their eggs in nests they make together out of twigs, which they bring to windowsills and other high ledges. We seldom see the eggs or the babies, since usually either the mother or father pigeon is sitting on them, keeping them safe and warm. After about 17 days, the baby pigeons peck their way out of the eggs. The parent birds attentively feed and care for their nestlings for the next 4 or 5 weeks.

*"I look out. It happened! There are two baby chicks. They're poking out from under the big pigeon. . . . As I watch, the big pigeon bends down and puts his beak right around a baby's mouth, feeding the baby pigeon milk. Then he feeds the second one. . . ."* – Miriam Schlein, "Notes of a pigeon-watcher," *Pigeons*

Pigeons are the only birds who feed their babies milk. Pigeon milk comes from the parent bird's crop (the pouch in birds' throats where food is stored). The baby pigeon sticks its bill – practically its whole head – into the parent's mouth, to be fed. Both mother and father pigeons feed their chicks milk.

*"The sitting bird is alert to every sound and movement. If the approaching animal is a cow or horse, the bird stays on its nest. If a person – a hereditary enemy – approaches, the pigeon weighs the chances of remaining undetected. . . . If, at the last moment, it becomes evident to the pigeon that the human has noticed it, the bird hastily departs. . . . The ability to delay response to a threat or an enticement while awaiting developments, as pigeons and many other birds do, is an indication of intelligence. A pair of pigeons can simultaneously attend a nestling that has fallen prematurely from a high nest and one that remains in the nest."* – Alexander F. Skutch, *The Minds of Birds*, p. 120.

## Why Do Pigeons Like Cities?

City pigeons are descendants of wild rock doves, birds who nest high on cliffs and rock ledges. Tall city buildings – windowsills, steeples, towers, roofs – are like "cliffs," so pigeons feel at home. Their long, thin toes can curl around and get a firm grip on any ledge. Pigeons eat a lot of food, and very fast, but they test their food first to make sure it's safe, picking it up and dropping it 3 or 4 times to get the feel of it. *"And if they do happen to eat something that makes them sick – say, a certain kind of berry – they will never eat that same kind of thing again"* (Schlein).

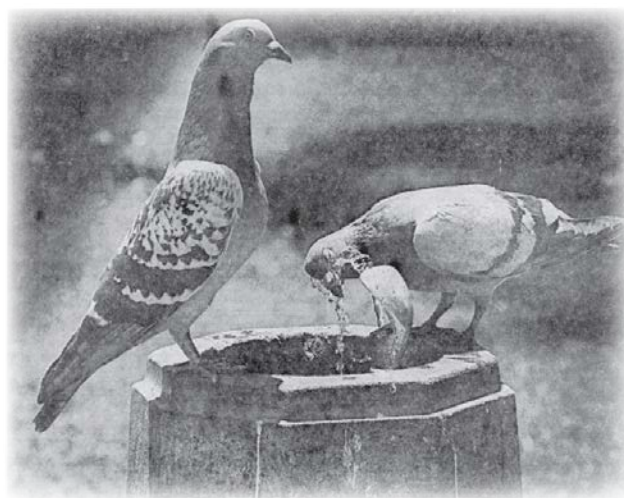
## Science Shows Pigeons Are Extremely Smart

Pigeons demonstrate an amazing ability to handle complex geometrical, spatial, sequential, and photographic concepts and impressions, to solve all kinds of complicated problems, retain precise memories, and invent ways to communicate their understanding, intentions, and needs to human beings.

For example, when shown photographs, pigeons can recognize water as a drop, puddle, pool or an ocean. They recognize a tree whether they see it whole or in part. *"They could even learn to distinguish pictures portraying fishes in various orientations from pictures without fishes. Evidently, pigeons' ability to form categories is not limited to things important to them in natural habitats – such as trees that give shelter and sites for their nests, and people who might harm them – but is much more general"* (Skutch, p. 120).

So intelligent have pigeons and other birds been shown to be over the past hundred years that an international group of avian (bird) scientists is calling for a whole new vocabulary to describe the various parts of a bird's brain – now known to be *"an intricately wired mass that processes information in much the same way as the vaunted human cerebral cortex."* – Rick Weiss, "Bird Brains Get Some New Names, And New Respect," *The Washington Post*, Feb. 1, 2005.

Pigeons are a wonderful part of the community of life. They deserve our respect and protection.



*Pigeons suck up water very fast, like they're using a straw. Other birds lift their heads to swallow, then bend down for another sip.*

## Poultry Press

is published quarterly by United Poultry Concerns, Inc., a national nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization incorporated in the State of Maryland. Federal ID: 52-1705678

EDITOR:  
Franklin Wade

GRAPHIC DESIGN:  
Franklin Wade

## UNITED POULTRY CONCERNS, INC.

In Memory of KAREN DAVIS, PhD,  
President and Founder

OFFICERS:  
LIQIN CAO  
President-Director

FRANKLIN WADE  
Vice President-Director

DEBORAH PRUE  
Secretary Treasurer-Director

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR/  
GRAPHIC DESIGNER:  
FRANKLIN WADE

