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### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have had the pleasure of meeting Lynda Staker during a lecture she was invited to give to the Australian Veterinary Association's Special Interest Group the Australian Association for Veterinary Conservation Biologists at Taronga Park Zoo in 2001.

Her lecture immediately alerted me to the fact that here was a very talented and special person, speaking from a background not just of formal academic achievement but from, in her field, and far more importantly, one of solid and profound long-term experience.

Since then I have communicated with Lynda on several occasions and, along with having referred to her excellent publication on rearing native wild animals, have come to realize that she is uniquely possessed of great talent and strength in her field.

In addition to this I know, through various avenues I pursue in my daily work and personal interests in wildlife conservation and the continuing education of veterinarians in Australasia and throughout the world, that Lynda's name is also a "household" name in this area.

Lynda is highly respected in her field as a person of great knowledge and, perhaps equally importantly, integrity. She is regarded throughout the native animal scene in Australia as a pioneer and significant contributor of original thought and data in the rearing of native wild animals and thus of their conservation.

As a measure of our respect for her knowledge and teaching skills we at the Post Graduate Foundation in Veterinary Science expressed an interest in acquiring her services in helping to deliver a lecture series in wildlife management for Veterinarians this year.

I do not hesitate to recommend that Lynda be given every encouragement to contribute her expertise throughout the globe. I would welcome communication with anyone requiring any clarification on any of the abovementioned statements attesting to the quality of Lynda's work and achievements.

Yours Sincerely

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