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Green Acres Announces Plans for APDT National Train Your Dog Month

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[***Bangor***]— Three to four million dogs and cats are euthanized in animal shelters each year, surrendered by owners who didn't know how to deal with their pets' behavior problems and couldn't find a reliable resource to help them. Each, year, the Association of Pet Dog Trainers designates the month of January as **National Train Your Dog Month** to bring awareness to the importance of socialization and training, and most of all, to inform the public that training your dog can be simple and fun! The APDT selected January because so many dogs and puppies are adopted and brought home during the winter holidays. By providing education and resources, new pet owners can start off the New Year with their newest family member in the best way possible.

Green Acres Kennel Shop will be participating in National Train Your Dog Month in several ways. On Saturday, January 5th we will be offering a Canine Body Language seminar from 10AM until Noon, and a free "Ask the Trainer" session from 1PM to 4PM. This is an opportunity for people to stop by and talk to our training staff and ask questions. We will repeat this event from 10AM until Noon on Saturday, January 12th; followed by dog training demonstrations by our trainers between 1PM and 4PM.

On Saturday, February 9th we will host a screening of *Tough Love: A Meditation on Dominance and Dogs*. This documentary, by filmmaker and history professor Chad Montrie, examines the history of the dominance construct and the theory of pack hierarchy and the "alpha dog" in the dog training world. The film looks at how these flawed theories came about and how there has been a resurgence in this approach by some celebrity "trainers", even though it is contraindicated by science. The film includes interviews with a wide variety of dog experts (Gail Fisher, Paul Owens, Dr. Sophia Yin, Nicole Wilde, and others) who describe their own cathartic moment when they realized that being dominant towards their dogs was not only unnecessary but was often damaging to the relationship between dog and person.

We will also be featuring a daily dog training tip on our FaceBook page (https://www.facebook.com/GreenAcresKennelShop) and on several local radio stations. Our weekly radio show, *The Woof Meow Show* (https://www.facebook.com/WoofMeowShow) will be featuring dog training advice on the last weekend in December and all shows airing in through 10th.

Located in Greenville, SC, the APDT is a professional educational organization of trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through using positive, dog friendly methods based on sound scientific principles.

With over 6,000 members worldwide, the APDT's mission is to represent and advance the dog training profession through education and advocacy. For more information, visit the APDT Web site at www.apdt.com.

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 every year since 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.