Green Acres Kennel Shop Staff Accredited as Certified Professional Dog Trainers

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[***Bangor***]— Green Acres Kennel Shop now has three Certified Professional Dog Trainers on their training staff. Lindsay Ware, a Lead Dog Training Instructor at Green Acres, recently passed her exam to become a Certified Professional Dog Trainer, Knowledge Assessed (CPDT-KA). Kate Dutra, Green Acres' Senior Trainer, and Don Hanson, Green Acres co-owner, were recently recertified.

Ware, Dutra, and Hanson have all been accredited by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), an internationally recognized certification program for professional dog trainers. Certificants must recertify with the CCPDT every three years, documenting a minimum of thirty-six hours of continuing education in CCPDT approved courses. The field of dog training is constantly changing. Voluntary certification exists to help the public find a trainer that has demonstrated they have the knowledge, skills, and ethics to practice as a professional and are continually seeking additional education.

Hanson was one of twenty nationally recognized dog training professionals and behaviorists selected by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) to research and develop the first comprehensive written certification examination for professional dog trainers now managed by the CCPDT. He became one of the first trainers certified by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers in September of 2001.

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 2018, we were recognized by Best Businesses of America as one of the Top 10 Kennels and Top 25 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