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Greetings!,

Do certain disciplines demand a particular horse breed? Find out Monty's opinion on this matter in the Ask Monty column below.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

Hi Mr Roberts, I've recently become the proud owner of a 10 year old saddler mare (registered with the South African Saddler Association). I live in an area of South Africa where showjumping and dressage are the only "acceptable" equine activities. My daughter has started jumping our horse and she seems to have taken to it like a duck to water, but **everyone says a saddler can't make it as a serious jumper**. Is this true or just prejudice of people who think if a horse is not a Warmblood it's not a horse?

Monty's Answer:

Thank you very much for asking me to assist you. It is fortunate that you have chosen show jumping to be the discipline that you are interested in. It is also fortunate that your horse seems to have taken to it like a duck to water. Let me respond to you by saying that **show jumping is one of those few disciplines that is absolutely objective**. Nobody's opinion is involved when determining the outcome of the competition. The jump stayed up or the jump fell down, that is all that matters. If your horse can jump as high as you choose to attempt then it is likely that you will have a successful career with this horse. If the jumps all fall down, then we can discuss why the breeding may be the cause of it.

Dressage is a very different situation entirely. This discipline is judged subjectively. Some trained person observes the performance and decides the degree of excellence that is exhibited in the course of the contest. If this trained judge does not believe that saddlers' make particularly good dressage horses, then it is likely that a career in this discipline is not apt to bring you great success. Subjective judging has always been a great challenge for our industry. It often produces a champion on one week that is marked very low by the judge on another week. Many things in our life revolve around subjectivity. We even choose our friends by how we feel about them while someone else might not like them at all.

Globally, the Warmblood owns the dressage discipline. The world of horsemanship has decided that the Warmblood is virtually the only breed that can achieve high marks in this discipline. We see some Friesian horses score pretty well under certain judges but in the world of high level dressage it is difficult for them to compete. Arabians and Thoroughbreds can certainly execute dressage procedures and some can do them very well. The trained judge will generally, however, recognize the movements of the Warmblood to be superior to either of these breeds. For me, horses are horses and if you enjoy your horse in a given discipline, then continue that enjoyment. It shouldn't matter what the judges think.

One must **decide whether we are going to be a horseman seeking high marks** in the highest levels of any given discipline **or** whether we do what **we enjoy with our horses for the pleasure of it**. The one thing you have going for you is that, in show jumping, one has to worry only about whether the jump stays up or your horse knocks it down. If your horse can jump and you leave all the fences up, they will soon be looking for your type of horse because no breed is perfect and each show jumping competitor knocks some fences down along the way. Thank you for investigating my thoughts on this subject. I wish you the very best of luck with whatever horse you have and whatever discipline you choose.

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Monty's Principles

The Dream of Owning a Horse

This is Kirstin and I am just emailing you to say thank you for all of the amazing tips and facts. I currently do not have a horse of my own but am going to work as hard as I can to get one. My mom and dad want to get me one but they are having problems with money. It's okay I understand and everything. I also wanted to say Happy Birthday to you Monty and I hope you had a great day.

Your fan: Kirstin

The Power of Feel



"Working with horses could be one of the biggest chances we get in life. Horses give us the chance to get to know our own minds and bodies, and can sensitise our ability for feeling. We just have to make the decision that we are willing to work on ourselves more than on our horse."

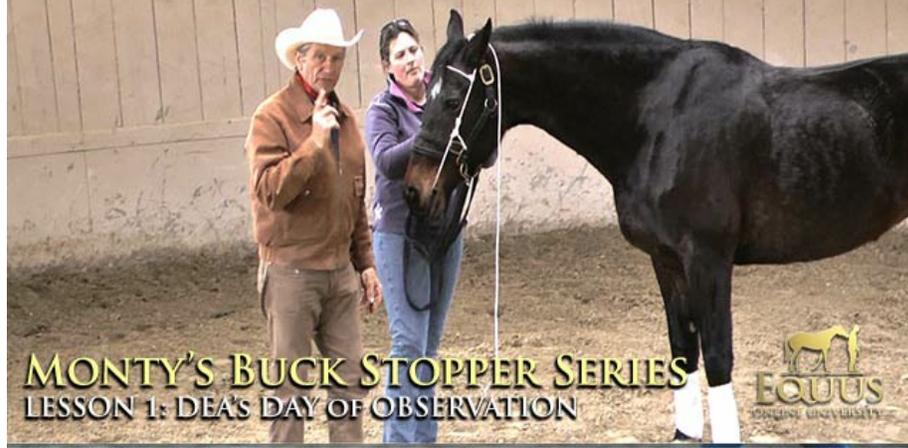
- Florian Oberparleiter

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Winning Prize: Ride With Monty

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MONTY'S BUCK STOPPER SERIES LESSON 1: DEA'S DAY OF OBSERVATION



Why do horses buck and what can we do to stop a horse from bucking? This topic is the subject of the 'Buck Stopper series' starting this week on Equus Online University!

