



ASK MONTY

April 10, 2013

Greetings!,

Monty will be demonstrating Join-Up and beyond in Neustadt, Germany on May 3, 2013. Click here for more info: http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/. Upon returning from Germany, he will do a special demo at Flag Is Up Farms on May 18. Learn more about Monty's inspirational events at his farm in California here: <http://www.montyroberts.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/May18Web.pdf>

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

Is there significance to defecation when training horses in an enclosed area. ie. Is it nerviness or release?

Monty's Answer [Part 2]:

Now just remember that these youngsters had been taken from their stable about 45 minutes before entering the ring. They would move to an area where they would be visually examined by hundreds of prospective buyers while standing still with approx. 12 other youngsters forming two lines. These horses were asked to move forward about 50 feet at the conclusion of a sale forward of their travel within the pavilion. About 15 minutes before their pavilion entry they were asked to enter the pavilion. Their first experience within the building was to walk in a large circle about 80 feet in diameter.

Prospective buyers swarm through the central portion watching their action at the walk. Several hundred surround the circle peering from behind a four foot wall. As the time for their sale draws closer each individual is asked to stand in a hallway while serious buyers and veterinarians execute a close examination. Finally, our horse is asked to walk through a very large sliding door into a theater type pavilion with a 1000 or so viewers and an auctioneer rattling English words through a public address system sounding like a machine gun.

Just imagine what the brain of this youngster is going through. Stop to think that during this process requiring nearly an hour complete, our subject took about 45 minutes to clear the bowels before entering the sales ring. Having thought this through one might ask how in the world could there be anything left for Joe. The fact is virtually all of them have something left. The reason they do is the body keeps producing these laxative fluids that are designed to clear the bowels.

One might ask why Mother Nature set up this procedure. Remember that survival of the fittest is a critical goal of Mother Nature for every species on earth. Also remember that **horses were designed to graze on open grassy areas** where they could see several hundred yards in every direction. One should also be mindful of the fact that the slowest individual was generally the one taken by invading predators that selected their herd as a food source.

Those of us who have been involved in horse racing will understand that it has been concluded that every pound added to a race horses back reduces their performance by 1-2 horse lengths in a mile. Racing officials globally ponder over 1, 2 or 3 differences in the handicap process whereby they attempt to get equality for betting purposes. If 1, 2 or 3 pounds can make a difference in the race outcome, then recognize the difference it would

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Monty's Principles

Respectful Boundaries ...with People!

I have followed you since I first discovered [your first book](#). I was delighted to meet you at a demonstration in Corning, NY, many years ago. **I use your methods for training new horses** and enjoy wowing small crowds of non believers. I find that people visit my farm and always desire one of my animals, they are so cute well behaved and a pleasure to be around. We have horses, dogs, cats, ducks and chickens. They even see personalities in the chickens!

I don't seem to have the same effect on humans! I have a friend who is in a relationship with a man whose wife died this past year. The friend is recently divorced. These two people are wonderful people as individuals, here's the tough part: **he has decided to completely dominate her**. At one point he actually cut up all her food on her plate at a restaurant. He fastens her seatbelt in the car, can't go to the grocery store alone and in public, has to have physical contact with her at all times, sits next to her while she uses her computer, insists they shower together at all times and when chastised he says he has always been this way.

make for a horse to empty out 10-20 pounds of fecal material as they flee the charging predator.

[Part 3 in next week's Ask Monty]

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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTY?



May 3, 2013: [Tour Date in Germany](#), Neustadt/Dosse

May 18, 2013: **A Night of Inspiration with Monty** at Flag Is Up Farms in Solvang California. Open to the public with limited space. More info at

http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/night-of-inspiration/. Contact admin@montyroberts.com or +1 805 688 6288 between 9 am and 5 pm Pacific Standard Time. Download the flyer here: <http://www.montyroberts.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/May18Web.pdf>

August 5-9, 2013: **Monty's Special Training**. Read clinic description at <http://www.join-up.org/education/>. Contact info@join-up.org or call 805-688-3483.

I told him that I am talking to him about his behavior because **he will soon lose the woman he is obsessed with** if he doesn't pay closer attention. I was asked just yesterday, why my partner doesn't seem to do those things with me and yet we have a very loving and respectful relationship? How do I do it? Respect of others as well as animals comes natural for me and it's probably why the animals I have are the way they are.

Kathy

BE A LEADER

"As the horse is a herd animal, he also relies on good leadership for survival."
~ Monty Roberts

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Sincerely,

Monty Roberts

