

SUZANNE CLOTHIER

Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26, 2015 🐾 9:00 - 5:00pm
East Bay SPCA 8323 Baldwin Ave., Oakland, CA 94621

Day 1: What's the Problem? Unraveling the Puzzles of Behavior, Training & Performance"

This exciting new seminar from Suzanne Clothier provides attendees with a practical and powerful way of looking at any behavior, training or performance problem, and figuring out what to do. This systematic approach to unraveling the puzzle will help any handler, novice or expert, identify the areas that need attention, recognize training methods that are effective, and understand their dog as a physical, emotional and mental being. For the dog lover, this approach helps guide your thinking about behavior & training problems, and helps you identify where to turn to help -- and what kind of help you need and want. For the dog training professional, this approach offers a number of powerful tools for quickly and accurately identifying the issues that may be at the root of any presented problem. This allows trainers to focus on areas that need to be built or that need strengthening or repair. Above all, how do you know how and what needs work? How do you know if a method or equipment choice is right for you and your dog? There is a bewildering array of options and information out there. How do you know which way to go? Suzanne can help you find your way using your own good sense and specific approaches to finding answers. While Suzanne cannot provide a magic wand or any miracle fairy dust, she can and will provide meaningful tools and ways of thinking that will help you make better decisions for yourself, your dogs and - for professionals - your clients. Topics covered:

🐾 **The dog** - physical, mental, emotional 🐾 **Clothier's Functional Assessment Tool (FAT)** 🐾 **The handler** - goals, skills, tools 🐾 **Control, Connection & Permission** -- finding the strengths & gaps 🐾 **Training Triage** - who, what, where, when, why 🐾 **What's right for you?** Creating a framework for assessing tools, methods & results

Day 2: You had me at Sniff: Understanding dog-dog interactions

Dog-to-dog interactions are difficult to master. Because we don't speak Dog, and dogs don't speak English, we are stuck with interpreting what we see... and sometimes, we are wrong. It can be hard to know what to do. But we want to get it right. We all have the same questions and worries when two or more dogs are together. Are we being too cautious? Or too careless? Do we just "let them work it out" or try to orchestrate pleasant encounters? When is it okay to put two dogs together? What is play and what is not play? What is a suitable playmate? Do size or age differences matter? Argument or serious fight? Practical information and techniques will be discussed (and demonstrated as possible), including 🐾 **Reading Body Language** Important clues 🐾 **Connection & Control** Supporting your dog & remaining connected 🐾 **The Think & Learn Zone** How arousal affects dog/dog interactions 🐾 **Management vs. Training** Know the difference 🐾 **Permissions, Not Permissive** The power of explicit permissions 🐾 **Safe Introductions** Multiple techniques for sensible, safe introductions 🐾 **Even Though... Training** Developing responsibility in the dog for self control & appropriate behavior "even though"... 🐾 **Look Who's Here!** Changing attitudes towards others 🐾 **Breaking Up Dog Fights Safely.** For those involved in rescue, fostering dogs can create additional stresses on your permanent canine family. Special considerations and practical tips for meeting the unique needs of fosters will be addressed. This seminar is packed full of practical information, effective techniques and hard won experience.

Cost: \$270 for two days; \$150 for one day

(Includes continental breakfast)

Suzanne Clothier, internationally known dog trainer, behavior consultant and speaker, is the author of "Bones Would Rain From the Sky" and numerous other publications. Involved professionally with dogs since 1977, Suzanne's background is widely varied, with experience in breeding, kennel management, grooming, showing, training, canine midwifery, puppy aptitude testing, instructing, behavior consultations, in-home training, K-9 Search & Rescue, holistic health care and various club memberships & activities. For a full biography, see

<http://www.suzanneclothier.com/content/suzanne-clothier>

A FEW DETAILS

-  **DEMO DOGS:** Suzanne may use appropriate dogs for demonstrations as a part of the seminar. She will make the final decision about who will be used as demo dogs from those who fill in and email the application at <http://suzanneclothier.com/casehistory>. Please email kathryn@pawsandcues.com to let me know you have completed and sent this form.
-  **Non DEMO DOGS at the SEMINAR:** Depending on the number of humans who are attending and the need for demo dogs to feel safe, there will be some but limited space for non-demo dogs. Please consider the needs of your dog when deciding whether to bring him/her. For many dogs, this will not be a comfortable setting as there will be many people and other dogs in close proximity. Please do not bring reactive dogs. Dogs must be on leash at all times, both inside and outside. Dogs may sit with their humans near the rear or edges of the room. Please bring a crate for your dog (no exceptions). If you are bringing your dog, please let us know on the registration form.
-  **SCHOLARSHIP:** There will be one scholarship for a SAR handler. Application must be made on the SAR organization's letterhead.
-  **CEUS:** Pending for IAABC and CCPDT



SEMINAR REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS SEMINAR? _____

ARE YOU BRINGING A NON-DEMO DOG? _____

Enclose this form with your check made payable to Kathryn Horn. Refunds less a \$20 processing fee will be made through March 31, 2015.

Mail registration and check to Kathryn Horn, 8017 Winthrop St, Oakland, CA 94605.