



Presents a 2-day seminar

SUZANNE CLOTHIER

Saturday and Sunday, April 30 and May 1, 2016 🐾 9:00 – 5:00pm
East Bay SPCA 8323 Baldwin Ave., Oakland, CA 94621

Suzanne's seminar filled with a wait list last year. Don't miss out in 2016!

DAY 1: Cultivating Canines

This is a fascinating new seminar that offers a comprehensive approach to raising dogs with respect. If we are cultivating rather than merely raising or training, we can approach this part of our journey with our dogs in new ways. We begin to understand that the quality of all we do contributes to the dog we have at our side now and in the future. In this seminar, taught with humor, scientifically grounded knowledge and a deep passion for dogs, Suzanne's Relationship Centered Training principles combine with her lifetime of experience raising dogs and helping others do the same. Whether you are dealing with your own dogs, working with shelter dogs, helping clients with their dogs, or seeking to raise dogs who can serve mankind, this seminar presents Suzanne's thoughtful approach to truly cultivating canines so that they can grow into a best friend. Included in this seminar will be

- 🐾 The beginning: Genetics and environmental influences; Building a schedule (What happens when)
- 🐾 Weeks 8-16 Mindful socialization; foundation skills; filling in the gaps; common challenges and problems
- 🐾 Getting through the Not-so-wonder years in Style: Understanding and supporting the adolescent dog; filling in the gaps; common challenges and solutions
- 🐾 My dog, My Friend: Discovering the dog as an individual; Temperament, personality & maturity; What can you do to be the dog's best friend?; Making decisions for the dog (what size world? Which sports? What job?)

Wherever you are on your journey with dogs, whether starting with a new puppy, struggling with a teenage dog, wondering why your young adult dog is still driving you crazy, helping a rescue dog learn about what is possible after a troubled past, or helping your clients with these issues, this seminar is filled with information and practical ideas for growing your own best friend and helping your clients do the same.

DAY 2: One + One = Three: Understanding the Dog, the Person and the Relationship with RAT

Take one person, add one dog, and you get a third entity: *the relationship* between the person and the dog. This third "being", formed from the intersection of two beings with their own needs, limitations and desires, needs to be addressed with care and compassion when developing any training plan. The Relationship Assessment Tool (RAT™) was developed by Suzanne Clothier to further understanding of the dog/human relationship in a practical & effective way. In each relationship, the handler brings his/her habits, personalities, needs and style to interact with the dog, who also brings his/her own personality, patterns of response, needs and style. With an emphasis on patterns of behaviors found on both ends of the leash, RAT™ is a powerful tool for understanding the dynamics of the dog/human relationship both in the specific moment and across a period of time to evaluate progress.

Beyond identifying patterns, RAT™ helps develop a sensible plan for any handler & dog through Training Triage, a way to establish priorities for appropriate training strategies. For those who work with training issues and behavior problems, RAT™ clearly identifies the strengths and weaknesses of any dog/handler team, and helps in the development of a sensible, targeted training plan for improving and strengthening the relationship.

Using video & live demonstrations, this seminar explores what RAT™ can provide to trainers, instructors, shelter workers, rescue groups, veterinarians, vet techs, breeders and anyone interested in understanding and enhancing the dog/human relationship. Animal assisted therapy groups will find RAT invaluable for assessing dog/handler teams, as well as evaluating client progress across time and/or with multiple animals (even multiple species).

Whether you are seeking a better understanding of your relationship with your own dog, or trying to help clients understand their relationships & dogs, or helping dogs find the right homes, RAT provides a structured approach to a rapid assessment that honors and supports the relationship.

Cost: \$285 for two days; \$160 for one day
(Includes continental breakfast. Bring your own lunch!)

SUZANNE CLOTHIER has been professionally involved with animals since 1977. She has taught in the US, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Japan, Australia and New Zealand for groups as varied as Wolf Park, Association of Pet Dog Trainers, FEMA (Northeast Region Disaster Dog Teams), and Alaskan Dog Musher Association, national specialties, as well as for obedience, agility, breed, rescue, shelter and SAR groups. Her book, **"Bones Would Rain from the Sky: Deepening Our Relationships With Dogs"** has twice being included in the Wall Street Journal's list of Top 5 Dog Books. Her most recent book, **"The Connection Collection"** features 20 of Suzanne's thought provoking articles and seminar handouts that reflect the Relationship Centered Training philosophy, providing useful training tips. An award winning author of videos, books, booklets and numerous articles, Suzanne has served as a committee member for the AKC's Agility Advisory Board, and for the American Humane Association's Task Force for the Development of Humane Standards in Dog Training. Suzanne has served as a consultant to several guide dog schools and service dog organizations. Her behavior assessment tool CARAT and her adult and puppy tests, are in use in several guide dog schools. A long time breeder, she is currently raising a puppy from her 8th generation of Hawks Hunt German Shepherd Dogs. At any given time, Suzanne is busy cultivating canines, living with very old dogs, very young dogs, and every age in between, providing her with a solid understanding of all stages of canine development—and plenty of practice along the way!

A FEW DETAILS

- 🐾 **DEMO DOGS:** Suzanne may use appropriate dogs and/or shelter 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:** There will be 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 leave reactive and fearful dogs at home. 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: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ ARE YOU BRINGING A NON-DEMO DOG? _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS SEMINAR? _____

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 Winthrope St, Oakland, CA 94605.