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ABOUT SUZANNE CLOTHIER

Suzanne Clothier has been working with animals professionally for over thirty five years, with a deep background of experience that includes obedience, agility, puppy testing, breeding, Search and Rescue, conformation, instructing, kennel management and canine midwifery. She is well respected for her holistic, relationship based approach to dogs and the people that love them. Whether the audience is companion dog owners or experienced trainers, Suzanne's broad knowledge, common sense and humor offer exciting, practical information and approaches that will enhance the dog/human relationship.

She has taught in the US, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Japan, Australia and New Zealand for groups as varied as Wolf Park, NADOI, Association of Pet Dog Trainers, FEMA (Northeast Region Disaster Dog Teams), Alaskan Dog Musher Association, Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society, AKC Obedience judges, many national specialties, and numerous obedience, agility, breed, rescue, shelter and SAR groups.

An award winning author of videos, books, booklets and numerous articles, Suzanne has written articles for the AKC Gazette, Dog Fancy, Dogs In Canada, Off Lead, Clean Run, Wolf Clan and breed magazines and newsletters around the world. She served as a committee member for the AKC's Agility Advisory Board, and as a committee member of the American Humane Association's Task Force for the Development of Humane Standards in Dog Training.

Her book, "Bones Would Rain from the Sky: Deepening Our Relationships with Dogs" has received wide spread praise from every corner of the dog world, including twice being included in the Wall Street Journal's list of Top 5 Dog Books. Bones has been translated into German, Italian and Croatian.

From 2007-2010, she served as a consultant to Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB), one of the world's largest guide dog school. Her Relationship Centered Training™ philosophy served as the structure for the updating of GEB's puppy raising program. Additionally, Suzanne developed a new puppy testing protocol, a brood stock and IFT (in for training) test.

In 2007, she developed an exciting new temperament assessment tool, CARAT (Clothier Animal Response Assessment Tool). She is also the developer of the Relationship Assessment Tool (RAT). Currently, she is involved in a number of research projects involving CARAT and RAT, and as of 2011, will be teaching seminars on these exciting new tools.

A German Shepherd breeder for 24+ years, her Hawks Hunt German Shepherds have been successful in obedience, agility, SAR, tracking, herding and therapy work; she is also the co-breeder of a National Specialty BOB Brittany. She lives on a working farm in upstate New York with husband John Rice, and their considerable animal family of dogs, cats, parrots, tortoises, Scottish Highland cattle, horses, donkeys, pigs and more.

[Suzanne on YouTube](#)



CARAT LEVEL 1.1 INTRODUCTION SEMINAR



This is the first time carat has been offered in Canada

The Clothier Animal Response Assessment Tool
"looking for the gem in every individual"

When: June 8 to 10th, 2013

Time: 9:30am – 5:00pm

Location: The Sidney Pier Hotel, Sidney, BC

Cost: Early Bird Price: \$545 if registration received by March 15, 2013
Regular Price: \$595 if registration received after March 15, 2013

This will be an intense and educational three days with lecture, video and group exercises.

This is CARAT Level I-Intro training, which includes development of observation skills, basic Level I CARAT concepts, introduction to assessments & the Clothier puppy test and In for Training (IFT) tests.

Participants will have an **introductory** understanding of CARAT basics by the end of this workshop.

CARAT Level I is a 3-part certification. Level I-Intro is a pre-requisite for the follow on certification path trainings. However, attendance at this Level I-Intro does not obligate you to the certification path. It will, however, provide a wealth of information for you.

For more information about the complete CARAT curriculum and certification [click here](#)

About CARAT

Developed by Suzanne Clothier in 2007, CARAT (Clothier Animal Response Assessment Tool) is a novel assessment system that categorizes behavior traits in multiple components that are intuitive and practical. It is the assessment system currently in use at Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB), one of the world's largest guide dog schools, and is used to evaluate puppies, breeding stock and dogs coming in for training.

