Hanson Credentialed as Certified Dog Behavior Counselor

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[***Bangor***]— Don Hanson, co-owner and Director of Behavior Counseling and Training at the Green Acres Kennel Shop in Bangor, has been credentialed as a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (CDBC) by the International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants (IAABC). In order to be certified as a clinical member of IAABC, Hanson had to demonstrate competency in; Assessment & Intervention Strategies, Counseling Skills & Social Systems Assessment, Behavioral Science, General Knowledge of Animal Behavior/Ethology, and Species-Specific Knowledge. Hanson is currently the only CDBC in Maine. Hanson is also a Certified Pet Dog Trainer (CPDT) and a Bach Foundation Registered Practitioner animal specialist (BFRP).

The International Association of Animal Behavior Consultants, Inc. is a professional association for the field of animal behavior consulting. The association represents the professional interests of behavior consultants throughout the world. It is involved with the problems, needs and changing patterns of animal-owner relationships, and helps to ensure that trained practitioners meet the public's needs. The IAABC Mission is to assist and educate owners and handlers of companion animals to prevent problems and to interrupt the cycle of inappropriate punishment, rejection, and euthanasia of animals with behavior problems that are resolvable.