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Accredited by ABKA!



Green Acres Kennel Shop has been accredited by the American Boarding Kennel Association (ABKA) through the ABKA Voluntary Facilities Accreditation (VFA) program. As one of only 89 ABKA accredited kennels in the US, we proudly display our ABKA VFA Blue Ribbon signifying the ABKA's "stamp of approval." This distinction was achieved after demonstrating compliance with over

200 detailed requirements established by the ABKA during an on-site inspection by a trained VFA evaluator.

The ABKA's VFA program represents a significant advance in the professionalization of the pet care industry. It institutes nationally-accepted standards of design and performance for pet care facilities. These standards were developed over a six-year period by a working committee of ABKA members which included pet care facility operators, pet owners, veterinarians and animal care experts.

ABKA is the nonprofit trade association for pet care providers and is dedicated to upgrading the pet care industry and to

educating the public about proper pet care. All members of ABKA subscribe to the ABKA Code of Ethics and the Bill of Rights for Pets in Boarding and Daycare Facilities and agree to be governed by the standards of conduct specified in those documents in all aspects of their professional lives.

Staff Anniversaries

Rachel Fowler, CPCT, LVT—4 Years—February
Kathy Kingman—10 Years—March
Erin Colpitt, CPCT—2 Years—March
Joel Mahaffey—4 Years—April
Christie Mahaffey, CPDT—5 Years—April
Kate Dutra, CPDT—15 Years—June
Brenda Merrill, CPCT—10 Years—June
Angela Sedgwick, CPCT—6 years—June
Patty McNamara, CPCT—8 years—June

Thank You!

Welcome Our New Staff

Jessica Hofmeyer—Asst. Instructor
Rachael Bridges—Pet Care Tech
Tracy Haskell—Pet Care Tech
Kate McDonald—Pet Care Tech

Joel Walton Puppy Seminar

On **Saturday, August 4th, at 9AM**, we will be hosting a 3-hour puppy training seminar with Joel Walton, CPDT, noted author of *Positive Puppy Training Works* and co-author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Labrador Retrievers* and *Labrador Retrievers for Dummies*. Walton will discuss the proper use of the Management, Relationship and Education (MRE) System to help new puppy guardians solve their puppy dog behavior problems. Housetraining, play biting, chewing, pulling on leash and polite meeting and greeting will all be addressed. The seminar is for people only.

Joel Walton began his dog training career in 1986 after 25 years of active service in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard. After helping families to train their dogs for many years, Joel now restricts his practice to fearful and aggressive behavior cases in

the Washington, DC area. He continues to provide classes and mentoring for aspiring positive dog trainers and conducts seminars as he travels around the US. He became one of the first Certified Pet Dog Trainers in 2001. Joel and his wife Janet live with over twenty Labrador Retrievers in Maryland.

There is limited seating available for the seminar so Green Acres' is asking that those interested in attending reserve a spot with a minimum \$15/seat donation to the Bangor Humane Society Shed & Emily Fund. Reservation checks can be sent to Green Acres or you can reserve a spot with your credit card by calling us at 945-6841.

Please join us for what will be a fun and educational morning with a great trainer and good friend, Joel Walton

Staff & Kennel News

Congratulations

Kennel Manager, Rachel McLeod is now a Licensed Veterinary Technician, joining former vet tech and co-owner Paula Hanson in overseeing the health of our furry guests.

Training Manager Kate Dutra and Lead Instructor Christie Mahaffey have both qualified as Certified Pet Dog Trainers (CPDT). Administered by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), this internationally recognized program is the only widely accepted certification for dog trainers. In order to become a CPDT, a trainer must first have 300 hours of experience teaching dog training classes and must then take and pass a written examination that covers instructional skills, animal husbandry, ethology, learning theory, and training equipment. Green Acres has four CPDT's on staff; Kate, Christie, Don Hanson and Becky Ruggiero.

Former Pet Care Technician and Lead Instructor Heidi Brzezowski, is now Dr. Heidi and practicing at Acadia Veterinary Hospital on MDI.

Certified Pet Care Technician and Assistant Instructor Erin Colpitt graduated from the University of Maine at Orono.

Co-owner Don Hanson was elected President of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT) in January. Headquartered in Greenville, SC, the APDT is the largest organization of dog training professionals in the world. Founded in 1993, the mission of the 5000+ member APDT is "Promoting caring relationships between dogs and people by educating trainers in canine behavior and emphasizing professionalism and reward based training."

A Whole Lotta Learning Going On

Erin Colpitt, Kate Dutra, Don Hanson, Tracy Haskell, Jessica Hofmeyer, Christie Mahaffey, Joel Mahaffey, Patty McNamara, Becky Ruggiero, and Angela Sedgwick of our training and day-

care staff attended a "How to Talk Dog" seminar with Certified Dog Behavior Consultant and Certified Pet Dog Trainer, Sarah Kalnajs, at My Wonderful Dog in Portland. Kalnajs reviewed the variety of signals used by dogs to indicate when dogs are stressed, feeling threatened, or being threatening. By understanding these signals we can better care for your dogs and help ensure their safety and comfort.

When asked about the significance of this seminar Green Acres' co-owner, Don Hanson, stated "The material presented by Ms. Kalnajs is absolutely essential for anyone that works with dogs professionally, but is especially critical for those that are responsible for supervising dogs that interact with one another such as at a doggie daycare, in a dog training class, or at a dog park. The subtlety of these signals demonstrates the importance of making sure that dogs in a daycare are 100% supervised by adequate numbers of trained staff that are always right there with the dogs, observing and ready to intervene as necessary."

In March, Don flew to Wales where he attended ten days of continuing education at the Natural Animal Centre focusing on the advanced use of Bach Flower Remedies for treating animals with behavioral/emotional issues and teaching pet guardians and professionals in their use. He also attended the two day International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC) conference in Cleveland, OH. Topics at the conference included presentations on the latest research on canine learning and cognition, psychopharmacology and its use in treating animal behavior problems, working with fearful shelter dogs, environmental enrichment for cats, and medical conditions that can affect cat behavior.

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