



Green Acres Annual Pet Appreciation Day Saturday, Sept. 30th

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[Bangor]— Green Acres Kennel Shop will be holding their 9th annual Pet Appreciation Day on Saturday, September 30th. The days events will include:

9AM & 3PM—Recall Clinic—Learn how to teach your dog to come reliably with help from the Green Acres training staff. Practice in the training field with professional assistance.

9AM-11AM—Understanding Pet Nutrition—This seminar will focus on nutrition as the foundation of good health. We'll expose the many myths about pet nutrition and discuss the often contradictory information on what types of food are best for the average dog and cat. We will also use the Green Acres Kennel Shop food comparison database to look at several types of foods including their advantages, disadvantages, risks and what they really cost.

10AM & 4PM—Walking Politely Clinic—Let our training staff teach you how to keep your dog from pulling on leash and to walk nicely by your side, without using a choke or prong collar. Handouts and opportunities to practice will be available.

Noon-The Precious Pet Show— This event is for children and their dogs and cats. Each child will tell the judges and audience about how they take care of their pet and their pet's personality. Ribbons will be awarded to each entrant based on the presentation and the pet's unique characteristics. A "Best in Show" trophy will be also be awarded. Rules are: 1) Children must be between five and twelve and accompanied by an adult, 2) pets must be current on vaccinations and must not be aggressive, 3) dogs must be on a leash attached to a regular flat collar, head halter or harness, choke and prong collars are not allowed, and 4) cats must be in a plastic or metal carrier or on a secure harness and leash. Entry forms can be obtained at Green Acres or at our website (www.greenacreskennel.com).

To guarantee your place in any of the above events, please register ahead of time by sending in a \$5 registration fee to reserve your spot. All registration fees will be donated to the Bangor Humane Society Shed and Emily Fund. Walk-ins will be allowed as space permits.

The Shed and Emily Fund

The Shed and Emily Fund was established in the spring of 2003 by Don and Paula Hanson, owners of Green Acres Kennel Shop, as a living memorial to their Border Collie mix Shed and BHS's feline mascot Emily. The Fund was established for one reason: to help relieve stress and stress-related behaviors and illnesses in pets cared for by the Bangor Humane Society. Donations to the Fund pay for enrichment, training, socialization and behavior rehabilitation for all BHS dogs and cats in need.