DATABASE MANAGER &  
CORRESPONDENT:  
RONNIE STEINAU

WEB ASSISTANT &  
PODCAST ADMINISTRATOR:  
BILL FERGUSON

SANCTUARY INFRASTRUCTURE  
MANAGER:  
WAYNE WILLS

SANCTUARY ASSISTANTS:  
JAMES ARMENTROUT  
TIMOTHY RICH

KAPOROS RESCUE TEAM  
COORDINATORS:  
JILL CARNEGIE  
PAOLA GAVINO  
VIOLA AGOSTINI

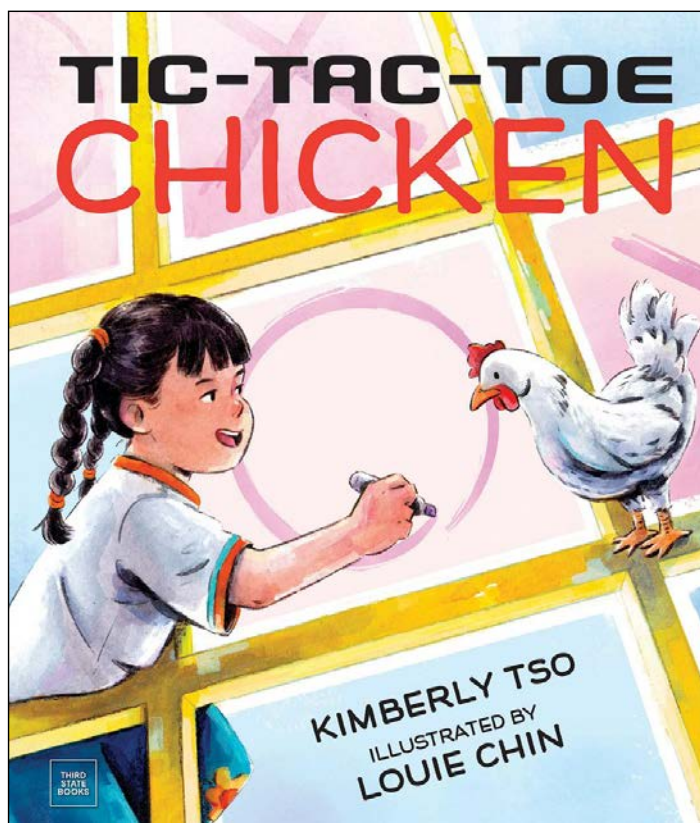
ALLIANCE COFOUNDER &  
ACTIVIST:  
RINA DEYCH

## Tic-Tac-Toe Chicken – A Heartwarming New Children’s Book

When eight-year-old Beatrice sees Lillie, a chicken trained to play tic-tac-toe in Chinatown, she worries that a game arcade is not a good place for a chicken to live. She devises a plan: she will challenge the arcade's Big Boss to a game of tic-tac-toe to win Lillie's freedom. Featuring vibrant paintings, *Tic-Tac-Toe Chicken* shows how children can form deep friendships with animals, stand up for what they believe in and solve tough problems with clever thinking.

Order *Tic-Tac-Toe Chicken* at  
[www.kimberlytso.com/tic-tac-toe-chicken](http://www.kimberlytso.com/tic-tac-toe-chicken)

*Tic-Tac-Toe Chicken* is a beautifully illustrated book for children inspired by the true rescue story of Lily the chicken that was originally published in Spring/Summer 1998 *Poultry Press*. See next page.



Would you like to do more to help the birds?  
Just go to [www.upc-online.org/email](http://www.upc-online.org/email) and sign up to  
**BECOME A UPC E-SUBSCRIBER!**  
News updates, action alerts, upcoming events and more!

***“Lunched. Played tick-tack-toe with chicken at Chinatown Fair that replaced the one named Willy who died during last year’s heat wave. Lost.”***

Michael T. Kaufman, *The New York Times*,  
May 11, 1994.

## **“She’s Free!”**

**by Joy To The World**

(First published in Spring/Summer 1998 *Poultry Press*.)

**February 23, 1998**

I was told around Christmas time that a poor chicken in a Chinatown arcade here in New York City was forced to play tic-tac-toe in order to get food. This had evidently gone on for years. Horrified, I decided to rescue her, so Patrick Kwan and I made a date to meet at his apartment on Thursday, January 29 at 5:00 pm to free the chicken.

He took me to the Chinatown Arcade at 8 Mott Street. There I saw the hen in her box. The manager/owner was out, but we were told to come back in two hours, which we did. Mr. Samuel, the manager, was in his booth giving customers coins for bills to play the games. It was so noisy I could hardly hear him. I begged Mr Samuel to let me please have the chicken, whom I immediately named Lily.

Mr. Samuel said, “Come back in a month.” I said I couldn’t. Mr. Samuel said. “Come back in a week.” “No!” I begged and begged, “I have to take her today.” He said he needed a moment to pray for the decision he should make – we were both still. Then he turned to me and said: “Take the chicken!” I hugged him I was so grateful.

He told me he gave the chicken to me because I treated him like a human being, whereas others had come in threatening to bomb the place. To all those who tried before me, whatever their methods, I want to say a huge thank you. You paved the way, you awakened his consciousness, and even one of Mr. Samuel’s employees tried to persuade him to free Lily.

### **Out of There!**

Lily went home with me that night in a taxi. I gasped at her 3 1/2 inch nails and dirty rear end, but did some fast grooming. She loved walking on my

soft living room rug, the first time she didn’t have wire under her feet. The next morning she lay in the sun streaming in the window. I was able to remove a hideous ring through her wing. I put food everywhere, in dishes, on the floor, in my hand, but she kept pecking the walls, like in the tic-tac-toe game expecting food to come out.

I called United Poultry Concerns for advice. The next day Lily caught on that she didn’t have to perform to get fed. We had a beautiful Saturday together. On Sunday, February 1st, Lily was driven to Massachusetts where she is safe and happy with two good friends and their other rescued birds.

