Green Acres Announces 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 annual fundraiser for the Eastern Area Agency on Aging Furry Friends Food Bank from Saturday November 22nd through Saturday December 27th. Customers will be asked for a donation when making purchases. The Furry Friends Food Bank helps low-income seniors and adults with disabilities feed their pets. It is also one of the Green Acres Kennel Shop's favorite non-profit charities. People can learn more or donate online through the Green Acres website: www.greenacres-donate.com.

Once Green Acres has raised $1500, they will donate an additional $1,000. All funds raised will be used to buy pet food, at wholesale prices, for distribution by the Eastern Area Agency on Aging Furry Friends Food Bank. Due to the generosity of their clients and many others in the community, last year Green Acres' raised a total of $2,387; this year's goal is $2,500.

Green Acres Kennel Shop owner Don Hanson states: "*Pets play an incredibly important role in our lives and our interactions with them can help lower blood pressure and resolve depression. If a dog or cat is the only living thing you see on a daily basis, not uncommon for some seniors and the disabled, that pet becomes even more important. Many people are struggling to get by on a low or fixed income and may even be choosing to forgo doctor appointments or medication so that they can afford to feed their pet. There is a strong need for these services in the four counties served by EAAA. Last year they distributed 63,000lbs of pet food to over 900 clients. Keeping pets and seniors together and healthy is what the Furry Friends Food Bank is all about. That's why the staff at Green Acres works so hard on this fundraiser every year. We all have much to be thankful for, and we want to encourage everyone to consider the joy they can create by helping keep a pet and person together by donating to the Eastern Area Agency on Aging Furry Friends Food Bank.*"

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). Those that want to help spread the word can download a flyer/sign at (http://goo.gl/FB5oJY)

People can learn more about the Eastern Area Agency on Aging and the Furry Friends Food Bank on the November 22nd podcast from The Woof Meow Show where Kate and Don talk with the Robert Crone and Lori

Diadone about these important programs http://traffic.libsyn.com/woofmeowshow/WoofMeowShow-2014-11-22-GAKS_EAAA-FFFB_Fundraiser.mp3 OR http://goo.gl/n2Su2y).

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 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 every year since 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.