Green Acres Trainers Attend National Conference—Hanson Recognized As APDT Dr. Ian Dunbar Member of the Year

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[***Bangor***]— Kate Dutra, Don Hanson and Lindsay Ware, all dog training instructors at the Green Acres Kennel Shop, recently attended the Association of Professional Dog Trainers (APDT) 20th Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show in Hartford, CT. During the four day conference they attended lectures and workshops on a wide variety of topics including; People, Dogs and Psychological Trauma, Canine Evolution, Medical Problems Masquerading as Behavioral Problems, Foundations for Working Effectively with People to Benefit Their Dogs, Dissecting Dog on Dog Play and many more. Hanson also presented two talks on business development and moderated a panel discussion entitled Dogs from the Inside Out with panelists Linda Case, Dr. Raymond Coppinger, Dr. Susan Friedman, Dr. Robert Gillette, and Dr. Christopher Pachel.

Don Hanson, a co-owner of Green Acres Kennel Shop, was named the *APDT's Dr. Ian Dunbar Member of the Year* at the first day of the conference. He was recognized for his contributions to the dog training profession and active involvement in the APDT since 1998. Hanson has served a total of nine years on the APDT Board of Trustees; one as Secretary, one as Treasurer, two as Vice Chair and three as Chair. He was a member of the APDT's first Education Committee and has been a member of all succeeding APDT committees and task forces focused on education. Today he serves as the chair of both the Educational Advisory Group and the Nominations Committee.

When asked about his award Hanson stated: "*I'm humbled to be recognized for doing something I love and am passionate about. I feel that the energy I've invested in the APDT has been returned ten-fold in my own personal development. Continuing education has always been very important to me personally. When I decided to change professions I found the educational resources I was looking for at the APDT. Giving back to the association that has been so helpful to me is as we say in Maine, 'A no brainah.' Over the last 20 years APDT has significantly raised the standard of dog training by providing ongoing opportunities for continuing education from the best and most knowledgeable experts in our field. This benefits dog trainers, dog owners and dogs. What the APDT has been doing, and continues to do is fundamental to the professionalization of dog training and pet behavior counseling. I encourage anyone who is looking for a dog trainer to select one that is a member of the APDT simply because it is the mark of a true professional and a trainer that is committed to ongoing education and self-improvement.*"

Headquartered in Greenville, SC, the Association of Pet Dog Trainers is the largest organization of dog training and behavior professionals in the world. Founded in 1993, the mission of the 6000+ member APDT is "To represent and advance the dog training profession through education and advocacy." More information on the APDT is available at https://apdt.com/.

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.