CARAT takes a detailed view of the individual dog as a unique combination of many factors working together to influence, exacerbate, mitigate and enhance each other. In the profile created by the nuances and specifics of this complex interaction of multiple traits, an accurate picture is created of the individual, **regardless of breed or age.**

CARAT is unique in its recognition that a response to any given stimulus can either inhibit or activate the animal, attract the animal or create avoidant behavior, and that the distinction between the two is critical in understanding the individual. For example, a dog who reacts quickly and avoidantly to a sudden noise is demonstrating a different response than a dog who reacts quickly and towards the same noise.

At all times, behavior is assessed according to how productive, functional, or adaptive it may be, with a full understanding that what may be productive, functional or adaptive in one context may not be in another context. For example, there would be great differences in the CARAT profiles for a successful guide dog, competitive agility and a suitable companion for an elderly person with mobility issues.

Who Needs CARAT?

CARAT is a must-have tool for any serious animal professional who is involved in assessing behavior.

Whether you are a trainer, a behaviorist, a breeder, a veterinarian, in rescue/shelter work, or involved in service dog organizations, CARAT can open a new world of observation and understanding. CARAT will fine tune your assessments, your behavior modification & training plans, improve your selection of suitable dogs for a given task, sharpen your breeding program's focus on desired traits, and help find the best possible job/task/home for an individual dog.

For more information about CARAT [click here](#)

For more information about CARAT Certification and Curriculum [click here](#)

What's included in the CARAT Level 1.1 Introduction Seminar?

BASIC CONCEPTS

- Terminology/glossary
- The Individual Animal
 - an “ethology of the individual”
 - temperament as:
 - patterns of response
 - genetic + experiential
- Function & Adaptability
 - What is functional behavior?
 - Niche behavior vs. dysfunction
- Bi-Directional Scoring
 - The exponential failure curve
 - Balanced, left & right shift

CARAT TRAITS

- ▶ based on observable behaviors
- ▶ behavior specific, not breed specific

CORE TRAITS – Energy, Arousal, Resilience

SOCIAL TRAITS

- Sociability – People
- Social Tolerance – People
- Social Use of Space – People

INTERACTIVE TRAITS

- Biddability – Familiar, Unfamiliar
- Patience

AWARENESS

- Visual
- Auditory
- Kinesthetic
- Olfactory

PERSISTENCE

- Visual
- Auditory
- Kinesthetic
- Olfactory
- Predatory/Chase

CONFIDENCE

- Environmental
- Social/People

SELF MODULATION

FOR EACH TRAIT

- Observation
- Using the CARAT rubrics
- Factors affecting accurate observation

OBSERVATION SKILLS

- Building observation skills
- Video in real time
- Observations vs. interpretation

Participants will have an **introductory** understanding of CARAT basics by the end of this workshop.

This is the **first step** towards acquiring a deeper understanding of the CARAT tool. While attendees will have a basic understanding of the CARAT tool, they will not leave qualified to assess and score dogs nor will they be provided with Suzanne's puppy test.

The CARAT certification path takes considerable time and effort and while CARAT is an extremely powerful tool, it is not one able to be fully learned in a three day seminar.

Included in this CARAT seminar:

- Seminar Handouts
- Certificate of Attendance
- Refreshments morning/afternoon along with a buffet lunch

CARAT Level 1.1 Intro is a prerequisite to CARAT certification.

Seminar attendees will have the option to pursue certification in CARAT.

SEMINAR LOCATION

This seminar will be held indoors at the lovely seaside Sidney Pier Hotel

The Sidney Pier Hotel & Spa
9805 Seaport Place
Sidney, BC V8L 4X3
Main: 250-655-9445
Toll Free: 1-866-659-9445
Fax: 250-655-0715
Email: reservations@sidneypier.com

Getting to the Seminar Venue

From the [Victoria International Airport](#) YYJ (approx. 10 minute drive –5.5km)
If you are staying at the Sidney Pier Hotel a complimentary airport shuttle is available.

Travelling from the BC mainland aboard [BC Ferries](#):

From Swartz Bay (approx. 10 minute drive to seminar venue):

After exiting the ferry you will be travelling south on the Pat Bay Highway (Highway 17).
Turn left at Beacon Avenue
Follow Beacon Avenue to the roundabout at the end
The Sidney Pier Hotel will be to your left.

