FREE Educational Events at Green Acres Kennel Shop in May

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[***Bangor***]— Green Acres Kennel Shop in Bangor, will host the following FREE educational events for pet parents in May.

- **Why Shock Collars Can Be Harmful to Our Dogs & Humane Alternatives to Electrical Shock – Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30 PM and Saturday, May 12th at 2:30 PM at Green Acres Kennel Shop.** – Don Hanson, co-owner of Green Acres Kennel Shop will discuss electronic shock collars and why they are a dangerous and inhumane choice for training, managing, or containing a dog. He will review the scientific, peer-reviewed literature on shock as well as recommendations from veterinary behavioral experts on humane and effective alternatives to electric shock. The seminar is free. Hanson is a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant (CDBC) and a Certified Professional Dog Trainer (CPDT-KA). For more information or to register, go to http://bit.ly/GAKS_Event_Shock_May2018
- **Dog Behavior, Body Language & Dog Parks–Saturday, May 19th at 10 AM at Green Acres Kennel Shop** – Going to the dog park is not an enjoyable experience for all dogs and people and can, in fact, result in irreparable harm. In this presentation, Don Hanson, Certified Dog Behavior Consultant, and Certified Professional Dog Trainer will discuss current thinking on dog parks. He will address what you need to know about canine behavior and canine body language to make sure your visit is safe and fun for all. Lastly, he will provide you with four checklists that will allow you to assess: 1) if you are ready for the dog park, 2) if your dog is ready for the dog park, 3) the physical aspects of the dog park, and 4) the dog parks culture, the behavior of the people that make up the dog park. The seminar is free. For more information or to register, go to http://bit.ly/GAKS_Event-DogPark
- **Using Essential Oils with Pets–Saturday, May 19th at 3 PM at Green Acres Kennel Shop** – Rachael Pelletier will teach attendees how to use pure essential oils to support their pet's health and wellness. This FREE class has been developed by a veterinarian and includes handouts on how to use oils safely with pets. You will learn how these natural options can support digestive issues, ease stress and anxiousness, calm sore, achy joints and inflammation, boost immune function, repel nasty pests and more! You will also learn how to replace toxic cleaning products that can cause harm to your pet with efficient and safer alternatives. As a bonus, each attendee will make an essential oil spray to take home to ease anxiety. Rachael earned a bachelors degree in Animal Science from the University of Maine and has experience in animal care. She is excited to share her knowledge and experience in creating a safer home environment and using natural options to care for your pets. The seminar is free. For more information or to register, go to http://bit.ly/GAKS_Event_EssentialOils_19MAY18

In business since 1965, Green Acres Kennel Shop, located at 1653 Union Street, is committed to pet-friendly, force-free pet care. We offer boarding, daycare, and grooming for dogs, as well as pet behavior consultations and group and private dog 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. In December of 2017, we were recognized by Best Businesses of America as one of the Top 10 Kennels and Top 30 Dog Trainers in New England. We are a proud member of The Pet Professional Guild. For more information, please call 945-6841 or visit www.greenacreskennel.com