



Ethology of the Individual



CARAT Intensive Course - the Certification Path

The Clothier Animal Response Assessment Tool (CARAT) was developed in 2007 by Suzanne Clothier as an assessment system that categorizes behavior in multiple components that are intuitive and practical.

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. A CARAT profile reflects specific scores created from a detailed rubric) for each of the 21 temperament traits assessed.

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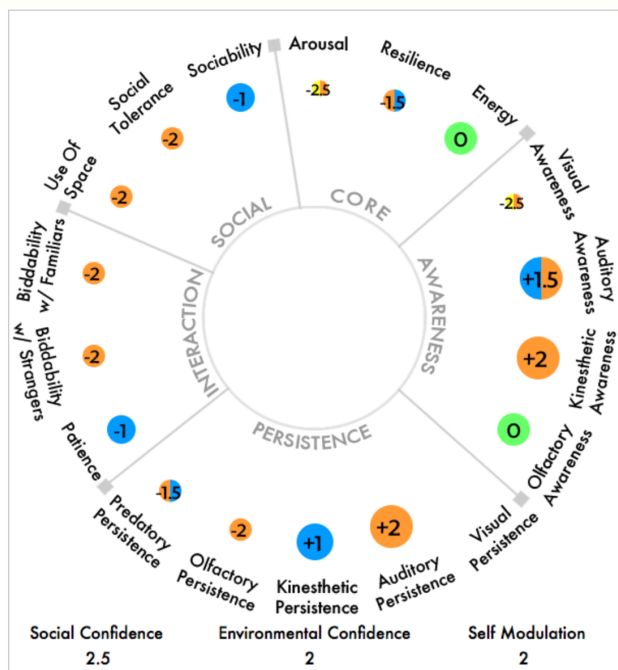
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**Pre-requisite courses
prepare you for the
CARAT Intensive.**

**A practical structure for
assessing and
understanding behavior.**

**Make the match! Right
dog for the job or home.**

**Learn how "CARAT
changes everything!"**



Pre-Reqs

Three courses are the pre-requisites you must complete before enrolling in the CARAT Intensive Certification Course:

- Intro to CARAT
- Observation Skills Part 1
- Observation Skills Part 2

Each of these short 5 week courses will be offered 1-2x per year.

Objectives

- Apply the CARAT traits and score sheet to evaluate dogs in individual settings.
- Accurately interpret and translate the CARAT profile.
- Develop skills in matching the correct dog with the appropriate lifestyle, home or task.
- Identify suitable candidates.
- Provide valuable insights on how to meet the needs of an individual animal.
- Develop training plans that best support the individual animal.
- Administer the Clothier Puppy and Clothier Adult tests, scored using CARAT.



CARAT CHANGES EVERYTHING

Take your training skills to a whole new level with CARAT. Build your observation skills while you learn this nuanced framework for understanding dogs.

When you truly SEE THE DOG in front of you, the choices you make for and with this dog become customized for that individual.



You will need:

- Laptop or desktop with Internet access for email, ZOOM meetings
- Ability to download & print some online study materials
- Smart phone video & tripod
- Basic video editing skills
- Able to use PDFs and Word documents for assignments
- Fluency in English

Details

- Enroll any time once the pre-reqs are met.
- This is an intensive professional level course. Students should anticipate spending 4-6+ hours weekly to keep up with course materials & scheduled bi-weekly meetings.
- Each module must be completed (incl. test & assignments) before next module opens.
- Instructor led Q&A Zoom sessions are scheduled for 2 or more sessions per month.
- Online support provided via discussions and private CARAT Intensive group.
- **Anticipated time to certification: 18-24 months.**



INSTRUCTORS

SUZANNE CLOTHIER created CARAT in 2007 to help others understand how she assesses and thinks about dogs, behavior and temperament.

This course will include lessons and support from multiple experienced trainers who are Certified CARAT Assessors, including Cindy Knowlton and Judy Moore.

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\$1999.95

Payment plan available:

5 payments of \$420.00 per month

Discounts & scholarships available.

See below.

CEUs

CEUs pending for IAABC, PPAB, KPA



FAQs

- **I don't want to become certified. Can I sign up just to further my understanding?** Only students pursuing the certification path may enroll in the CARAT Intensive so the instructor's attention & time are dedicated to those students working towards certification.
- **When may I register and pay for the online course?** You may register at any time within 2 year after meeting the pre-requisites.
- **How long do I have to complete the online course?** The online course is available to you for 24 months from the time of registration.
- **Can I pause my studies if necessary?** Yes, we understand life happens. One 3 month pause is available upon request.
- **Are refunds available if I quit this course?** All fees paid are non-refundable.
- **What other languages will CARAT be available in?** For the anticipated future, CARAT online courses and study materials will be available in English.

DISCOUNTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

10% discount for-profit organizations enrolling 2 or more students.

20% discount for non-profit organizations enrolling 2 or more students.

EACH YEAR Two needs-based scholarships (50% off) and four BIPOC scholarship (30% off) available. First come, first served!

Please email courses@suzanneclothier.com



CARAT[™] Certification Process

REQUIRED

LEARN

APPLY

TESTING

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Pre-requisites	Certification Course	Application	Test
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intro to CARAT• Observation Skills Part 1• Observation Skills Part 2 <p>All three of these short courses must be completed prior to joining certification path. Each course is offered 2x year.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focused CARAT study• Trait interaction• Scenarios & profiles• Scoring & use of CARAT Profiler• Selecting dogs, making the match• Q&A sessions• Online discussions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding and administering the CARAT assessments• Learn Clothier Puppy Test• Learn Clothier Adult Test• Interpretation: "Therefore What" reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written test (80% passing required)• Practical test of applied knowledge: three case histories + videos, profile & reports• References & interview with Suzanne Clothier