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A NEW MONK JOINS THE TEAM AND RAISES QUESTIONS



We wanted to introduce everyone to the newest member of our family Monk, you didn't think Monty only loves horses did you? Monk is a 10 week old mini Aussie and he joins our current canine companion, Cody, as part of the team. Getting Monk and seeing how Cody is getting a little older, we started to look into what we have been feeding our dogs. There has been A LOT

There is an exceptional opportunity for those of you in the USA! By becoming a member of ACTHA you have a chance to **win an all-expense paid trip, airfare included, to Monty's farm** and the opportunity to saddle up with Monty. Winners will be whisked away to California and will be treated to an equine experience they will never forget! Register with ACTHA to enter this incredible prize drawing: www.actha.us/register



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News from Brazil



Monty Roberts Eduardo Moreira Learning Center Grand Opening!

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First class to participate in the workshop inspiring lives in the MREM Center - Monty Roberts and Eduardo Moreira. Two

of improvement in pet foods over the past several years and we want to make sure in addition to treating our pets well we were feeding them well also.

Two topics really resonated with Monty. The first is the ingredients in a pet food. **A pet food should be meat first, all natural and should not contain filler ingredients like corn, wheat and soy which are just cheap ways to inflate the protein content while adding very little nutritional value.** Ok, so once you have selected a quality dog food with all good ingredients, that's all you need to feed, right? Well, we are starting to find out that simply isn't the case. It seems intuitive that dogs weren't intended to get all of their nutrients from a single food.

Dogs are meant to thrive on a range of different foods obtaining the unique nutritional benefits from each. They are not intended to eat "only chicken" or "only lamb" or any other food item for most of their life. **We've learned that rotating your pet's diet provides a lot of benefits including a broader spectrum of nutrients, prevention of mealtime boredom and picky eating and can also help to avoid the development of allergies.** In some extreme cases, just like a person, a dog can instantly be allergic to something; but in most cases allergies build up over time.

Why can a dog eat a chicken recipe for years and then all of a sudden develop a chicken allergy? The answer is often quite simple; eating the same food day in and day out for an extended period of time often leads to improper nutrition and an intolerance to the ingredients that are causing this imbalance. It is no coincidence that the most common allergies in dogs are the most common ingredients found in pet food. Just like treating animals with respect, feeding them well is another part of the natural equation.

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTY?

Monty in Brazil in July:



<http://www.superbullbrasil.com.br/superbullbrasil/Portuques/detBlog.php?codpost=2362>

Monty in California: August 5-9 Monty's Special Training at Flag Is Up Farms. More info here: <http://www.join-up.org/education/>

Monty in Australia this summer!
SYDNEY SEMINAR 17/18 August at the Horsecworld Stadium Maraylya and PERTH SEMINAR 24/25 August at the State Equestrian Centre Brigadoon: <http://montyrobertslive.com/seminar-dates-tickets/>

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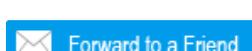
Primeira turma a participar do workshop Encantadores de Vidas no centro MREM - Monty Roberts e Eduardo Moreira. Dois dias inesqueciveis!

Monty's Challenge

My name is Pierangelo. I'm writing from France and I have an Italian Horse that is 7 years old. The problem is when we work with the Dually Halter, on the ground, he is always trying to bite. You say that violence is not an answer but for me it is a kind of violence from his side. To be honest he makes it just when he works and also riding when he decides to not work is a really nightmare. If not, when he is in a good day he is nice and you can do everything with him because he learns very quickly. I've asked two professional trainers and the feedback has been maybe it is better to sell him, I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT. So first question: How can I stop his biting?
Second: How can I get a good relationship to work?

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Sincerely,
Monty Roberts

