Green Acres Kennel Shop Raises $2,505 for The Rabies Challenge Fund

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[***Bangor***]— Green Acres Kennel Shop held a fundraiser for The Rabies Challenge Fund from September 1st through October 6th and raised $1225 from fifty two clients, colleagues and friends. Don and Paula Hanson, co-owners for Green Acres Kennel Shop, matched what they raised with an additional $1280. The Hanson's initiated this fundraiser as both a memorial to their Golden Retriever Tikken and as a way of helping to educate others about the potential for severe reactions to the Rabies vaccine. The Hanson's dog Tikken, lived to be sixteen, but they almost lost her when she was four due to a severe reaction to the Rabies vaccine. *"I know that Tikken is watching us from the Rainbow Bridge and I have no doubt she's wagging her tail with joy at the response we've had"* stated Don Hanson.

The Rabies Challenge Fund, a Charitable Trust and federally registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization [Fed. EIN # 84-6390682], 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.