I went the next week to call on Mr. Samuel, to tell him how happy Lily was and to give him pictures of her in my apartment framed as a thank you. He told me he had had money offers for the empty chicken cage machine. I said, “Please don’t sell it for another chicken to suffer in. I will buy the machine and destroy it.” He promised he wouldn’t sell it to anyone or get another chicken.



Photo by Matt Kelly

**Safe at her new home, Lily meets Daisy, a rescued calf.**

### **March 12**

I went to see Mr. Samuel last night at the Chinatown Arcade to bring him pictures that Matt and Mary had sent me of Lily in her new home. Thank heaven there was no new Lily” or “Willy,” and he has the framed pictures of Lily in my living room over the door of his little booth for all to see. He said many people have asked about the chicken – “What happened?” He said he tells them: “She’s FREE!” and shows them the pictures. Practically everyone has thanked him for his good deed, he told me. Only a wee percent miss playing the wretched tic-tac-toe with a tormented bird.



# Can We Assume Consciousness or Happiness in Other Animals?

Podcast published on January 13, 2023. Please visit [www.upc-online.org/podcasts](http://www.upc-online.org/podcasts) to listen to this episode.



Photo of Karen and Rainbow by Unparalleled Suffering Photography

Most people who share their home with one or more companion animals take it for granted that their companions have feelings, including emotions of happiness and well-being. Although the behaviors they observe support their presumption, there are those in the scientific establishment who continue to disparage the belief that other animals have emotions or even consciousness, claiming it is “unscientific,” “sentimental,” and “anthropomorphic” to ascribe emotions to a Hen or a Hamster or a Horse. Tune in for more on today’s topic.

## Transcript: Can We Assume Consciousness or Happiness in Other Animals?

Hello, and thank you for joining me today. I’m Karen Davis, the founder and president of United Poultry Concerns, a nonprofit organization that promotes compassion and respect for chickens, turkeys, ducks, and other domesticated birds.

Today I want to speak to you about a claim that may sound bizarre, but is seriously proposed by some segments of the scientific community, in particular the Behaviorists. They say there is no reasonable basis for assuming that other-than-human animals are conscious, emotional beings. They reject evidence of animal pleasure and happiness, while at the same time conceding that birds and other animals can experience

negative emotions such as fear – after all, they have concocted countless experiments for decades designed to elicit fear in their victims.

I thought about all this over the Christmas holidays as I watched our chickens in our sanctuary yard ENJOYING themselves outdoors! I was reminded again watching a short video on Facebook of cows frolicking in the snow – rubbing their faces in the snow, playing and having FUN together.

A leading critic of the presumption of consciousness and emotions in nonhuman animals is Marian Stamp Dawkins, a professor of animal behavior in the Department of Zoology at the University of Oxford. Dawkins has experimented for years to find out, in her words, “what hens want” in factory-farming captivity while dismissing the notion that members of other species showing behavior similar to ours – like running eagerly to where food can be found – could be assumed to have emotions of dietary enthusiasm the same as ourselves. The presumption of animal enjoyment, she said, made her depressed.

Why? Because Dr. Jonathan Balcombe’s book *Pleasurable Kingdom: Animals and the Nature of Feeling Good*, she said, threatens to create a chaos in which there will no longer be any distinction “between the anthropomorphism of Bambi and the scientific study of animal behavior.”

While Dawkins implies that Science and the school of Behaviorism amount to the same thing, the Behaviorism to which she subscribes is only one approach toward understanding or trying to understand other animals, and it is one that is being upended by



UPC Sanctuary Photo by Karen Davis

cognitive ethologists like Professor Emeritus Marc Bekoff. Not surprisingly, Dawkins accuses Dr. Bekoff of the Crime of ANTHROPOMORPHISM – ascribing human feelings and desires to other animals.

Most people will agree that there are dimensions of Reality that are beyond Science, just as there are scientific prospects that are beyond Behaviorism. Consider the correlation in human life between things that we must do to survive and perpetuate ourselves and the pleasure we derive from doing these things. For example, we have to drink water and eat in order to live, and drinking water and eating are primary pleasures in human life. We have to have sex in order to perpetuate our species, and sex is a primary pleasure in human life. We have to play – entertain ourselves – in order to relieve tension, and play is a primary pleasure in human life.

So why would it be more reasonable to assume that other animals, engaging in these same activities, have not been endowed by Nature with the same incentives of pleasure and enjoyment to do the things they need to do in order to survive and thrive?

If we believe that we can never make logical inferences about emotions in nonhuman animals, the same restriction applies to the emotions of human beings. Why should we believe Dawkins when she writes that Jonathan Balcombe's book about animal pleasure left her with a "depressing feeling"? Why tell us about her feelings, which can't be proved?

In addition, there are studies done in which the pleasure centers in nonhuman animals' brains are stimulated in such a way as to encourage or compel the animal to seek to perpetuate the pleasurable feeling, as indicated by his or her behavioral response to the stimulus.

There's a standard of intellectual inquiry that calls for the simplest, most reasonable explanation of a given phenomenon. If I see body language such as drooping in one of our chickens, I conclude that the chicken is not feeling well and that the feeling probably reflects an adverse condition affecting her. On the other hand, if I see a chicken with her tail up, eating with gusto, eyes bright and alert, I conclude that her condition is good and that she feels happy. Why should I doubt these conclusions when the preponderance of evidence supports them?

