Lois Dimitre, Green Acres Lead Dog Training Instructor, Earns KPA CTP and CPDT-KA Designations

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[***Bangor***]— Lois Dimitre, a Lead Dog Training Instructor at Green Acres Kennel Shop, has recently graduated with distinction from the Karen Pryor Academy and has been named a Certified Training Partner. Lois is committed to force-free training techniques that make a difference in the lives of pets and their owners. Karen Pryor Academy for Animal Training and Behavior is an innovative institution committed to educating, certifying, and promoting the next generation of animal trainers. Lois has completed an intensive education process and demonstrated a high level of skill in training dogs as well as teaching dog owners. "*Our graduates are not only skilled trainers, they are excellent teachers,*" said Pryor. "*I'm proud to be able to welcome Lois Dimitre to the growing family of KPA-Certified dog trainers nationwide*."

In April, Dimitre was also certified as a professional dog trainer (CPDT-KA) by the Certification Council for Professional Dog Trainers (CCPDT), an internationally recognized certification program for professional dog trainers. Certificants must pass a comprehensive examination that measures a broad range of knowledge and skills in ethology, learning theory, dog training technique, and instruction. Before sitting for the exam, applicants must complete a minimum of 300 hours of working with dogs and their people. A certificant must recertify with the CCPDT every three years, documenting a minimum of thirty-six hours of continuing education in CCPDT approved courses.

Working in Green Acres training department since 2014, Lois teaches Puppy Headstart, Basic Manners, and Level 2 classes.

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 2016, we were recognized by Best Businesses of America as one of the Top 15 Kennels and Top 40 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.