

Expert CAK Endorsements

Dr. Temple Grandin

Dr. Temple Grandin is perhaps the world's foremost expert on the handling and slaughtering of animals. She is an associate professor of animal science at Colorado State University and the founder of Grandin Livestock Handling Systems. She designed the animal-handling systems used in nearly half of the cattle slaughterhouses in the United States. Dr. Grandin has authored more than 300 publications, and she has served as a consultant in animal welfare for companies including McDonald's, Burger King, and Wendy's.

"Controlled-atmosphere stunning of chickens has important welfare advantages. . . . The U.S. poultry industry should move toward controlled-atmosphere stunning."

Dr. Mohan Raj

Dr. Mohan Raj is a world-renowned expert on chicken and turkey stunning and slaughter. He is a veterinary scientist and senior research fellow at the School of Clinical Veterinary Science at the University of Bristol who has published more than 50 peer-reviewed papers in international scientific journals. He is a member of the European Food Safety Authority's Panel on Animal Health and Welfare. He has also served as an expert advisor on the European Union Scientific Veterinary Committee Working Group on the stunning or killing of animals, as a member of the European Food Safety Authority's working group on the stunning and killing of animals, and as a member of the World Organization for Animal Health's *ad hoc* group on the welfare of animals during stunning and slaughter for human consumption.

"[CAK] of poultry in transport containers as they arrive at the processing plant would eliminate all the welfare concerns associated with the existing live bird handling, stunning, and slaughter systems."

"The tragedy is that a bird welfare-friendly gas stunning system is now available but the processors are continuing to seek justification not to change."

Dr. Ian Duncan

Dr. Ian Duncan is North America's leading expert on chicken and turkey welfare. He is a professor of poultry ethology and the chair of animal welfare in the Department of Animal and Poultry Science at the University of Guelph. He has published more than 150 scientific papers, most of which focus on chicken and turkey welfare. His awards include the Award for Innovative Developments in Animal Welfare, the Humane Society of the United States' inaugural award for the best course in North America dealing with animals and society, and the Robert Fraser Gordon medal for outstanding services to poultry science. He has served as advisor to the Commission of the European Communities on matters related to animal welfare. He is the only scientist to have given the keynote address at meetings of both the Poultry Science Association and the American Society of Animal Science.

"In my opinion, [CAK] is the most stress-free, humane method of killing poultry ever developed. The birds are quiet throughout the operation. They remain in the transport crate until dead and the killing procedure itself is fast, painless, and efficient. There is no risk of recovery from unconsciousness."

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