Quite likely, when a person views nonhuman animals mainly or entirely, for years, in laboratory settings that elicit little more than dullness and dread in the animals being manipulated for study, one loses sight of evolutionary continuity with our fellow creatures and our common evolutionary heritage. Indeed, the school of Behaviorism represented by Marian Stamp Dawkins seems to exist in an institutionalized vacuum without any reference whatsoever to Darwinian Evolution and the World of Nature.

What does Behaviorism teach us about other animals when you think about it? Once we assume that other animals can never "prove" conclusively that they are experiencing beings like ourselves, what basis do we have for treating them with empathy and respect? Looking at how badly we treat our fellow creatures of other species almost universally, I submit there is way too much Behaviorism in the world. Time to break free.

On that note, I will conclude with an observation by the 18th-century English poet, William Cowper (pronounced Cooper), who wrote: *"The heart is hard in nature . . . that is not pleased / With sight of animals enjoying life, / Nor feels their happiness augment his own."*

I hope you've enjoyed today's podcast and that you will share it with others. Please join me for the next podcast episode of *Thinking Like a Chicken: News & Views*. And have a wonderful day.



UPC Sanctuary Photo by Franklin Wade



## *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.

In memory of sweet UPC duck, Jamaica, who passed away in May, 2025. – *Li Qin Cao & Franklin Wade*



**Jamaica**

I admired Karen Davis for being a leader and model in kindness for poultry. In this world, Karen made a difference for them. – *Doris G. Kaye*

With love for Karen Davis and her friends. – *Mary Boyd*

In memory of Karen Davis. – *Joel Freedman*

In memory of dear UPC rooster, Jon Jon, who passed away in August, 2025. – *Li Qin Cao & Franklin Wade*



**Jon Jon**

In memory of Jessie Marie, who, despite her handicap, persevered and was always full of love. We miss you more than words can express, sweetest best girl. – *April Kincaid and Al Harland*



**Jessie Marie**



## She Was Just a Chicken to Some, but Stasi Was My Friend

Posted July 23, 2025 on *The Conway (NH) Daily Sun* website at [www.conwaydailysun.com](http://www.conwaydailysun.com).



**T**o the editor: I had the distinct pleasure, over the last 10ish years, of caretaking Stasi, a Silver Laced Wyandotte. She was a treasure who left a hole in my aching heart when she died Wednesday, July 9.

We spent long hours together as she followed me around the yard, going where I went, accompanying me as I sat on the front porch, and even, on occasion, sitting on the back of my driver's seat on short trips.

She taught me all the sounds chickens make when they talk, sounds that I will cherish hearing and miss

listening to. From short, muffled notes like that of a muted trumpet to purrs of happiness in her room, a large dog crate she enjoyed high atop a table in the house. Then there were her elongated shrills, perched on her spot, when I was headed to the fridge, reminding me to bring her a treat. She loved pasta, blueberries, grapes, sunflower seeds, pieces of whole grain bread, cooked corn, and even hummus!

Just a chicken to some, but my connection to everything Godly in non-human beings who teach me humility and to care deeply about others suffering and why it matters.

I miss you, Stasi. I look for you and visit all your spots around here where I found you after calling for you and finding you dust bathing under the trees.

Just a chicken to some, but my friend, my reminder that animals are special, teachers, and guides to help us evolve to the humane society we should be.

Where are you, my little feathered and much-loved friend? – *Laura Beth Slitt*

*Laura Beth Slitt is a member of United Poultry Concerns.*

### What Can I Do?

- 🐔 Please thank The Conway Daily Sun for publishing this wonderful tribute to Stasi and let them know that many people care about chickens. Margaret McKenzie, Managing Editor, can be reached at [Margaret@conwaydailysun.com](mailto:Margaret@conwaydailysun.com).

### A LEGACY OF COMPASSION FOR THE BIRDS

Please remember United Poultry Concerns through a provision in your will.  
Please consider an enduring gift of behalf of the birds.

A legal bequest may be worded as follows:

I give, devise and bequeath to United Poultry Concerns, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation incorporated in the state of Maryland and located in the state of Virginia, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and/or (specifically designated property and/or stock contribution).

We welcome inquiries.

**United Poultry Concerns, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 150 • Machipongo, Virginia 23405-0150**  
**(757) 678-7875**



Karen & Mr. Frizzle ©2008 Davida G. Breier



# UPC Summer Activities Gallery



Planet Maryland Festival, Bethesda, MD



Phoenixville Vegfest, PA



Planet Virginia Festival, George Mason Univ.



Lancaster Vegfest, PA



Pittsburgh Vegfest, PA



Greenbelt Labor Day Fest Information Day, MD



# United Poultry Concerns Annual Report for 2024



UPC outdoor aviary photo by Richard Cundari

## Federal ID: 52-1705678

A Financial Statement is available upon written request to: Officer of Consumer Affairs, PO Box 1163, Richmond, VA 23218.

## Officers & Directors 2024

Li Qin Cao, President-Director  
Franklin Wade, Vice President-Director  
Veda Stram, Vice President-Director  
Deborah Prue, Secretary Treasurer-Director

## Staff 2024

Li Qin Cao, President  
Franklin Wade, Vice President, Website Administrator  
& Graphic Designer  
Veda Stram, Vice President  
Bill Ferguson, Web Assistant & Podcast Administrator  
Ronnie Steinau, Database Manager & Correspondent  
Jill Carnegie, Kaporos Rescue Team Coordinator  
Paola Gavino, Kaporos Rescue Team Coordinator  
Viola Agostini, Kaporos Rescue Team Coordinator  
Deborah Prue, Bookkeeper  
Paul Connon, Sanctuary Assistant  
Wayne Wills, Sanctuary Infrastructure Manager

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](http://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 2024. From all of us at United Poultry Concerns, thank you for support!

