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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Katrin Tazza, who I have known for a many years as a serious breeder that cares not only the health of the individual animal but also the breed as a whole. Together we have worked on uncovering the genetic basis of lupoid dermatosis in the breed for which there is now a test allowing breeders to avoid producing affected dogs. This was one of the more devastating diseases in the breed. I have never met a more dedicated breeder who has only the best for the breed at heart.

Thank you,

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