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To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Lynda Staker

Thank you for taking the time to allow me to introduce myself and to express my sincere opinion regarding Lynda Staker. My name is Tracy White and I am the Executive Director of a Federally and State licensed 501(c)3 exotic animal facility located in North Carolina, USA. This letter is written on behalf of Ms. Staker.

Ms. Staker has been an invaluable resource to our organization. We care for neglected and abused "exotic" animals that people have tried to make into pets, including many Australian species. As Americans, we do not have the training to properly care for animals of Australia as pets yet they are readily available for the public to purchase through the exotic pet trade. If it weren't for Lynda's knowledge, time and concern we would not have been able to save many of the animals that have come into our facility. In September of 2002, Lynda was listed as an advisor to our board of directors because of her irreplaceable expertise. We are often faced with critical decisions and respect her proven competency in the field of macropods.

Lynda's manual, *Don't Step Backwards*, has been another source of reference for us. In fact, our exotic animal veterinarian has referenced his own copy of her manual on a number of occasions.

It would be a huge asset to countless organizations if she were to relocate to the United States. I urge and recommend this move for the benefit of the animals and their caretakers.

Sincerely,

Tracy White, Executive Director
Triad Exotic Animal Rescue