## Highlights of Our Activities and Accomplishments in 2024

For a complete listing of UPC's action alerts, news, photos & activities in 2024, please visit News Archives 2024 at [www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/2024.html](http://www.upc-online.org/whatsnew/2024.html).

## UPC Sanctuary - 2024

***Adopted 28 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!***



Photo of Bubba by Li Qin Cao, September 7, 2024 at UPC

**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 2024 campaign and wide-ranging activities, see [www.upc-online.org/respect](http://www.upc-online.org/respect).**

- ❖ Leafleting at the White House for International Respect for Chickens Day, May 4.
- ❖ Our “*What Wings Are For! Give a Cluck. Go Vegan!*” ads ran through the month of May at 14 Washington, DC Bike Share locations and on a truck for 3 days driving around DC for 8 hours a day, starting May 4th.
- ❖ Promoted Animal Rights Florida Protest at Orlando Live Poultry on International Respect for Chickens Day, May 4.
- ❖ Humane Hoax Chicken Webinar, May 4.
- ❖ Peaceful Demo for International Respect for Chickens Day, Olney, MD, Apr. 28.
- ❖ Vegan Nation with Marlene Narrow: Int’l Respect for Chickens Day/Month on WCUW 91.3 FM, May 7 & 14.
- ❖ Int’l Respect for Chickens Day/Month Leafleting at Walmart in Carlsbad, CA, May 17.
- ❖ Supported Western Mass. Animal Rights Advocates (WMARA) Celebration of Int’l Respect for Chickens Day at Walmart, Hadley, MA, May 26.

### Further Actions, Investigations & Outreach Campaigns - 2024

- ❖ Urge Glens Falls Wing Fest to Drop the Dead Wings, Apr. 10.
- ❖ Petition: Justice For Four Beloved Hens Bludgeoned to Death ‘For Fun’, July 19.
- ❖ Oberlin Public Library’s Cruel Chick Hatching Not Renewed in 2024, but No Promise for Future, Sept. 12.
- ❖ Homes Needed after Pure Prairie Poultry Abandons Thousands of Chickens, Oct. 15.
- ❖ Urge the U.S. Postal Service to Stop Shipping Baby Chicks and Other Animals, Oct. 31.
- ❖ Promoted Friends of Animals United NJ (FAUN) “Live Animal Market” demonstrations, West New York, NJ, July-December.

### Alliance to End Chicken Kaporos Campaign - 2024

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, 2010-2024, can be viewed on the Alliance website at [www.EndChickensAsKaporos.com](http://www.EndChickensAsKaporos.com). Here are a few highlights from 2024.

- ❖ Incredible Kaporos Surrender and Rescue of over 450 Chickens! Oct. 15.
- ❖ “Kaporos with Chickens: Can We Find a More Humane Alternative?,” *Jewish Journal*, Oct. 2.

### Fabulous Kiosks & Bus Posters for Chickens and Turkeys! – 2024

- ❖ Our Beautiful Posters Celebrate International Respect for Chickens Day/Month in Washington, DC.
- ❖ UPC “Don’t Gobble Me!” Ads Turns Heads in Washington, DC and Austin, Texas.



### New UPC Website Articles – 2024

- ❖ Chickens Talk. Are You Listening?, Jan. 19.
- ❖ Glimmers of Light in the Dark of Night, 12 Poems by Karen Davis, July 2.



**Additional Community Outreach - Exhibits & Demonstrations - 2024**

- 🐔 Greenbelt Green Man Festival, MD, May 11-12.
- 🐔 Lancaster VegFest, PA, June 1.
- 🐔 TAFA Conference, VA, July 19-21.
- 🐔 Pittsburgh Vegfest, PA, Aug. 10.
- 🐔 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival's Information Day, Aug. 31.
- 🐔 Cville Vegfest, Charlottesville, VA, Sept. 15.
- 🐔 Maryland Vegan Fest, Clarksville, MD, Sept. 28.
- 🐔 Richmond Vegfest, VA, Oct. 5.
- 🐔 Leafleting for Turkeys at the White House, Nov. 16.
- 🐔 Peaceful demonstration for Turkeys, Olney, MD, Nov. 17.
- 🐔 "Don't Gobble Me!" Outreach with WMARA at Stop & Shop, Hadley, MA, Dec. 8.
- 🐔 "Don't Gobble Me!" Leafleting for Turkeys at Target, Encinitas, CA, Nov. 7 & Dec. 15.
- 🐔 "Don't Gobble Me!" Leafleting for Turkeys at Encinitas Holiday Street Fair, CA, Nov. 24.

