Erin Bessey Earns Professional Dog Trainer Certification

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[***Bangor***]— Dog trainer instructor, Erin Bessey, of Green Acres Kennel Shop in Bangor, has earned Level I certification (CPDT-KA) through the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), the internationally recognized certification program for professional dog trainers. Bessey now joins the more than 1000-plus Certified Pet Dog Trainers located throughout the US and in a number of countries outside the US.

Certificants must have at least 300 hours of experience in teaching dog training classes before they are eligible to sit for the CPDT-KA examination. They must also provide a total of three professional references; one from a veterinarian, one from a dog training client and one from a colleague in the canine behavior profession. The exam covers instruction skills, animal husbandry, ethology, learning theory, equipment and business practices and ethics. Once certified, an individual must accumulate a minimum of thirty-sex CEUs every three years.

Bessey has been an employee of Green Acres Kennel Shop since. She joins Angela Allen, Kate Dutra, Don Hanson, and Becky Ruggiero, as the CPDT's teaching at Green Acres. Erin is a member of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers.

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, and Best Dog Trainer in 2011, 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.