Travelling from Washington State via [Anacortes Ferry](#)

After exiting the ferry turn right on First Avenue
Follow First Avenue for 1 km.
The Sidney Pier Hotel is just north of where First Avenue crosses Beacon Avenue

Travelling from Washington State via [Port Angeles Ferry](#)

Turn left onto Belleville Street as you exit the ferry terminal
Turn left onto Blanshard Street (Blanshard Street becomes HWY 17)
Follow Highway 17 northbound
Turn right on Beacon Avenue
Follow Beacon Avenue to the end. Take the third right turn out of the roundabout.

Travelling from locations on Vancouver Island

Travel south on Highway 1
Take the McKenzie Avenue exit
Take the Highway 17 exit (just after you cross Glanford Avenue)
Follow Highway 17 northbound
Turn right on Beacon Avenue
Follow Beacon Avenue to the end. Take the third right turn out of the roundabout.

Also see link to Google map - <http://goo.gl/maps/oq6Ni>

Parking

The Sidney Pier Hotel has underground parking provided free of charge to seminar attendees. Look for the blue P sign. Please ensure that you do not park in any spots reserved for the Shaw Discovery Centre.

Refreshments

Coffee/tea and snacks will be provided on arrival and at morning and afternoon breaks. A delicious buffet lunch will also be provided for seminar participants. We will do our best to accommodate any special dietary requirements – please note this on your registration form.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The CARAT seminar will be held at the lovely ocean side [Sidney Pier Hotel](#). Group booking rates have been arranged. The hotel is popular and only has 55 guest rooms, so it is recommended that you book your room as soon as your seminar registration has been confirmed. Please call 1-866-659-9445 Refer or [email](#) the hotel directly to make your own reservation and mention that you are attending the CARAT Seminar hosted by Canine Chaos.

Room Category	Single/Double Occupancy
Classic Rooms	\$169.00
Seaview Rooms	\$179.00
Studio Suites	\$189.00
Junior Suite	\$199.00
Signature Pier Suite	\$299.00

The Sidney Pier Hotel is a dog friendly hotel but limits canine guests to those under 25 pounds.

Alternate Accommodations

Sidney is a tourist town and there are many alternate accommodations located nearby, often within walking distance to the seminar venue.

Some suggestions include:

Cedarwood Inn and Suites (1km from seminar venue)

9522 Lochside Drive

Toll Free 1-877-656-5551

<http://thecedarwood.ca/>

Pet Friendly

Best Western Emerald Isle (less than 1km from seminar venue)

2306 Beacon Avenue

1-800-315-3377

<http://www.bwemeraldisle.com/>

Pet Friendly

Sidney Waterfront Inn (500m from seminar venue)

9775 First Avenue

1-888-656-1131

www.sidneywaterfrontinn.com

Western 66 (8 km – approx. 10 minute drive from seminar venue)

2401 Mt. Newton X Road

www.western66motorinn.com/

Reasonably priced. NOT pet friendly

THE LECTURES

From Maddening to Maturity: Understanding & Helping the Adolescent Dog

When: Friday, June 7, 2013

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: The Charlie White Theatre at the Mary Winspear Centre
2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC

Cost: \$45/person (CARAT attendees get a discounted price of \$40)

Where to buy tickets

With the exception of CARAT seminar attendees, all lecture ticket sales are handled by the box office at the Mary Winspear Centre.

To purchase online [click here](#) [available as of February 15, 2013]

About the lecture:

Do you wonder where your once wonderful puppy went? And why has he turned into a sometimes maddening, unpredictable, maybe even out of control adolescent? Relax – you’re not alone. “Teenage” dogs are everywhere, and sometimes, driving their owners crazy. For many dog owners, the 2-3 year long period of adolescence is problematic. Sadly, a majority of dogs are no longer with their original owners by time they are one year old.

This evening lecture will help you better understand what adolescence means for your dog, for you, and for your relationship. Even with a great start in puppyhood – classes, socialization, play dates, training – many dogs hit adolescence and become frustrating, unruly. While puzzling to many owners, this is a natural progression.

