

Dog Days Dog Training is thrilled to welcome

SUZANNE CLOTHIER

Friday, July 13, 2018, 6 – 9:00 p.m.

“Relationship Centered Training”

Saturday, July 14, 2018, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

“Drives, Brakes and Steering: Keeping Your Dog in the Think and Learn Zone”

Demo Dogs are requested.

Sunday, July 15, 2018, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

“What’s the Problem? Demo Dogs are requested.

Seminar to be held at Dog Days Dog Training

7206 NE 37th Ave., Unit A

Vancouver, WA 98665

FMI: <http://www.dogdaysnw.com>

To learn more about Suzanne visit her website: www.suzanneclothier.com

Topic details:

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RELATIONSHIP CENTERED TRAINING BASICS

Relationship Centered Training uses 3 Core Concepts and 9 Keys to define the dog/human relationships. This particular model is holistic, and circular, meaning there is no one specific starting point, as all connects to all else. RCT helps to clarify what aspects of the relationship are strong, and which may need strengthening. The 3 main concepts: Connection, Communication and Commitment. Within those 3 core concepts are 9 Keys that further define the dynamics between handler and dog.

Far past the simplistic dominance/submission, master/dog models, RCT offers a rich but intuitive model for understanding and improving the relationship between dog and human. The foundation of Suzanne’s work and training, the RCT approach has helped identify where training issues and problems in the dog/human relationships may be originating. You will gain a new understanding of the dog/human interaction, and be able to apply the RCT principles to any training issue or behavior problem.

Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (with dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant)

Drive, Brakes and Steering: Keeping Dogs in the Think & Learn Zone

Is your dog ready to conquer his next title? Or does he worry about the dog next door? Do you struggle with a reactive dog who seems to be part rocket and part rock-head? Do you wish you knew how to keep your dog in the Think & Learn zone? Wonder how your dog can tell you when things are “just right” or beginning to be “not so good”? Wonder how to keep the drive and enthusiasm but also have some brakes and steering?

All trainers struggle with the wide range of training and behavior issues that have their origin in arousal, sensory stimulation and reactivity. Whether you're an old pro or a new trainer, you and your dog will benefit from Suzanne Clothier's approach to understanding arousal, reactivity, behavior and performance. Her Relationship Centered Approach is sensible, humane and effective.

This seminar will help all handlers deepen their understanding of arousal, reactivity, how dogs think & learn (or don't!) when aroused, perfect performance vs. perfect train wreck, and how to help their dogs be the best they can be.

The physiology of arousal

- understanding ANS (sympathetic, parasympathetic & enteric)
- productive & non-productive arousal
- fear & anxiety & their effects on learning

The Elemental Questions™

- The dog and his world
- Sensory input & sensory sorting

The Think & Learn zone™

- why your dog needs to be in this zone
- how to see when he's leaving the zone & how to get him back
- understanding the Stimulus Gradient

What the dog can tell you

- how observable behaviors reflect physiological changes
- recognizing arousal - fine motor, gross motor, gait & posture changes
- the power of volitional posture shifts

Putting it all together

- Promoting, provoking & preventing
- Being the best handler & teammate for your dog

Sunday, July 15, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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.

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

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.

Make checks out to “Dog Days”.

Print and mail registration form with payment in full to: Joan Armstrong
Dog Days Dog Training
7206 NE 37th Ave., Unit A
Vancouver, WA 98665

Name: _____

Best Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Check what you are signing up for:

Early Bird pricing applies before March 1, 2018

_____ **Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday. Early Bird \$300. Late Bird \$350**

_____ **Friday evening only. Early Bird \$45. Late Bird \$60**

_____ **Saturday only. Early Bird \$150. Late Bird \$180**

_____ **Sunday only. Early Bird \$150. Late Bird \$180**

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

No refunds after July 4, 2018.

DEMO DOGS: Suzanne will select appropriate demo dogs. To have your dog considered, please complete the Case History form at <https://suzanneclothier.com/casehistory> **You must be registered for the workshop to submit a possible demo dog.** Please email joana@zoiedog.com to let me know you have completed and sent this form.

DEADLINE for demo dog applications: July 1, 2018. Suzanne will select dogs about 7-10 days prior to the workshop.

NON-DEMO DOGS at this seminar: There will be some 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) as dogs may need to be crated while demo dogs are worked.