*In memory of  
Karen Davis, PhD,  
President & Founder  
(1944-2023)*

**Financial Report - 2024****United Poultry Concerns Fiscal Year: January 1 - December 31, 2024**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>Revenues.....</b>                               | <b>\$436,107</b>   |
| Public Support.....                                | 387,147            |
| <b>Expenses.....</b>                               | <b>\$312,829</b>   |
| Programs and Education.....                        | 277,504            |
| Organizational Management.....                     | 35,325             |
| <b>Net Assets/Fund Balance at End of Year.....</b> | <b>\$1,312,130</b> |

**United Poultry Concerns gratefully acknowledges the kind assistance of:**

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Donors Trust                      | \$5,000  |
| Mike Spurlino                     | \$5,000  |
| Joseph Braverman Donor Fund       | \$10,000 |
| Rhoda A. Christopher              | \$20,000 |
| Lauren Marino                     | \$10,000 |
| Aggie Monfette Estate             | \$27,703 |
| Roger Eastman Estate              | \$95,150 |
| Milton Greenwood                  | \$27,500 |
| Harold B. Larson Charitable Trust | \$25,705 |
| Vanguard Charitable Trust         | \$29,000 |

*Thank you for your support!*

**PLEASE, JOIN US TODAY!**

We NEED Your Strong and Continuing Financial Support

☐ New Membership **\$35**    ☐ 2026 Membership Renewal **\$30**

Membership includes our quarterly *Poultry Press* Magazine to keep you informed on current issues, and how you can get involved in many other ways. If you would like to support us by credit card, please go to our website at [www.upc-online.org](http://www.upc-online.org) and click on DONATE to make your donation. It's that easy!

Additional Tax-deductible Contribution:

☐ \$20   ☐ \$35   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$500   ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to United Poultry Concerns. THANK YOU!**

Are you moving? Please send us your new address.

Do you want to be removed from our mailing list? Please tell us now. The U.S. Postal Service charges UPC for every returned mailing. Remailing the magazine costs UPC an additional sum. Due to the enormous cost of remailing, we can no longer provide this service. Thank you for your consideration. Please keep up your membership. We need your continuing financial support.



**United Poultry Concerns**  
PO Box 150 • Machipongo, VA 23405-0150

*Vegan Recipe Corner***Curried ChickenLess Salad Sandwiches***Recipe from Vegan Planet***Ingredients**

- One 12-ounce package tempeh, poached and cooled
- 1 celery rib, minced
- 2 scallions, minced
- 2 tablespoons seeded and minced red bell pepper
- ¼ cup golden raisins
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds
- 1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley leaves
- ¾ cup vegan mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon sweet pickle relish
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon sugar or natural sweetener
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Shredded romaine lettuce
- 2 large or 4 small white or whole wheat pita breads

**Instructions**

1. To poach tempeh, cut into slices and place in a saucepan with water or vegetable broth, cover and bring to a simmer. Continue to simmer gently for 10 minutes, then remove from water and pat dry.
2. Finely chop the tempeh and place in a large bowl. Add the celery, scallions, bell pepper, raisins, almonds, and parsley. Stir in the soy mayonnaise, relish, curry powder, lemon juice, sugar, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix until thoroughly combined. Cover and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes to allow the flavors to blend.
3. To assemble, stuff a small amount of shredded lettuce into each pita half. Spoon the tempeh mixture into each half, dividing it evenly among the halves. Tuck a little more lettuce into each sandwich, if desired, and serve.

*For more great recipes, go to  
[www.upc-online.org/recipes/](http://www.upc-online.org/recipes/)*



Photo by Liqin Cao



# POSTCARDS

20 for \$4.00, 40 for \$7.50



"Love is Best"

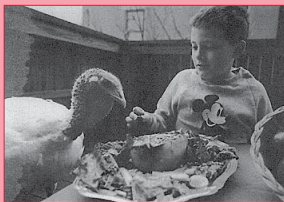


"Peaceable Kingdom"



"Chickens - To Know Them is to Love Them"

"Friends"



## FACT SHEETS

20 for \$3.00

- "Viva, the Chicken Hen / Chickens Raised for Meat"
- "Jane-one tiny chicken foot"
- "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"
- "Damn Dairy"
- "Henny's New Friends"
- "Avoiding Burnout"
- "The Life of One Battery Hen"
- "Bird Flu - What You Need to Know"
- "Peeper the Turkey, a Story of Unending Love"

- "How I Learned the Truth About Eggs"
- "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 Bird (Poultry) Markets"
- "Chicken-Flying Contests"

## LEAFLETS (FLYERS)

10 for \$1.00, 25 for \$2.50

- "Ask Restaurants to Switch to Vegan Faux Gras"
- "Chicken for Dinner?"
- "The 'Human' Nature of Pigeons"
- "The Truth about Feather Hair Extensions"
- "Birds Suffer Horribly for Pillows & Coats"

## Bumper Stickers \$2 each

Don't Just Switch from Beef to Chicken: Get the Slaughterhouse out of your Kitchen.  
Don't Just Switch from Beef to Chicken: Go Vegan.

## Beautiful Chicken and Turkey Buttons

\$3.50 each. 3 for \$8. 10 for \$15. Any mixture.

Stick Up For Chickens • Chickens are Friends, Not Food  
Turkeys are Friends, Not Food • End Chickens as Kaporos  
Be Kind to Turkeys - Don't Gobble Me



## Life Can Be Beautiful - Go Vegan! Brochure

24 full-color  
5.5" x 8.5" pages.

\$1.00 each.  
20 for \$5.00.  
50 for \$10.00.  
100 for \$15.00.  
200 for \$25.00.



## UPC Ordering Information:

All Prices Include Postage

To order indicated items send check  
or money order to:

**United Poultry Concerns**  
P.O. Box 150  
Machipongo, VA 23405-0150

Or order online at [upc-online.org](http://upc-online.org)

**T-shirts** Too Neat to Eat (Hen & Egg or Rooster) •  
Give a Cluck. Go Vegan! • What Wings Are For • Available  
in Unisex (S, M, L, XL) or Ladies (S, M, L, XL) \$25

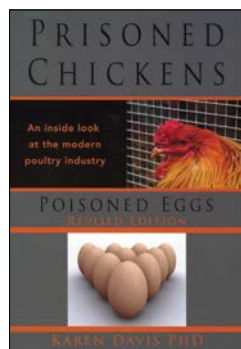


## BOOKS

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

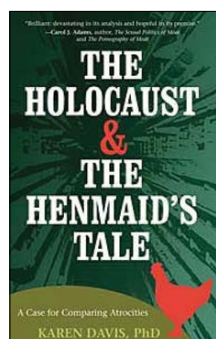
By Karen Davis

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.

