Green Acres' Don Hanson Qualifies for Membership in the Pet Professional Guild

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[***Bangor***]— Don Hanson, co-owner of the Green Acres Kennel Shop has qualified for membership in The Pet Professional Guild (PPG), a professional pet industry member-association. In order to qualify for membership one must agree to support the PPG's Key Charter which is committed to force-free pet training and pet care. Hanson commented that "*PPG's commitment to force-free pet care is very much in line with the Pet Friendly policy that Green Acres started talking about in February of 2006. We began advocating for pet friendly practices at that time because of reports of some practices at other facilities, but we were practicing force-free training and pet care long before that. While there are other dog trainers in Maine that are members of PPG, we're excited to be the first Maine facility that also offers, daycare, boarding and grooming that has committed to force-free care. PPG also has some great educational resources that we will be using with our staff. I also like that they have a section for pet owners at their web site petprofessionalguild.com.*"

According to PPG President, Niki Tudge, "*The PPG is a member-association organization that was founded to represent dog training and pet care professionals who are committed to scientifically based, force-free training and behavior change methods. The PPG is the only professional pet industry member association that advocates for force-free dog training and pet care and requires that our members adhere to our "Guiding Principles. We also make these principles available to the public. This way anyone using the services of a PPG member can be confident of the methods and the philosophical and scientific basis of the training methods and pet care techniques used when caring for their pets*."

Headquartered in Wesley Chapel, FL, the Pet Professional Guild is an organization comprised of dog training and pet care professionals committed to holistic, force-free methods. Their mission is to help make every pet a valued member of its family and to improve the relationship and the quality of life people share with their pets by providing the greatest value and highest quality, state-of-the-art, force-free, scientific based pet training and pet care.

In business since 1965, Green Acres Kennel Shop at 1653 Union Street offers 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.