Green Acres Kennel Shop Announces Fundraising Effort for The Rabies Challenge Fund

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[***Bangor***]— Green Acres Kennel Shop will be holding a fundraiser for The Rabies Challenge Fund from September 1st through October 6th. Customers will be asked for a donation when making purchases and if over $1000 is raised, Green Acres Kennel Shop will match the donations dollar for dollar, up to $1500. Additionally, Green Acres will be promoting the fundraiser on their website (greenacreskennel.com) where people can donate on-line, and through their FaceBook pages (https://www.facebook.com/GreenAcresKennelShop and https://www.facebook.com/WoofMeowShow). Green Acres' Don Hanson stated "*Vaccine reactions are a global issue, and the internet and FaceBook give us an opportunity to take this cause to the world.*" Fundraising levels will be reported on both FaceBook pages on a regular basis. All funds raised will donated to The Rabies Challenge Fund, a Charitable Trust and federally registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization [Fed. EIN # 84-6390682].

Green Acres' owners Paula and Don Hanson have chosen this project as a way to remember their Golden Retriever, Tikken who crossed the Rainbow Bridge in February of this year. While Tikken lived to be sixteen, the Hanson's almost lost her when she was four due to a severe reaction to the Rabies vaccine. "*We are fortunate that our veterinarians were able to help Tikken recover from her reaction to the Rabies vaccine, but it still greatly impacted the last 12 years of her life. The Rabies Challenge Fund is doing the work in the laboratory and legislatures that can help prevent other pet parents and their pets from having to go through what we went through"* stated Hanson.

The Rabies Challenge Fund was founded by Kris Christine, of Maine, and. Dr. W. Jean Dodds who serves as Co-Trustee of the Fund and supervisor of the project. The Fund was established to determine the duration of immunity conveyed by rabies vaccines and to lobby state and municipal regulators to adopt a 3 year Rabies vaccine protocol. Research began in November 2007 under the direction of Dr. Ronald Schultz and The University of Wisconsin Foundation and is now in year five. This project has been funded entirely at the grassroots level with contributions coming mostly from kennel clubs and private individuals. (http://www.rabieschallengefund.org/ and https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Rabies-Challenge-Fund/119106981159)

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 in 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.