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Green Acres Kennel Shop–Recognized as One of the Top 10 Kennels and Dog Trainers in New England in 2025 for the 6th Year Running

[***Bangor, Maine, January 6, 2026***]—Best Businesses of America has announced that Green Acres Kennel Shop has received a 2025 rating, as one of the Top 10 Best Kennels and Top 10 Best Dog Trainers in their 26th annual Best of New England ratings. This is the sixth year in a row that Green Acres has received this honor.

Best Businesses of America's rating is based on information from Market Surveys of America for all areas surveyed in New England. Rankings are based on the percentage of votes received in each local market, the margin between the top two businesses in each local survey, and the area's population.

Don Hanson, co-owner of Green Acres Kennel Shop and owner of ForceFreePets.com, responded to this announcement by stating:

> *Green Acres Kennel Shop and ForceFreePets continue to receive these honors because of our wonderful clients and our fantastic team of pet care professionals. Those who entrust their pets to us reinforce our behavior, just as we teach them to reward their pets' behavior. Whether you vote for us at https://www.bestofsurveys.com/vote/163/bangor or review us on Google or Facebook, it matters, and we appreciate it! We also know that you appreciate our ethics and philosophy of treating each pet with empathy and compassion. We'll never do it any other way. Thank you!*

About Green Acres Kennel Shop & ForceFreePets
Green Acres Kennel Shop and ForceFreePets are two companies owned by Don Hanson, located at 1653 Union Street in Bangor, Maine, and online at www.GreenAcresKennel.com and www.ForceFreePets.com. Our joint mission is to provide humane, ethical, and empathetic pet care and education based on science while prioritizing the needs and welfare of our clients' pets. Green Acres has been in business since 1965 and offers boarding, daycare, grooming, and the sale of wholesome pet food and supplies. Founded in 2020, ForceFreePets provides behavior consultations, group, private, and online dog training classes, as well as in-person and online education for people with pets. Green Acres has been voted the Best Kennel since 2002, the Best Pet Store since 2007, the Best Dog Trainer since 2011, and the Best Pet Groomer since 2013. In December of 2025, Green Acres was recognized by Best Businesses of America as one of the Top 10 Kennels and Top 10 Dog Trainers in New England for the 6th year in a row. In addition, Green Acres Kennel Shop and ForceFreePets are proud members of The Pet Professional Guild. For more information, please call 207-942-5861, visit https://www.greenacreskennel.com/, or www.ForceFreePets.com.