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Greetings!,

What kind of dummy rides a bucking horse? Monty knows one by the name of **Ardall**. Fearless and adrenaline-free, Ardall can safely ride a buck.



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Monty's Principles

A Senior Horse that Talks

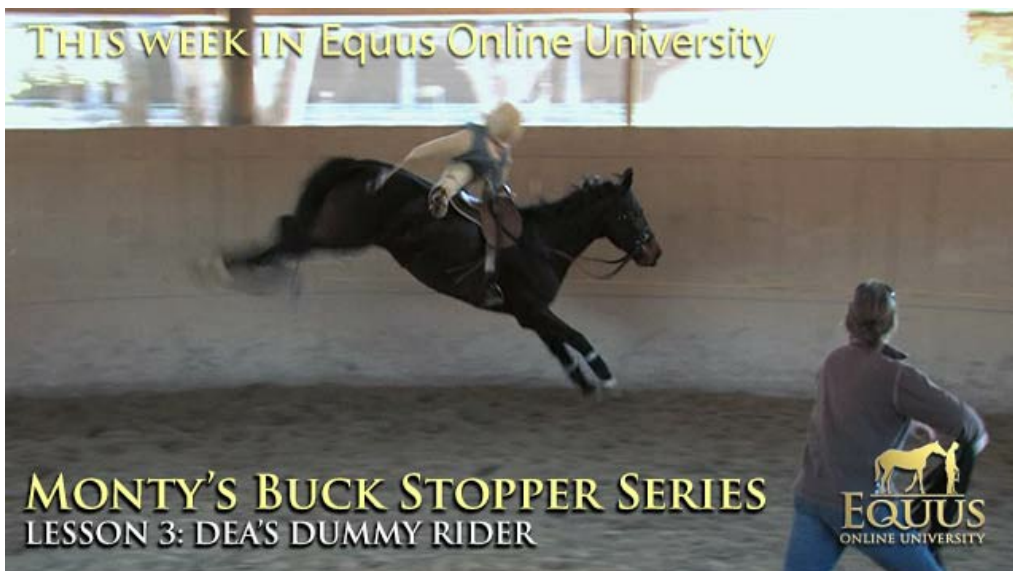
Dear Monty,

I would like to add my horse, Bill, to the long list of those who can now be clipped! He is 19 years of age and, to my knowledge, had never been clipped before. However, he was diagnosed with Cushing's just before last winter and ended up growing a huge, hairy mammoth coat. This meant that once spring finally arrived and the weather warmed up, he became incredibly sweaty.

A bib (chest) and belly clip were needed to cool him down and keep him comfortable. While I did practice with an electric toothbrush in the 2 weeks leading up to the event, it didn't really prepare him (or me) for the industrial noise of the clippers! But my 9 years of Join-Up and work with a Dually also played a role in his trust. Plus I chose an incredibly kind and patient lady to do the job. We spent time turning clippers on and off, having them far away and close up, then on her hand and then on his neck all before doing the clipping. The whole process took 1.5 hours.

Bill stood still, ears back licking and chewing. After each section we stopped and had a rest, a fuss and a walk about (and a couple of apples!) and started again. Everyone I've spoken to says 'how long?!' and mentions

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



"How do you ride a horse that bucks like that?" you may ask. Find out about Monty's dummy rider in this week's video lesson about the **'Buck Stopper'** on Equus Online University!

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QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

I read on Facebook that you are in France and my heart leaped! We very much need your concepts here and I wonder what you are participating in. **What is a Starting Gate issue?** Where can I learn more about listening to my horse?

Monty's Answer:

Thank you very much for your question, and I must say that I have been in France having fun with two horses that seemed to go into the starting stalls without any problem. **The issue was that each of them refused to leave the starting stall when the gates flew open and the race was on.** That can cause any owner to choke on his mint julep, or in France it might be champagne. Watching your horse give the field twelve or fourteen lengths before choosing to leave the starting stall is a death knell to the best of racehorses. One of the horses I worked with gave the field fourteen lengths and then actually won the race. That's how talented this young horse is.

