



Green AcresTM Kennel Shop



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What's New at Green Acres

Thank You!

With your help we have been able to donate thousands of pounds of dog and cat food to the Eastern Area Agency on Aging Furry Friends Food Bank. This food is distributed to seniors in our community who are often faced with the difficult choice of feeding themselves or feeding their pets. As pet guardians ourselves, we know what joy these animals bring to the lives of their caregivers. Thank you for your generous support of this program.

Election Time for *Best of Surveys*

Once again it's time to vote for the **Best Kennel** and **Best Pet Store** in the Bangor region and if you believe we are deserving we would greatly appreciate your vote. Votes may be cast at: <http://www.bestofsurveys.com/vote-town.html>.

Green Acres' Blog

On April 11th we officially launched our new blog at www.greenacreskennel.com/blog. It is the mission of the blog to provide educational, thought provoking and entertaining information about dogs and cats and their health, behavior, and nutritional needs. While some of the material will have a local focus, many of the articles will cover topics of interest to anyone with a dog or cat.

You can access the Green Acres' blog directly with a web browser and can also subscribe via email or an RSS feed. We will be using the blog as a way to keep you informed and to get your input. Please check it out and let us know what you think!

New Frequent Buyer Programs

We are pleased to be able to introduce frequent buyer programs for the wonderful pet foods from Natura (**California Natural, Evo and Innova**) and **Solid Gold**. In both cases, we keep a card on file here in the store, and after you purchase twelve bags you will get

the thirteenth free. In the case of Natura, you may purchase any of the Natura foods and are not limited to just one brand. This makes it an ideal choice if you like to rotate your pet's diet. For more information on these great foods, check our website or stop by and let us help you in person!

Now open until 5PM on Saturdays

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New Level 2 and Level 3 Training Classes

We have redesigned our Level 2 and Level 3 dog training classes to make them shorter (4 weeks instead of 8 weeks) and more focused on the specific skills that you wish to work on. Our senior instructor, Becky, has assembled a new Level 2 orientation program, *My Human Can Do That: Advanced Skills for Advanced Training*, which is required for Level 2 classes but is also open to those currently in a Level 1 class. This program is different than the Basic Manners orientation, and focuses on helping you develop your skills as a trainer.

Looking for the latest pet news?

Subscribe to the Green Acres blog at:

www.greenacreskennel.com/blog

and tune into

The Woof Meow Show

Every Sunday at 8:30 PM on

WVOM 103.9 FM & WVQM 101.3 FM



Kate Dutra, Becky Robinson & Don Hanson Record the Woof-Meow Show

What's New at Green Acres (continued)

Grooming Seminar on May 30th

A well groomed pet not only looks and smells better, but is also more comfortable and healthy. On Saturday, May 30th our groomers, Shannan and Rachel, will be conducting a series of 45 minute

seminars to teach you how to keep your pet feeling their best between professional grooming appointments. They will demonstrate a variety of grooming tools and their proper use, as well as assist you in selecting the correct tools for your pet. The seminars will be broken down by coat-type. You can find a complete schedule at our web site (greenacreskennel.com) and on our new blog (greenacreskennel.com/blog). Sorry, these seminars are for people only, please leave your pet at home.

New Software & Change in VIP Program

We are still working on preparing for the change to the new software we told you about in our last newsletter. It is our goal to go live on May 4th. The new system will eventually improve our efficiency, but please be patient as we learn all of its' capabilities. One new feature will allow us to email you with a reminder for boarding and grooming appointments. We will be continuing our VIP program, however the software requires us to make some changes to the configuration of the benefits. Please watch the blog and web site for details.

Play Time Supervisors Attend Seminar

Rachael, Liz, and Hilary, three of our Certified Pet Care Technicians and play group supervisors, attended the "Canine Body Language and Contextual Meanings" seminar presented by Certified Dog Behavior Consultant Sarah Kalnajs, in Portland on February 28th. The seminar focused on reading a dog's body language to better assess their style of play and emotional state.

Trainers Learn About Leash Reactivity

Angela, Joel, and Becky, three of our six Certified Pet Dog Trainers, attended the "On Leash Reactivity: The Problem and The Program" seminar presented by Certified Dog Behavior Consultant Sarah Kalnajs, in Portland on March 1st. This seminar focused on training dogs that are reactive towards other dogs and people when on leash.

Paula and Don Attend Vaccine Seminar

In March, Paula and I traveled to Rutgers University in New Jersey to attend a lecture given by Dr. Ronald D.

Schultz and Dr. W. Jean Dodds about the latest research on vaccines for pets. This has been a topic of interest for us more many years now, but even more so since our

Golden Retriever Tikken experienced a reaction to a Rabies vaccine. I am still

compiling all that we learned and will be posting an article on our blog on vaccines in the near future.

Thank You!

All of us on staff at Green Acres want to thank you for your continued patronage. We know that you have many choices for your pet's boarding, daycare, training, food and supplies and we appreciate that you have chosen us. Please know that it is and always has been our mission to provide your pet with the best quality care at a reasonable price.

Beat the rush... book for summer !



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