



Presents a 2-day seminar

SUZANNE CLOTHIER

Saturday and Sunday, April 29th and 30th, 2017 🐾 9:00 - 5:00pm
East Bay SPCA 8323 Baldwin Ave., Oakland, CA 94621

From Confused to Connected: Finding the paths to better dog/human relationships

It seems a simple goal: an enjoyable, mutually rewarding relationship with dogs. But like the proverbial brass ring, this kind of dog/human relationship can seem out of reach. No matter how many training books you read, no matter how many classes you attend, no matter which equipment and techniques you try, you find yourself still confused, even frustrated with a dog. In a forest of information, it's hard to find the path that will lead to better relationships.

This new workshop presented by Suzanne Clothier offers practical tools for finding the appropriate path to better dog/human relationships. As always, Suzanne's work focuses on keeping the relationship central, respecting the individual dog and human, and aiming for a mutually satisfying connection. Suzanne will be using selected case history dogs (and their handlers!) to help attendees learn how to assess behavior, training & performance issues. While these are complex challenges to unravel, Suzanne's approach is based in simple Decision Points to guide choices for each dog and handler.

Emphasis will be placed on

- Observation skills - really seeing the dog and handler in detailed ways opens a world of understanding
- The geometry of body language - simple shape recognition deciphers critical meta-messages
- The Elemental Questions - questions and answers that reveal the dog as an individual
- The Think & Learn Zone - why arousal matters, why Goldilocks was right, and what to do about sticky dogs
- Yes/No/Maybe So? - Using Decision Points and flow charts
- Transitions & Thresholds - Tipping points and finding the balance
- Volitional Behavior & Postures - what your dog can tell you about his internal state

Which path is the right one for you and your dog? Suzanne's approach to assessing the challenges leads logically to which practical RCT techniques can be combined for effective, humane and satisfying results, including:

- The Auto Check-in (ACI)
- Really Real Relaxation
- Explicit Permission
- Skill Building & Thin Slices
- Effective Use of Rewards & Consequences
- Puppy Politeness Poker

Case History demo dogs are sought for this workshop. We will be seeking a variety of issues and challenges to help all attendees learn how to assess and address challenges. Whether you are working with an advanced performance dog, a newly adopted pet or helping with clients' dogs, this seminar offers a wealth of information, practical tools and techniques to help handlers and dogs find their way to better relationships.

Join us for an exciting weekend of thought provoking work with a variety of dogs. As always, Suzanne's sense of humor and compassionate approach plus her keen observation skills will make for a memorable and educational event.

Cost: \$295 for two days; \$180 for one day
(Includes continental breakfast. Bring your own lunch!)



Presents a 2-day seminar

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

- 🐾 **CASE HISTORY DOGS:** Suzanne will 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:** 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:** 15 for IAABC

SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Via the web: <http://buytickets.at/pawsandcuesdogtraining/80115>

By mail:

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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

ARE YOU APPLYING TO BRING A DEMO DOG? _____

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS SEMINAR? _____

Enclose this form with your check made payable to Kathryn Horn.
Refunds less a \$25 processing fee will be made through March 31, 2017.
Mail registration and check to Kathryn Horn, 8017 Winthrop St, Oakland, CA 94605.