- Did you know that adolescence begins around 20 weeks of age?
- That a year old dog is roughly the equivalent of a 14 year old human?
- That adulthood in the dog begins at 2-4 years of age?
- That the most annoying teenage dogs are usually geniuses?

The lecture will help you:

- understand why angel pups become annoying adolescents
- recognize the warning signs that you need to make changes
- how to use effective, humane Relationship Centered Training™ techniques to rebalance the relationship
- avoid raising a “trust fund baby”
- guide your dog safely through teenage years into marvelous maturity!

When you understand your adolescent dog better, you can settle into the work and joys of helping them grow into a wonderful adult dog. The kind of adult dog that makes people say, “Oh, I wish I had a dog like that!” while you smile and wonder if they knew him as a teenager.

Puppy Enrichment: Creating Confident, Competent & Coordinated Puppies

When: Saturday, June 8, 2013

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00 pm

Location: The Charlie White Theatre at the Mary Winspear Centre
2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC

Cost: \$45 per person, (CARAT seminar attendees receive a discounted price of \$40)

Where to buy tickets

With the exception of CARAT seminar attendees, all lecture ticket sales are handled by the box office at the Mary Winspear Centre.

To purchase online [click here](#) *[available as of February 15, 2013]*

About the lecture:

For breeders, shelters, rescues, and anyone interested in or already involved in raising puppies from birth to 16 weeks, this evening lecture offers practical ideas for environmental and social enrichment aimed at helping puppies become the best they can be. Detailed information on development of the puppy brain, body, reflexes and social behavior.

Suzanne has raised seven generations of her Hawks Hunt German Shepherds, as well as litters of other breeds. Her approach to puppy raising has helped private breeders of several breeds raise “the best puppies ever!” Most notably, her ideas were put to the test and implemented by Guiding Eyes for the Blind, one of the world’s largest guide dog schools, producing approximately 450+ puppies each year.

Whether you love knowing more about helping puppies become the best they can be, wonder how to polish up the genetic material in your breeding program, or just love puppies, this is a fascinating evening full of puppies!

OBSERVED CONSULTATIONS

When: Friday, June 7, 2013

Time: 9:00 am – 4:15 pm

Location: Bodine Hall at the Mary Winspear Centre

Cost: \$130US for a one hour consultation

Auditors: \$125 to observe a full day of consultations
(includes coffee/tea & refreshments. Lunch not included)

Do you have a specific problem with your dog? Is there something puzzling you about your dog's behavior that you would like to ask Suzanne about? Maybe you just need some general tips and help in an area where you seem "stuck"? THIS is your chance to get Suzanne's full attention for 60-minutes in a one-on-one consultation.

Please note that auditors will be allowed in the room!

If you are registering for the CARAT seminar; please check off the box in the registration form to indicate you would like to reserve an observed consultation. Anyone wanting to book an observed consultation is required to fill out an application form. Please do not send money for consultations now! You will be notified if you and your dog have been selected. [Click here to go to online application form.](#)

Space is limited and priority for booking observed consultations will be given to CARAT seminar participants. Observed consultations will be booked and confirmed AFTER your application form is received. Payment instructions along with Suzanne's cancellation policy for the consultations will be emailed separately.

Applications for an observed consultation must be received no later than **March 15, 2013**

A wait-list will be kept when sessions are filled.

You will be contacted if a time is available for you or if you have been placed on the wait-list.

Auditing the Consultations

Auditors will have the opportunity to observe Suzanne work with people and their dogs for a full day of individual consultations. The day will have a total of five individual consultations (5 x 60 minutes). This day is geared toward the serious: instructors, trainers, behaviourists, veterinarians dealing with dog behavior, serious dog enthusiasts with a keen interest and desire in learning about the human-dog relationship. Here's a great chance to get some insights into how Suzanne goes about working with people and their dogs!

Participants will find great benefit in auditing these sessions and be able to watch Suzanne work hands on with a wide variety of people, dogs & issues. There will be a morning and afternoon Q & A session for auditors.

