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Letter for recommendation for:
Dr. Randall Eaton

To Whom It May Concern:

It gives me great pleasure to write this letter of support on behalf of my friend and colleague, Dr. Randall Eaton, for promotion to Full Professor at Old College. I have known Dr. Eaton for the past fifteen years as a professional ethologist and ecologist. I have seen him develop an international reputation in these fields and also considerable respect as a conservationist and environmental philosopher. One of his creative successes has been the journal entitled Carnivore, which had a wide audience of readers and has done much not only to enhance scholarship, but also the sharing of ideas amongst scientists, philosophers, and others interested in animal behavior and such questions as animal awareness and inter-species communication. Dr. Eaton has organized several conferences on the status of the world's cats, which led directly to the addition of many cats on the endangered species list. Clearly, in addition to his excellent scholarship as a scientist, he also has great concern for the animals that he studies which takes him beyond the realm of science into the philosophy and politics of animal rights and conservation.

He has shared with me some of his recent writings and as an author myself and reviewer of books, I can say that his writing skill and creative abilities are quite exceptional and he may well be the next Loren Eisley who, until I read some of Dr. Eaton's work, in my mind had no peer.

I have heard him lecture to groups and also seen him interact with students in class and I have always been impressed with his ability to communicate with clarity and enthusiasm and also to hear what others say and respond with equal clarity and understanding.

In conclusion, I must emphasize that Dr. Eaton is, in my mind, more than worthy of promotion to the rank of Full Professor and that he should be given every possible professional support to continue his research, teaching, and writing, all of which can only reflect even more positively upon the growing reputation of Old College.

Yours sincerely,

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