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

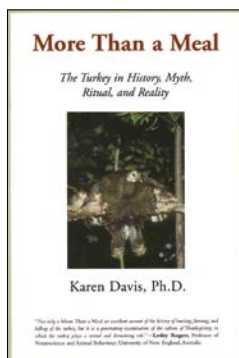
By Karen Davis

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**

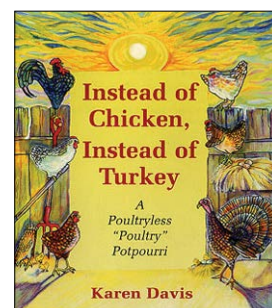
By Karen Davis

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**

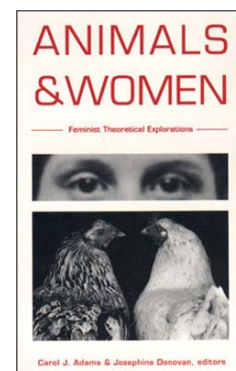
By Karen Davis

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.

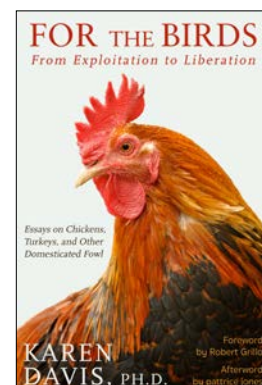
Adams &amp; Josephine Donovan

"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**

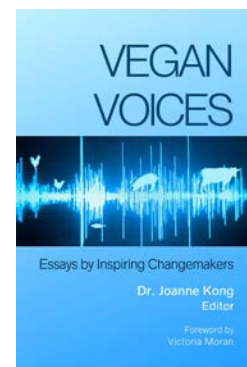
Essays by Karen Davis

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

**Vegan Voices:  
Essays by Inspiring  
Changemakers**

Edited by Dr. Joanne Kong

This inspiring book includes the essay "With Heart and Voice: Will Birds Sing Or Will They Be Silent?" by Karen Davis. \$20





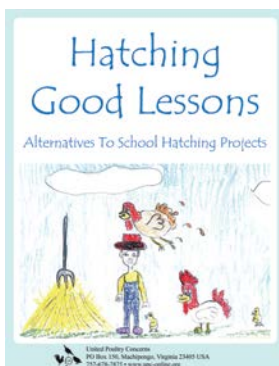
## CHILDREN'S BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

### 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

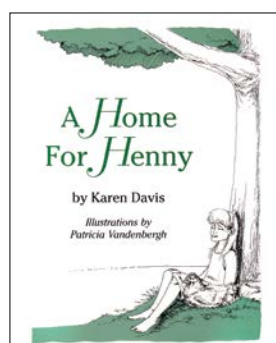
[www.upc-online.org/hatching](http://www.upc-online.org/hatching).



### 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

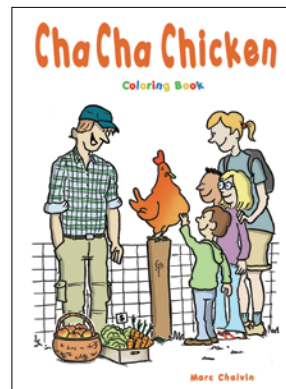


### A Home for Henny

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



### Cha Cha Chicken Coloring Book

By Marc Chalvin

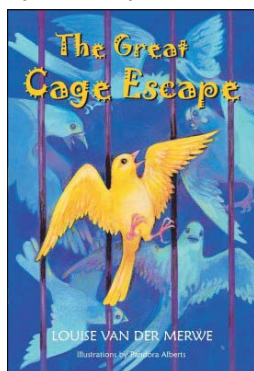
Narrated by Cha Cha the hen, this book invites children to visit Green Farm sanctuary and learn about the happy animals who live there. Written by Marian Hailey-Moss and illustrated by Marc Chalvin, Cha Cha shows children that chickens are people too and invites them to

color their world beautiful! *Cha Cha Chicken Coloring Book* is a delightful gift for children K-3. \$10

### The Great Cage Escape

Grades 4-7. By Louise Van Der Merwe

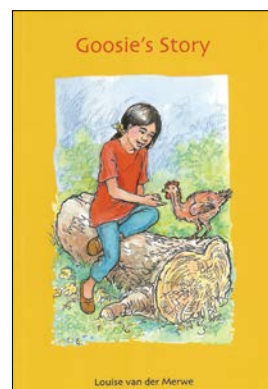
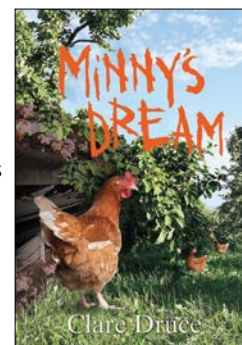
The birds in a pet shop think they are happy until a brown box punched full of air holes is left overnight on their front door step. The creature inside looks very weird at first. But as his feathers begin to grow, his true identity becomes apparent, and the stories he tells inspire the pet shop birds 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



