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Greetings!,

Monty Roberts, Steffen Peters and Legolas share top tips on Monty's Equus Online University in this week's video lesson filmed in Del Mar, California. Harmonious training is possible if we remove pain and force. Breakthrough performance can be achieved without breaking the spirit of horses, or people.

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



Monty Roberts: Mindful Dressage with Steffen Peters Equus Online Uni

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Mindful Dressage with Monty Roberts and Steffen Peters, Olympic Medalist, premieres next week on Wednesday, April 24.

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QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

My name is Alba Payo, I have worked 25 years as a clerk in a construction company. I'm from Rodeiro, belonging to the province of Pontevedra (Galicia) in northern Spain and have always had an interest in horses and their environment.

In these months, I've read most of your books "The Man Who Listens to Horses", "The Horses in My Life" and now I'm reading your textbook, "From My Hands to Yours", to see if I can implement my horse interactions with some of the knowledge gained through your explanations and descriptions. I have also visited many times your website to see videos and lectures.

My horse, Ray J, is a four year old, a neutered male, very noble. In my house there was always a horse and I have always had interest in understanding and give each day the best for this animal, who is so wonderful. I'm an only child, I have no brothers and my horses were the brothers I never had, I spent with them many unforgettable moments in equestrian trails.

Yet, sometimes, I have the feeling of not understanding my horse nor he being able to understand me, but I strive to give the best, a good bed, good feed, clean hooves, and brushing, I think not all enough to enjoy and be happy with me, because I might need more confidence between them.

I have tried Join-Up, I think it worked in part, but not a hundred percent, in fact, he managed to follow me but did not deliver any signals that you describe in your books. Maybe I should get more time to practice Join-Up until my horse and me we achieve a perfect union, and see if there is the basis for success.

I wonder how I can solve several problems I have with my horse, for example:

- 1 - How to ask to trot faster and with consistent goodwill
- 2 - How to avoid unexpectedly turning toward "back home" when we are on a trail
- 3 - How to stop or slow down without touching a rein
- 4 - How to get past something scary, like the wash racks which is a safe place where nobody has ever been hurt

Monty's Answer:

Thank you very much for your letter, Payo. It isn't very often that I get one from Spain. My tours of Spain would indicate to me that there is a lot of work to be done if we are to improve the lives of the horses in that country. It will be people such as yourself that will make it happen if it ever does.

Each of the questions that have been included in your correspondence will find answers in the material that we currently have going out to the world of horsemen. You have the "[From My Hands to Yours](#)" textbook and that's a great start. Next you need to investigate the [online university](#).

There are over 200 lessons in an archive there and we hope to have Spanish subtitles in the near future. Please continue to communicate with us by using the Debbie@montyroberts.com email address. This is my daughter who will help you through your questions.

 Forward to a Friend

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTY?



Download the flyer here:

<http://www.montyroberts.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/saddle-up-with-Monty.pdf>

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Monty's Principles

Humane Horse Training

Hello Monty! I'm sure you get many messages so I'll make this quick and to the point. I just finished your book and finished in a matter of three days (which is fast for me). I loved it and have been deeply inspired and you have become one of my new idols! I came to the realization that before I even knew of you and had done my capstone project for school, I had chosen a picture of you with the mustang you started to put as the cover photo on my capstone binder.

It was just a random picture I took off the internet that suited what I was looking for. **I did my project on becoming a horse trainer using humane methods v.s. the traditional breaking of a horse.** I had the same goal as you and used a picture of you at your best as the cover of my project without having any idea of it! How crazy is that?? Anyways thank you for everything you have done to improve the relationship between humans and horses!

Sincerely,
Natasha Chace

BE A LEADER

"When we fail to provide leadership, we send mixed messages to the horse that are apt to encourage negative behavior."



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. **SOLD OUT!** **Now booking for Saturday September 21, 2013**

~ Monty Roberts

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Monty's Challenge

I'm a huge fan of you and your work. Your book "From my hands to yours" is my favourite horsemanship book and it is my everyday manual. It helps me a lot to educate my 3 years old Paint horse. I live in Bulgaria - Eastern Europe - and unfortunately here we do not have any natural horsemanship clinics. I have educated my horse alone, after reading your books and watching some of your Natural Horsemanship videos.

Me and my mare have a very good relationship. She lives outside in a ranch situated at the foot of the

mountain with 23 other horses. So she is a free and happy horse. When I go to

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENTS





**“Gentleness is the true strength of the world, not the threat of the whip. Violence always begets more violence”
Monty Roberts**

Monty and Pat's 10-year-old Australian Cattle Dog, Cody, certainly agrees.

take her from the pasture she starts whinny and runs toward me. She works with me with pleasure and meet my commands without any resistance. She is very calm and she love to be with me, but we still have a lot to learn. I do not have any problems with her when we ride outside the ranch and there is an experienced horse in front of her leading. But I would like to learn her to be a leader and to be able to ride alone without any other horses around her. Unfortunately, currently she doesn't feel self-confident when she has to lead the group.

Sometimes when I ask her to outrun the horse in front of her and to lead the group she makes some meters galloping then suddenly starts to push to the right side and stops. The same frequently happens when I take her for a walk alone, especially when we are near the pasture. :)
It is most probably my fault...Would you please advice me what to do?

Thank you in advance!
Kind Regards,
Katerina

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Sincerely,
Monty Roberts

