

**Eastern Shore Sanctuary
& Education Center
2003 Activity Report**

Bird Rescue

- We continued to welcome all local “broiler” chickens who found their way to us after escaping the chicken catchers or falling from trucks headed for the slaughter factory. Many of these birds arrived with injuries, requiring medication or veterinary care before being able to join the flock in the yard and coop we have reserved for these vulnerable birds.
- We welcomed scores of hens and roosters who had previously been used as “broiler-breeders.” Most of these birds required special care, due to problems such as blindness caused by eye infections, lameness (in hens) caused by being repeatedly mounted by the heavy roosters, and breathing problems associated with the “noz-bones” fused to the septums of many of the roosters.

Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated supporters, former “broiler-breeder” rooster Slick won third prize in the Humane Society of the United States’ first annual farmed animal sanctuary animal of the year contest. Our participation in the contest helped to inform an audience of mainstream “animal lovers” about the specific tortures endured by the hens and roosters used as “breeders” by the poultry industry

- We continued to welcome non-local roosters who had been turned away by other sanctuaries, in most instances saving the birds from euthanasia.
- We welcomed 24 hens from the Oohmahnee Farm’s rescue at the Buckeye egg factory.
- Adding a bit of diversity to the yards, we welcomed a mixed group of birds — including several Muscovy ducks and our very first turkey — who would otherwise have gone to auction in Delaware.

Coalition Activities

- As a partner in Global Hunger Alliance, we attended the World Social Forum in Brazil in January. There, we informed an international audience about the ethical and environmental violations perpetrated by the US poultry industry.
- We joined the Environmental Student Association in planning, promoting, and putting on a successful Meat-Out event on the Salisbury University campus in March.
- We joined United Poultry Concerns in planning and performing a demonstration, including leafleting and picketing, at the Delmarva Poultry Festival in June.
- We joined the Peace Alliance of the Lower Shore in sponsoring an educational event concerning the PATRIOT Act.
- We provided a volunteer to table for United Poultry Concerns at two National Science Teachers Association conferences.

Speaking Engagements

- At the LiberationNow! conference in Berkeley in January, sanctuary coordinator Pattrice Jones gave a workshop on globalization and also told the stories of individual chickens at the plenary event on factory farming.

- Pattrice appeared on the Go Vegan Texas radio programme in March
- Pattrice Jones spoke about the connections between war and factory farming at Central Michigan University and Bard College in April.
- Also in April, Pattrice spoke about hunger and factory farming at an event organized by the Mid-Hudson Vegetarian Society in New York.
- At the AR2003 “shadow conference” in June, Pattrice Jones gave a well-attended talk about international coalition building.
- At the AR2003 conference itself, Pattrice was on a panel of feminists invited by Carol Adams to provide additional commentary on selections from her popular slide show concerning the sexual politics of meat.
- At the United Poultry Concerns Forum in Boulder in September, Pattrice Jones gave a talk entitled “Get real: Facing reality and crafting strategies accordingly.” That talk was videotaped and has been shown on public access television.
- Pattrice spoke about vegetarianism and world hunger at VegFest 2003 in Washington, DC in October.
- In December, Pattrice Jones was the only guest on an hour-long radio programme concerning factory farming produced by WBAI in New York. That programme has been archived in mp3 format and is available for online listening.

Publications

- During the first quarter of the year, Pattrice Jones’ essays concerning links between factory farming and war were published in several North American magazines and webzines as well as in the largest English-language newspaper in Pakistan.
- Pattrice Jones’ observations concerning rooster behavior were published in a letter to the editor of New Scientist magazine (UK) in August. This led the story of Romeo the rooster to be featured in that month’s issue of the Common Sentience webzine.
- In October, the book *Sustainable Development and Southern Realities: Past and Future in South Asia* was published by City Press in Karachi, Pakistan. The book includes the chapter “Globalisation of industrialized animal agriculture: Implications for South Asia” by Pattrice Jones.
- Over the course of the year, the sanctuary published a number of handouts that are now available for use by any animal advocacy organization. These include:
 - ★ Alternatives to Chick Hatching Projects: Online Resources
 - ★ Speciesism & Sexism 101
 - ★ Teach for the Animals

Other Activities

- At long last, we installed a small coop with its own yard to serve as an infirmary for blind, injured, and disabled birds. Previously, these birds slept in cages in the main coop and had to be carried out to a smaller yard every morning and carried back to the coop every night. Now, they all have more sleeping space and those who can walk don’t have to deal with the upset of being handled.
- Our website continues to be a popular online destination, drawing about 900 visitors each month. The website is regularly updated and always includes ideas and information not found on other farmed animal sanctuary websites.