Green Acres 11th Annual Fundraiser for the Eastern Area Agency on Aging Furry Friends Food Bank

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[***Bangor***]— Green Acres Kennel Shop is holding its 11th annual fundraiser for the Eastern Area Agency on Aging Furry Friends Food Bank. The Furry Friends Food Bank helps low-income seniors in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington counties feed their pets. As of the end of business on Monday, December 17th, they have raised a total of $2122 from 107 donations, towards their goal of $8000. The fundraiser will end at the close of business on Wednesday, December 26th. If the community donates $7000, Green Acres will contribute an additional $1000 to those vital cause.

One hundred percent of all donations raised will be used by the Eastern Area Agency on Aging to purchase pet food and cat litter for participants in their Furry Friends Food Bank program. Green Acres buys these items for EAAA at wholesale prices, helping these donations go even further. The Furry Friends Food Bank is entirely supported by volunteer contributions. No grants or government funds are available to purchase the pet food these seniors desperately need to keep their furry companions. The success of this program is dependent on the generosity of people in the communities of Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington counties.

Green Acres' customers are asked for a donation when making purchases. Donations are also accepted by mail and online. Due to the generosity of their clients and many others in the community, last year Green Acres' raised a total of $8172; this year's goal is $8000. People can learn more or donate online through the Green Acres website at www.greenacres-donate.com.

Green Acres Kennel Shop owner Don Hanson states: "*Thanks to the generosity of the community, during their last fiscal year, October 2017 thru September 2018, the Furry Friends Food Bank distributed over 74,233 lbs. of pet food to over 487 clients. All of that food was paid for through the generosity of people who care and understand the importance of keeping those 478 seniors and their pets together. Sadly the need for this service continues to grow every year as food insecurity continues to be an issue for far too many people. Green Acres Kennel Shop sees this fundraiser for the Furry Friends Food Bank as an opportunity for us to help these best friends, senior and pet, stay together, giving one another what they both need, companionship. By donating to this cause, you help prevent a senior from having to choose between feeding themselves or their pet. When your pet is all you have, foregoing eating, not refilling a prescription, or turning the heat down very low, are some of the sacrifices that you may make to keep your best friend with you. Please help.*"

People may follow the activities of the fundraising drive on the FaceBook page for the Friends of EAAA Furry Friends Food Bank at (https://www.facebook.com/GAKS.FFFFB).

The Eastern Area Agency on Aging is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization serving Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington counties dedicated to providing seniors, adults with disabilities and caregivers with a variety of options, opportunities, resources, and referrals. (http://www.eaaa.org).

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