

PETA Strikes Again!

by Mikel Hays, Quailco G.B.F.

In June of 1998, the airlines that were carrying day-old poultry imposed a temperature restriction. When the temperature reaches 85 degrees and above, they will no longer accept any animals, including day-old poultry. That's fine for dogs and cats, but 85 degrees is perfect for shipping day-old poultry. In other words, when it gets to be the ideal temperature to ship day-old poultry, the airlines cut us off!

In November of 1998, "The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals" (PETA) finally took credit for causing our shipping problems in an article published in "Country Today" newspaper in Wisconsin. A spokesperson for PETA stated, "PETA began its campaign to stop the shipment of chicks on airlines in 1995." In the fall of 1998 the second largest carrier of mail and the largest carrier of day-old poultry, **American Airlines** quit taking day-old poultry due to pressure from PETA! These people intend to stop the shipping of ALL poultry!

Some PETA people are so dedicated to their cause they will commit crimes in the name of it. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has a Terrorism Unit that specifically deals with the domestic terrorism committed by PETA.

PETA doesn't care about animals. How many of them make their living raising animals? Those of us who do are the true animal lovers! We come in at night with the smell of manure on us. We run out of the house at 3.00 a.m. in our shorts to scare off predators. We ARE the REAL animal lovers!

PETA preaches that animals are more important than humans. In the spring of 1998 a young girl was sentenced to two years in prison because she gave birth to a baby on her prom night, killed it and then threw it in the dumpster. The same week in Wisconsin, a man was sentenced 14 years in prison for torturing seven cats to death. What's wrong with this picture?

PETA is putting tremendous pressure on the airlines not to carry anything live, especially day-old poultry, and they are not going to stop! We must put more pressure on airlines to keep them accepting day-old poultry through their postal contracts. We do this by writing and getting other people to write. If we do not do this The days of mail order poultry will be over!

If PETA gets their way, there will be no more transporting of any poultry. This will put people out of business, end hobbies, make poultry rare while driving the price of poultry out of everybody's reach except maybe the rich. Day old chicks at the feed store will be a thing of the past. The gene pool of genetic bloodlines of game birds on the endangered species would go stagnant, because they are regularly "exchanged" and transferred between breeders through the USPS.

Please do your part and WRITE! You can get more info at this address:

<http://www.quailcogbf.com/announc.html> . Writing will help insure your right to order day-old poultry. Remember, don't rely on the other person to write, because the other person may be relying on you!

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FOR LOAN OR RENT:

Don't let your flock fall victim to predators! The poultry club owns two live animal traps that members may use free of charge. To reserve your time to use one of the traps, contact our Property Manager, Richard Greggs, at (561) 433-8157.

WANTED:

Newsletter articles for the PBCPFA newsletter. The deadline is the fourth Friday of the previous month. Submit articles to the editor by mail, Email, or in person at the meeting.

Rhode Island Red Cockerel. Must be genetically unrelated to my existing stock. If you have one, Contact Richard Greggs at (561) 433-8157.

What is a sex-link Chicken?

by Ashley Robinson

At the recent South Florida Fair Poultry Show, there were so many questions and varying answers about what is a sex-link's background. Ashley Robinson, Michael Robinson and Richard Greggs decided to do some research to find the correct and acceptable answers.

While we don't have all the answers yet, we will keep you posted each month on what we have learned about these interesting hybrids.

Hybrids are a cross between two varieties or species of animals, fruits, vegetables and birds. A mule is the result of crossing a horse with a donkey. This was done to create an animal of large size with a little donkeys outstanding tireless strength. In birds, a male of one variety and a female of another variety were crossed to produce a dual-purpose meat bird and high volume egg-layer. These crosses also have down colorations, patterns, and feather tips that can determine the sex of the baby bird, hence the name sex-link. Being hybrids, they cannot produce young that are exactly the same as the parent stock.

There are a number of combinations that are used in producing sex-links varying names are given to these birds by hatcheries. Red Sex-Link, Black Sex-Link, Red Comet, White Comet, Red Star, Golden Comet, Cinnamon Queen to name a few.

The 1998 Christmas Party



A lot of people came to the 1998 Christmas party in December. Although unplanned, we decided at the last minute to have our party by candle light. Everyone brought a bunch of really nice things to eat. If you left there hungry, it was your own fault.

Above, Wade Taylor and Kaitlin VanHeusen draw up their plans for the South Florida Fair Poultry exhibit.

Upper-Right, members Kathy Talbert and Laurelle Balog get ready for the raffle. However, Joe Martin (not shown) walked away with the most prizes.



Middle-Right, Mike Robinson and Lee Salmon, applaud as Rose Greggs is recognized for her fine service to the club as treasurer.

Lower-Right, Linda Wright paid a dollar to brag about her mother's birthday. Then, in a show of pure luck, her mother won the brag box jackpot. Shown here is Rose Greggs presenting the jackpot cash.



The 1999 South Florida Fair Poultry Exposition



Everyone had a really great time in the poultry tent at the 1999 South Florida fair. We had many thousands of visitors who were fascinated by the many interesting breeds poultry.

Shown above is a white silkie who won a blue ribbon.

Shown left are several people who visited the poultry tent. This photo was taken just hours before the exhibit was torn down.

Handbook Sales Contest Winner

In the November 1998 issue of the PBCPFA Newsletter, a contest to see who could sell the most ads for the handbook was announced. Lee Salmon, our club president, sold more ads (\$110.00) this year than anybody else. Because of all the confusion at the Christmas party, she didn't get her prize in time to use them, but Lee will receive 20 raffle tickets at the February meeting.

Post-Fair Fiscal Report

The annual post-fair fiscal report will be given at the February meeting. This is the meeting where Rose, our treasurer, spills the beans as to how well we did at the fair.

The club sells baby chicks and ducks in the front of the poultry tent every year to earn money for our annual operating expenses. Most of the time we make a few dollars for all our work at the fair, but it is entirely possible to lose money as well. You will have to come to the February meeting if you are curious. Fiscal information about the club will not be printed in the newsletter.

Membership Dues Due

Your membership dues were due on December 31, 1998. If you haven't renewed already, make sure you give your dues to Rose at the next meeting, or send your name and check for \$8 (single)/\$12 (family) to:

PBCPFA c/o Rose Greggs, Treasurer
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**They need to be changed
often, and pretty much for
the same reason.**