



**Proudly Presents Suzanne  
Clothier, Relationship  
Centered Training**



**Suzanne Clothier**  
RELATIONSHIP CENTERED TRAINING™

**May 20-21, 2017**

**Private Consultations: May 19, 2017**

Saturday, May 20: Cultivating Canines 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21: The Enriched Puppy and from Maddening to Maturity:  
Understanding and Helping the Adolescent Dog 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cost of Seminar:

1 day (Saturday or Sunday) \$140.00.

2 days (Saturday and Sunday) \$200.00.

Please register in advance.

Space is Limited - Register Early!

**Please Register by calling (920) 269-4000**

Payment due at time of registration

This program will be held at: **Village of Lomira Town Hall**

Lunch and snacks for breaks are included.

Our visitors from out of town may wish to consider lodging at the Country  
Hearth Inn & Suites in Lomira. Hotel space also is available in Fond du Lac.

## Program Highlights Include:

### Cultivating Canines: How to Grow Your Own Best Friend

Cultivating Canines is a fascinating seminar from Suzanne Clothier 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 a breeder who wants to meet the highest standards of success for your puppies or a first time owner falling in love with your new dog, this seminar presents Suzanne's thoughtful approach to truly cultivating canines so that they can grow into a best friend.

<p><u>Part I</u> In the Beginning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Foundation</li></ul> <p>-- genetics – the blueprint</p> <p>-- environmental – physical, emotional, mental, social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building Schedule</li></ul> <p>-- what happens when?</p> <p>-- critical periods – what does critical mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Basic DOG Kit – the Assembly – weeks 0-8 weeks</li></ul>	<p><u>Part II</u> So It Begins – Weeks 8-16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mindful Socialization</li><li>• Planting the Seeds - Foundation skills</li><li>• What's missing? Filling in the gaps</li><li>• Understanding your pup, customizing socialization</li><li>• Common challenges &amp; problems</li></ul>
<p><u>Part III</u> Getting through the Not-so-wonder Years in Style</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understanding &amp; supporting the adolescent dog</li><li>• From angel puppy to demon dog – what happened?</li><li>• Remember the seeds you planted?</li><li>• What's missing? Filling in the gaps</li><li>• Common challenges &amp; solutions</li></ul>	<p><u>Part IV</u> My Dog, My Friend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discovering your dog as an individual</li><li>• Temperament, personality &amp; maturity</li><li>• What can you do to be your dog's best friend?</li><li>• What size world? which sports? what job?</li></ul> <p>Making decisions for your dog</p>

Wherever you are on your journey with dogs, whether you're sending your puppies out to new homes, starting with a new puppy of your own, struggling with a teenage dog, wondering why your young adult dog is still driving you crazy, or are helping a rescue dog learn about what's possible after a troubled past, this seminar will give you a wealth of information and practical ideas for growing your dog as a best friend.

If you have seen Suzanne speak before or if you know of her by reputation, you will appreciate this special opportunity to attend one of her seminars in the upper-Midwest. If you have not previously enjoyed Suzanne's seminars, you will leave with a renewed energy and enthusiasm for your work with your dog. Don't miss out!

Sunday's Program will take a deeper look at the concepts discussed in Saturday's Cultivating Canines Program. You won't want to miss these practical tips for setting up your puppies for the best possible success.

The Enriched Puppy: Creating Confident, Competent & Coordinated Puppies

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

Suzanne has raised 7 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 day full of puppies!

From Maddening to Maturity: Understanding & Helping the Adolescent Dog

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. More than a few puppy class stars have gone on to be spirited and challenging teenagers!

For many dog owners, the 18-24 month period of adolescence is problematic. Even with a great start in puppyhood, many dogs hit adolescence and become frustrating, unruly, and simply maddening in some ways. While puzzling to many owners, this is a natural but poorly understood stage of development.

Did you know that adolescence begins around 20 weeks of age?

That a year old dog is roughly the equivalent of a 14 year human?

That adulthood in the dog begins at 2-4 years of age?

That the most annoying teenage dogs are usually geniuses?

The Relationship Centered Training™ (RCT) approach to adolescents focuses on three areas of the teenage dog's life:

Relationship with handler

Social life (other people, dogs & animals)

Life skills (self-control, basic manners, coping skills)

For each area, we will explore ways to assess each dog's strengths and limits, how the handler can support the dog, what skills need to be developed, and how to recognize problems that must be addressed.

This seminar will address:

RCT keys: communication, commitment, communication

The handler's role as the teenage dog's guide to life

Balancing the relationship

Age appropriate responsibility

Cooperation as a lifestyle

Permission and parameters

"Even though" empathy & expectations

Potholes, loopholes and missing bricks in the dog's skill sets

Self-control, handling arousal, dealing with distractions and attractions, polite behavior with others (people and dogs) — all are important aspects of growing up into a well behaved adult. Learn how to guide your teenage dog to maturity using effective and humane RCT techniques such as Really Real Relaxation, Go Say Hi, Auto-Check-in, Puppy Politeness Poker and more.

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 just like that!" while you smile and wonder if they knew him as a teenager.

### **Private Consultations:**

A special opportunity for Private Consultations will be offered on Friday, May 19. You can schedule a one hour private consultation with Suzanne to get her input on training or behavioral issues.

Cost of Private Consultations: One hour \$\_\_\_\_\_. Advance registration is required.

Suzanne's Private Consultations fill quickly - Register Early!

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Consultation times will be filled on a first come, first serve basis, so register early to obtain your preferred appointment time.

### **About Suzanne:**

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, and obedience, agility, breed, rescue, shelter and SAR groups.

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. 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.

**We look forward to seeing you May 20-21, 2017!**