Priority will be given to participants who are registered in the CARAT Seminar.

Limited to 25 auditors.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

Date: Friday, June 7, 2013

What: Observed Consultations with Suzanne – auditors welcome!

Time: 9:30am – 4:15pm

Location: Bodine Hall at the Mary Winspear Centre

Cost: \$130 US for a one hour individual consultation
\$125 CAD to observe the day of consultations
6.5 CEU's

Date: Friday, June 7, 2013

What: Evening Lecture: From Maddening to Maturity: Understanding & Helping the Adolescent Dog

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Charlie White Theatre at the Mary Winspear Centre

Cost: \$45 per ticket (CARAT seminar attendees pay \$40)
CEU's pending approval

Date: Saturday, June 8 to Monday, June 10, 2013

What: Seminar: CARAT Level 1.1 Introduction

Time: 9:30am – 5:00pm

Location: The Sidney Pier Hotel

Cost: Early Bird \$545
Regular \$595
Includes refreshments and buffet lunch.
21 CEU's

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2013

What: Evening Lecture: Puppy Enrichment: Creating Confident, Competent & Coordinated Puppies

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Location: Charlie White Theatre at the Mary Winspear Centre

Cost: \$45 per ticket (CARAT seminar attendees pay \$40)
CEU's pending approval

Prices do not include HST

HOW TO REGISTER

CARAT Seminar Registration Form & Auditing Observed Consultations

You can register and pay online via PayPal by [clicking here](#).

Or you can fill out the pdf form ([available here](#)), print it and mail it in along with a cheque or money order payable to Canine Chaos.

Registration forms can be mailed to:

Canine Chaos
c/o 66 Falstaff Place
Victoria, BC V9A 7A5

Payment may be made:

- By credit card (PayPal – you don't need a PayPal account – fill out the [online form](#))
- Cheque or money order payable to Canine Chaos (include the [.pdf form](#))

All prices are in Canadian Funds with the exception of the observed consultations.

*a \$30 NSF fee will apply on NSF cheques.

Lecture Tickets

If you are planning on attending one or both lectures **ONLY**, tickets must be purchased directly from the Mary Winspear Centre (on line or in person) – [click here](#).

Tickets will be available for sale starting February 15, 2013.

POLICY STUFF

Cancellations

Seminar seats are not transferrable i.e. if you have registered and can't attend, you can't reassign your spot to a friend.

We do however, understand that you can't plan for the unexpected and will try to accommodate cancellations if at all possible.

As soon as you know that you won't be able to attend, you must contact the seminar host in writing (email is fine). It is expected that there will be a waitlist for this event. If your spot can be re-sold you will receive a full refund minus a \$35 administration fee.

Refunds

Refunds would only apply if the seminar presenter were unable to arrive, in which case, the full registration fee would be refunded.

Receipts and Confirmations

Receipts and confirmations will be sent via email once full payment has been received.

Taxes

All prices are subject to the 12% Harmonized Sales Tax (HST).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I bring my dog?

No. While this seminar is very much about dogs and as much as we love dogs, due to the nature of this seminar, dogs are not permitted in the conference room. If you are travelling with a dog, a list of pet friendly accommodation and resources have been provided.

Certified service dogs are of course, an exception.

Can I register for only one or two of the days of the CARAT seminar?

No. The CARAT Level 1.1 Introduction is a full three day seminar.

Participants must attend all three days.

Do I have to plan on pursuing certification in CARAT to attend?

No. This is the only level of CARAT open to anyone. It is a prerequisite to further training in CARAT but you do not need to commit to the certification path in order to attend.

I'm a CPDT, will I be able to receive CEU's?

CEU's will be applied for. Information will be updated as it becomes available.

I've purchased lecture tickets but now can't attend. What should I do?

Ticket sales, other than for seminar attendees, are handled by the Mary Winspear Centre.

Unfortunately there is a no refund policy on ticket sales.

Questions? Looking for more information?

Info regarding the seminar and lectures:

Email: info@canine-chaos.com

Info about Suzanne Clothier:

www.suzanneclothier.com