Green Acres Kennel Shop Receives Accreditation from ABKA

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[***Bangor***]— Green Acres Kennel Shop in Bangor has been accredited by the American Boarding Kennel Association (ABKA) through the ABKA Voluntary Facilities Accreditation (VFA) program becoming one of 89 such kennels in the US.

The ABKA's VFA program represents a significant advance in the professionalization of the pet care industry. It establishes 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. During the development stage of the program, ABKA members were surveyed and interviewed about many different phases of pet care facility operations and management procedures. The resulting program contains over 200 industry-recognized "Standards of Excellence."

Green Acres Kennel Shop has been found to be in compliance with the Standards of Excellence set forth by ABKA's VFA Program and has successfully completed an on-site evaluation by ABKA.

Green Acres Kennel Shop at 1653 Union Street offers boarding, daycare and grooming for dogs and cats, as well as pet behavior consultations and training classes. Their retail store offers a wide variety of wholesome pet foods, treats and quality supplies. In business since 1965, Green Acres has been voted the best kennel in the Bangor region for the past five years. Customers and their pets are invited to stop by for a tour of the facility. For more information, please call 945-6841.

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.

Founded in 1977 by a group of concerned individuals within the boarding kennel industry, ABKA now unites over 3000 dedicated pet care professionals worldwide. ABKA provides a three-level educational program, a facilities accreditation program, regional and national meetings, business benefits and professional publications for its members and serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas among members. For more information, visit www.abka.com or call toll-free: 877-570-7788.

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