Hanson Completes Course on Canine Social and Psychological Development with Honors

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[***Bangor***]— Don Hanson, co-owner and Director of Behavior Counseling and Training at the Green Acres Kennel Shop in Bangor, has completed a five week course on Canine Social and Psychological Development. Offered by the Association of Professional Dog Trainers and taught by Gail Fisher, the course covered the critical periods in a dog's life that have the greatest impact on their development. Factors to consider when selecting a puppy or evaluating a dog's suitability for breeding were reviewed as were socialization ad habituation needs during the critical period. The course included a review of canine research that took place at Maine's Jackson Laboratory and that was published in *Genetics and the Social Behavior of the Dog* by John Paul Scott and John L. Fuller. Hanson passed the course with honors.

When asked how the course applies to his work at Green Acres Kennel Shop, Hanson stated: "Material covered in the course will be very useful in the further refinement of the curriculum we use for our Puppy Headstart class. It will also be helpful for consultations with clients where we review traits to look for in puppies when selecting a breeder."

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.