Dutra and Harmon Attend Seminar on Group Dog Play

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[***Bangor***]— In July, Green Acres Operations Manager, Kate Dutra and Kennel Supervisor, Michelle Harmon, traveled to Massachusetts for a two day seminar on Dog Group Dynamics with Sue Sternberg. The seminar discussed how dogs interact and what represents a healthy interaction versus aggression. As a shelter manager and professional dog trainer Sternberg has years of experience in observing dog interactions in homes, shelters, daycares and dog parks.

Harmon stated "During the seminar, Sue showed us a wide variety of video clips from dog parks around the country to educate us on the good, the bad, and the ugly of dog play." Not all dogs enjoy group play at a dog park or a daycare. The information Kate and Michelle learned will be used to further instruct Green Acres staff to make sure that dogs playing at Green Acres are safe and having a good time. Dutra noted "Supervising dogs at play is something that we take very seriously at Green Acres. Staff members with that responsibility go through an extensive training program that we have developed that focuses on canine body language and play styles. Additionally each Pet Care Technician must also successfully complete a 16 part course on dog play developed by the Dog Gurus Robin Bennett and Susan Briggs. The material we've learned from Sue will further enhance our knowledge."

In business since 1965, Green Acres Kennel Shop at 1653 Union Street is a Pet Care Services Association (PCSA) accredited facility offering boarding, daycare and grooming for dogs and cats, as well as pet behavior consultations and training classes. Voted Best Kennel every year since 2002, Best Pet Store every year since 2007, Best Dog Trainer every year since 2011, and Best Pet Groomer every year since 2013, the Green Acres retail store offers a wide variety of wholesome pet foods, treats and quality supplies. For more information, please call 945-6841 or visit www.greenacreskennel.com.