### Minnie's Dream

By Clare Druce

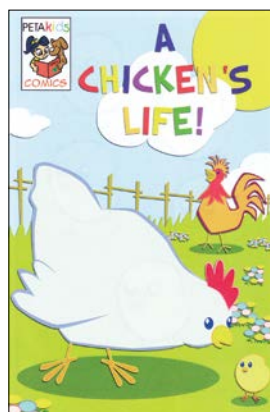
What happens when a young girl from the city discovers a battery-hen operation in the country? What happens when a "battery hen" named Minny speaks to her? What must she do when her friend Minny is going to be killed? This book is a must for the young person(s) in your life, age 8-14. \$10



### 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



### A Chicken's Life!

Grades 4-6. *PETAkids Comics*

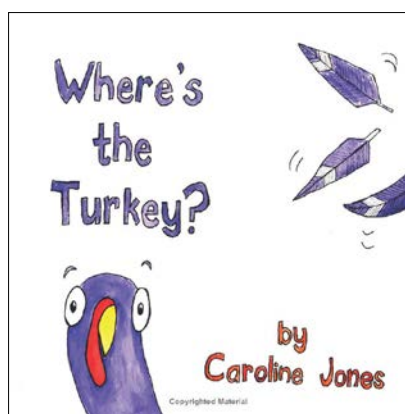
This cute comic book illustrates a group of children visiting an animal sanctuary where they meet a flock of chickens and learn all about them including the differences between Nature's Way and The Factory Farm Way. "Are these chickens really your friends?" they ask. "I've never met a chicken before."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

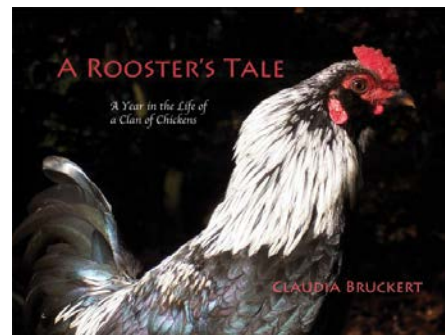
**More Books, plus Videos available at**  
**[upc-online.org/merchandise](http://upc-online.org/merchandise)**

**(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



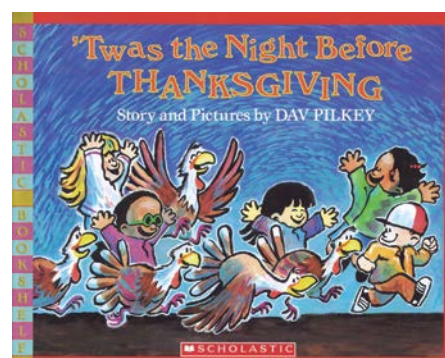
**A Rooster's Tale: A Year in the Life of a Clan of Chickens** by Claudia Bruckert, transports readers to the fascinating world of Change, who tells the real life story of his chicken family during his first year of life. Enchanting experiences and intriguing facts, chronicled and photographed beautifully 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



### **'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



## **Plus These Great Gifts from UPC!**

### **Cruel: Bearing Witness To Animal Exploitation**

By Sue Coe, OR Books, 2012  
Renowned visual artist Sue Coe, pioneer champion of animal rights and author of *Dead Meat*, has produced this mesmerizing new book documenting the experiences of animals raised and slaughtered for human consumption. Through its written account and haunting visual images, *Cruel* is a surpassingly passionate testimony to the waste, sorrow and violence perpetrated by our species against others. \$20



### **Sanctuary: Portraits of Rescued Farm Animals**

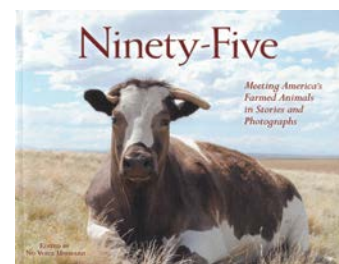
By Sharon Lee Hart, Charta Books, 2012

Sharon Lee Hart's photography project SANCTUARY takes you on an intimate journey to meet wonderful animals and the courageous rescuers who become their companions. Sanctuary caregivers evoke individual animals in short, handwritten stories accompanying Hart's starkly beautiful black & white photography. \$20



### **Ninety-Five: Meeting America's Farmed Animals in Stories and Photographs**

An anthology of photos and stories by No Voice Unheard Editors: Marilee Geyer, Diane Leigh and Windi Wojdak. \$20



**More books and videos available at [upc-online.org/merchandise](http://upc-online.org/merchandise)**



**Stickers** Send a message with your mail! Order our eye-catching color stickers! 2" x 2 3/4", 100 stickers for \$10.



**"Dying for Dinner" Cards**  
Place in stores, mail, etc.!  
3" x 4", 25 for \$2.50



## POSTERS



### 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".

**UPC posters in any mix:  
One for \$4. Two for \$5.  
Three for \$7.**



# UNITED POULTRY CONCERNS, INC.



P.O. Box 150  
Machipongo, VA  
23405-0150

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit #1  
Suburban, MD

## INSIDE

PA Bill to Ban Live Pigeon Shoots  
“Human” Nature of Pigeons  
Tic-Tac-Toe Chicken  
Can We Assume Happiness in Other Animals?  
Summer Activities Gallery  
2024 Annual Report  
Just a Chicken, but Stasi Was My Friend  
Freddaflower Fund  
Vegan Recipe Corner & More!

*Wishing You a Fabulous Fall!*  
*Please renew your membership for 2026*



*Chickens – To Know Them is To Love Them*

UPC Sanctuary Photo by Liqin Cao