

## About Suzanne Clothier

Suzanne Clothier has been working with animals professionally since 1977, 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.

She has taught in the US, Canada, Belgium, Holland, Japan, Australia, New Zealand & Italy 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, St. Hubert's Giralda & many national specialties, and obedience, agility, breed, rescue, shelter and SAR groups. 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.

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 latest book, Bones Would Rain from the Sky: Deepening Our Relationships With Dogs has received wide spread praise from every corner of the dog world.

A German Shepherd breeder for 25+ 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 & husband John Rice live on a working farm with their considerable animal family of dogs, cats, parrots, tortoises, Scottish Highland cattle, horses, donkeys, pigs, & poultry.

Currently, Suzanne is working with Guiding Eyes for the Blind to update their puppy raising program & develop new tests & evaluation tools, making Suzanne's availability for seminars very limited through at least 2009.

**This is one of few Clothier seminars in 2008-2009!!**

## Location & Directions

### Felicité Latané Animal Sanctuary

APS of Orange County  
6311 Nicks Road, Mebane, NC 27302  
919-304-2300 ext. 233

[www.animalprotectionsociety.org](http://www.animalprotectionsociety.org)  
[dogtraining@animalprotectionsociety.org](mailto:dogtraining@animalprotectionsociety.org)

**FROM CHAPEL HILL/CARRBORO:** Take Hwy 54 West out of Carrboro approx 9 miles; turn right onto Mebane Oaks Rd. Go two miles, turn right onto Nicks Rd. The Sanctuary will be 1/2 mile on the left.

**FROM I-85 / I-40:** Take the Mebane (southwest bound) or Mebane Oaks Rd (northeast bound) exit, #154. Turn south (away from Mebane), go 6 miles, turn left onto Nicks Rd. The Sanctuary will be 1/2 mile on the left.

## Places to Stay:

### Motel 6

Burlington, NC  
(336) 226-1325  
[www.motel6.com](http://www.motel6.com)

**Dogs allowed\***

### Days Inn

Burlington, NC  
(336) 227-3681  
[www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

**Dogs allowed\***

### Microtel

Hillsborough, NC  
[www.microtelinn.com](http://www.microtelinn.com)  
(919) 245-3102

**Dogs allowed\***

### Holiday Inn

Chapel Hill, NC  
[www.hichapelhill.com](http://www.hichapelhill.com)  
(919) 929-2171

**Dogs allowed\***

**\*Motels may require non-refundable pet deposits.**

## "STERLING" Gillis Memorial K-9 SAR Scholarship

This scholarship is open to any K-9 SAR handler and allows for one or more free spots at seminars given by Suzanne Clothier. K-9 SAR Handlers must apply for this scholarship on their SAR group's letterhead, and final decision rests with the hosting group.

## Registration & Refunds

Deadline for receipt of registrations is **September 6, 2008**: refunds will be issued if requested by email or phone before above receipt deadline and only if your space is filled from the waiting list. Processing of registrations will begin on May 19, 2008.

Saturday

## What Your Dog Can Tell You About Body & Mind

Sunday

## Assessing the Dog/Handler Relationship and Practical Bones

Presented by

## Suzanne Clothier

*Promoting healthy relationships & humane training through a holistic approach to the dog- body, mind & soul.*

**One of few Clothier seminars in 2008-2009!**

**September 20-21, 2008**

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mebane, NC

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## Seminar Outline

*Promoting healthy relationships & humane training through a holistic approach to the dog- body, mind & soul.*

Seminars will use lecture, videotape, & live demonstrations, & will be taught with great humor as well as compassion for people & dogs. CPDT CEU credits are pending. Working dogs at the seminar will be selected IN ADVANCE: see "Registration Form". Single day attendance is allowed but preference will be given to weekend participants.

Saturday, September 20, 2008

### What Your Dog Can Tell You About His Body & Mind

Want your dog happy, healthy and sound? Learn to read your dog's body- for clues to his stress levels, understanding, enjoyment, abilities and preferences. Topics may include:

- **A Hitch in His Get-Along?** Develop your "eye" for what dogs tell you in movement as Suzanne compares demo dogs
- **I'm Doing the Best I Can!** Emphasis on physical issues that contribute to behavior and training/performance problems.
- **Geometry of Canine Body Language** Humane training begins with understanding. Accurate assessment of body language contributes to accurate assessment of dog's mind & body.
- **The Mind/Body Connection** Understand how the dog's physical body can and does affect his behavior, performance, attitude and interactions with others.
- **The Dog/Human Connection** Understand what your dog can tell you about how you affect his body & mind.

Sunday, September 21, 2008

### Assessing the Dog/Handler Relationship: It Takes Two to Tango!

- Understand how the handler and dog both contribute to the relationship: examples of

common issues and how handler habits can support or hinder the dog.

- Problem solving with the dog: know what is solely the dog's and what is an issue of teamwork and understanding.

### Practical Bones: Foundation Exercises for Relationship Centered Training™ (RCT)

Sunday afternoon will present practical RCT exercises to help strengthen the relationship at a foundation level.

Exercises may include:

- Puppy Politeness Poker
- ACI (Auto Check-in)
- Ghost Handling
- Go Hunt
- Follow Me
- Say Hi 1-2-3

### Dog Etiquette

- Working dogs at the seminar will be selected IN ADVANCE from submitted Case Studies to provide a good educational experience for the audience. Participants wishing to work dogs at the seminar must submit a Case Study application in advance: decisions will be emailed before the seminar.
- Crating is allowed in an adjacent room ONLY. If your dog can't be confined in the adjacent room and remain quiet, please don't bring your dog. Any dog that is disruptive or behaves in an aggressive manner as determined by event staff will be requested to leave. Any dog that has "personal space issues" is not allowed in the seminar room.
- No dogs may be left in vehicles if the outdoor temperature is 70 degrees or higher even if all windows, doors and/or hatches are open (local ordinance).
- PLEASE clean up after your dog at the seminar and at hotels: no excuses!!
- All dogs entering the facility are required to have up-to-date vaccinations.
- Prong collars are not permitted on the Sanctuary grounds.

### People Etiquette

- Please turn off all cell phone and pager audio alerts during the seminar and take all private conversations outside the seminar room.
- Metal chairs are available. You may bring a chair of your own but please do not bring high-backed or oversized chairs.
- Audio taping for personal use is permitted, but no videotaping is allowed.
- A selection of books, videos and toys will be available for purchase. Weekend dog park passes will be available for sale with proof of rabies vaccination.
- The nearest restaurant to the Sanctuary is six miles away. We recommend that you order lunch or bring your own.

## • Registration Form

<b>Seminar Fees:</b>	<b>Price</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Both Days	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$135.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Only	\$135.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Lunch	\$9.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday Lunch	\$9.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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### Method of Payment

- Check                       MasterCard  
 Visa

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expire Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Working with a Dog

- I would like to participate with my dog in seminar demos and will submit a case study application.

Dogs that work during the seminar will be selected IN ADVANCE from submitted case studies. Go to the APS web site below for further information and application.

### Send registration & make check payable to:

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