Hanson Completes 12 Days of Continuing Education in Wales and Cleveland Ohio

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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 recently completed ten days of continuing education at the Natural Animal Centre in Carmarthen, Wales. Classes focused on the advanced use of Bach Flower Remedies for treating animals with behavioral/emotional issues and teaching pet guardians and professionals in their use.

The Natural Animal Centre, under the direction of animal behaviorist Heather Simpson and animal trainer Ross Simpson, is dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of animals using positive reinforcement and a scientific understanding of animal behavior. Heather Simpson directs the Dr. Edward Bach Foundation qualification program for Bach Foundation Registered Practitioner animal specialists.

Hanson 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.

The IAABC is a professional association for the field of animal behavior consulting. The association represents the professional interests of behavior consultants throughout the world. They facilitate research, theory development and education.

Hanson is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer, Certified Dog Behavior Consultant, Bach Foundation Registered Practitioner animal specialist and Therapy Dog Evaluator. He and his training staff first introduced clicker training and the concept of “dog-friendly” training to the Bangor area in 1997. An experienced speaker, Don has lectured on pets, behavior and the Bach Flower remedies in the USA, Canada, the Caribbean and Japan. Since January of 2005 he has been on WVOM-FM every Sunday night with “The Woof-Meow” show. In its third year, the mission of the show is to educate listeners how to care for and train their pets.