

# Update - Protest the Abuse and Cruelty at the Cottage Grove Rodeo! 7/9/13

## 1. Cottage Grove Rodeo protest:

Friday, July 12, 2013

5:00pm until 6:30pm in PDT

Cottage Grove Rodeo Grounds

- 77958 Highway 99,

- Cottage Grove OR 97424

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***Please join us in educating rodeo attendees and staff  
about having respect for animals  
and in demanding an end to the exploitation of all animals.***

This will be a legal protest. Leaflets and signs will be provided, but you are also welcome (and encouraged!) to bring your own sign. Please do not wear any animal-sourced clothing (leather, wool, etc.) so as to present a consistent message of not exploiting animals.

Visit the Facebook even page at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/178897082285839/?context=create> to invite your friends and help spread the word.

**Thank you for caring about animals!**

**2. Correct contact information for Mayor Thomas Munroe, Cottage Grove, Oregon:**

**Mayor Contact:**

City of Cottage Grove  
400 E. Main Street  
Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424  
phone:(541)942-5501  
email: [mayor@cottagegrove.org](mailto:mayor@cottagegrove.org)

**3. Also, excellent information below from United Poultry Concerns:**



# United Poultry Concerns

Promoting the Compassionate and Respectful Treatment of Domestic Fowl



9 July 2013

## Protest “Chicken Scramble,” - Animal Abuse Game for Children in Oregon

***Bullying animals: “It’s a long tradition.” “It’s fun for the kids.” - Organizer***

On Friday and Saturday, July 12-13, 2013, the Cottage Grove Riding Club in Oregon plans to hold its annual Animal Scramble at its rodeo. Until this year, rabbits were the victims of the Animal Scramble. This year, Kelli Fisher, President of the Cottage Grove Riding Club, responded to Red Barn Rabbit Rescue’s request to stop chasing rabbits for “fun” by substituting chickens for children to chase, grab, scare, and injure.

The "scramble" includes animal abuse and child abuse. Children are abused any time they are taught and essentially forced by the adult community they depend upon for survival and approval, to torment animals for pleasure.

Children fear (and face) ridicule and punishment if they refuse, or are scared, to participate. The idea is to destroy the child’s natural empathy for animals by normalizing cruelty to animals and rewarding children for compliance in behavior they are pressured to perform.

**What Should I Do?**

**Wherever you live, please call or email and politely urge the Riding Club to cancel the event:**

Kelli Fisher, President  
Cottage Grove Riding Club  
541-767-2472  
[Please click here to send an e-mail.](#)

**Please join Action for Animals in an onsite protest demonstration against the Cottage Grove Rodeo**

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**UPC Letter to Kelli Fisher urging her to cancel the "Animal Scramble"**

July 9, 2013

Kelli Fisher, President  
Cottage Grove Riding Club  
Re: "Animal Scramble"

Dear Ms. Fisher,

I understand you have substituted chickens for rabbits for your "animal scramble" children's event this coming weekend. I urge you please to cancel this event designed to teach children to enjoy scaring, taunting and mistreating chickens and other animals for pleasure. Why do you want to do this to animals? Why do you enjoy teaching children to hurt and disrespect animals instead of respecting and protecting them from harm? Can't you teach kindness and care?

Substituting chickens for rabbits is not an upgrade. Chickens have the exact same ability to experience fear and trauma as rabbits do. Are you aware of the science of animal ethology? The view that birds are inferior to mammals or that ground-nesting birds such as chickens are inferior to other birds has been totally discredited by science. Chickens are highly sensitive individuals. Only bullies enjoy taunting those at their mercy.

I urge you to show and teach kindness and respect to children and animals. Children will participate in cruel adult-sponsored games even if they don't want to, in order to avoid ridicule from the adult community they are dependent upon for approval. Please have the courage to cancel this heartless "animal scramble." The good angels will bless you for your mercy and gracious spirit.

Sincerely,  
Karen Davis, President  
United Poultry Concerns  
PO Box 150  
Machipongo, VA 23405  
Office: 757-678-7875  
<http://www.upc-online.org>

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**Thank you for taking action for chickens and all animals who need protection and relief from human violence. – United Poultry Concerns**

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