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Editors' Remarks

Although the editorial board has traditionally used this space to comment collectively, two of us are making an exception on this occasion in order to acknowledge all that AJ Gutman, the third member of the board, does for the IIS. In addition to her uncanny aptitude for finding errors large and small in articles submitted to IGUANA, AJ often serves as the personification of the IIS. When prospective or current members correspond with the IIS, AJ is the person with whom they communicate. Both the IIS Board and the editorial board often speak of AJ as the "glue that holds us together."

AJ also brings considerable expertise to the myriad tasks we set before her. She is a one-person rescue operation for iguanas and other reptiles (see her profile in the Iguana Times 9(4):87-90 and her comments on iguana rescue in IGUANA 10(4):121–126). Having acquired her knowledge and skills through trial and error and by accumulating very carefully the selected advice of so-called "experts," AJ often contributes insightful perspectives on issues relevant to husbandry — some of which even experienced fanciers often overlook. As both an ardent iguanaphile and perspicacious editor, she brings to the Society and to the journal an attention to detail without which we would be much less able to effectively address the Society's goals or produce a journal of increasingly higher quality. Thank you, AJ.

Bob Powell and John Binns

Editorial Note.—The husbandry feature in the previous issue (IGUANA 11(2):114-118) included a parenthetical phrase suggesting that "a pry-bar is standard collecting gear when hunting Chuckwallas." That phrase, added during review, was meant to say that "a pry-bar once was standard collecting gear ..." The author of the article, Brian Aucone, noted that he would never advocate the destruction of habitat by breaking apart rocks with a pry bar in order to collect a Chuckwalla from the wild. The editors concur.

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