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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

### Re LYNDA STAKER

During her extensive lecture tour of Australia in 2001 Lynda Staker conducted an in depth two day workshop for Fauna Rescue of South Australia on "The Care of Macropods", covering aspects of care, husbandry, handling, rehabilitation, assessment of injuries, recognition of symptoms of disease and suitable medications, among many other topics.

Through the knowledge gained from this workshop we revised some of our methods of treatment and care. The manual "Don't Step Backwards" written by Lynda Staker has proved an invaluable resource and is used as a reference book by Fauna Rescue and many other wildlife organisations. When a difficult diagnosis is encountered Lynda is always available via email to help and suggest ways to overcome the problem. Her extensive experience after years of research and hands on work has been invaluable to our marsupial carers. Her regular Newsletter is also full of information and keeps carers up to date with the latest research.

Fauna Rescue of South Australia Inc. is a state wide organisation dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and release (where possible) or injured, orphaned or distressed wildlife. All our members are volunteers working from their own homes. We hold monthly training meetings, have a 24 hour volunteer telephone advisory service, and are involved in educating the public about our fantastic wildlife through talks, displays and our website. We are the largest rescue, rehabilitation and release group in South Australia.

We hold Lynda in very high regard and her contribution to the welfare of marsupials in Australia through her research and willingness to share her knowledge has been invaluable.

*Sheila Burbidge*

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Secretary

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