He was entered back against much tougher company after calling in an expert to deal with him. He gave the next group of opponents another fourteen lengths and finished third beaten by only two lengths. These were high level competitors and **one would have to ask just how good is this horse?** I worked with him for ten days and it is my hope that he will get adequate human assistance before his next start which is scheduled for early July. It is a mile and one half race with a purse well over a half million US dollars. **When I left France he was flying out of the starting gates.** I almost feel that he was too keen following ten sessions of my work with him.

The problem, as I see it, is that this young horse was ultra sensitive to the touch and the rails inside the starting stall were simply too invasive. As Thoroughbreds set their feet for the start, they will generally **spread wide behind and then push off like a rocket.** As they leave the stall at top speed, their stifles are burned by the rails that jut out into the stall. This is not an uncommon occurrence and **it requires innovation so as to protect the area of the flanks and the stifles as the horse leaves.** I say that the protective blanket that I use was invented by a horse called Prince of Darkness. He was in training in Newmarket, England when they called me in to get him right.

Read the whole story here: <http://www.montyroberts.com/articles/horse-training/the-starting-gate-for-sensitive-racehorses/>

 Forward to a Friend

THE QUEEN'S PASSION FOR HORSES



drugs or twitches. But I'm hoping we can build on this success in the coming winter and by being patient, keep his confidence and keep him cool!

One thing I have been meaning to ask for a while: **does anyone else watch their horse 'talking' to others while out on a ride?** Bill likes to stop and talk to any horse or groups of horses we pass in fields while out on our rides. Conversation starts with their ears: back and forth like semaphore, then there is licking and chewing (sometimes a toss of the head) followed by eating whether it's grass or a bit of tree/hedge. Some conversations are over quickly and we walk on, other times there is quite a companionable bit of grazing happening. It's really fascinating to watch.

Thank you for helping me enjoy my horse so much over the past 9 years; I've learned so much.

Best wishes

Shirley

Wickham Market, Suffolk, England

Editor's note: Send your comments about 'talking horses' to

askmonty@montyroberts.com

Rotations for Dogs



Since ROTATIONS is locally owned, I recently met with the nutritionist to learn more about their pet foods. Pat and I learned LOTS from the meeting about their philosophy and what separates them from other pet foods. Their ingredient sourcing, quality control, and unique rotational feeding system impressed us. They were also straight shooters.

Ask and you will receive! The good folks at ROTATIONS were kind enough to offer any follower here 50% off a rotational pack of their award winning dog food. Just click the link and use PROMO CODE: MONTYROBERTS and you'll get 50% OFF YOUR FIRST ORDER from now through 7/1/13. We hope you give it a try. It's been so great for our dogs and we think it will help yours too. We are pleased we found this food for Cody and Monk!

<http://www.rotationspetfood.com/order/all-life-stages-rotational-pack>

Saying Goodbye



THE QUEEN

A Passion for Horses



Monty would

like to honor the passing of an equine hero. Cleverly Bay (aka Oscar), who was a true equine friend to Charlie Avent, was recently euthanized due to a broken leg.

Oscar was an inspiration to Charlie and many others who watched his demo at Hartpury College with Monty Roberts and Kelly Marks.

Please join Monty and his team in sending our warm condolences to Charlie at this time of grief.

I am very proud to be a part of Her Majesty's horse training and her passion for their welfare. I believe she is the leading monarch for the advocacy of horses in the world. She is a thought leader in this field.

My **Dually Halter** is seen throughout this footage, making a difference in the training of sensitive animals by giving the horse the choice to partner in the training. Watch the documentary about The Queen's horses here: <http://youtu.be/WXRAWIH9zs4>



Over the course of one spring season, from the births of foals at Sandringham to the thrill of race day at Newbury, this film reveals Her Majesty The Queen's expertise and close personal involvement in producing top class racehorses, as well as Her work to preserve the native pony breeds of Britain. Clare Balding, whose family have trained royal horses for three generations, presents this intimate profile of The Queen and Her lifelong love of all things equine.

News from Brazil

The first off-site course of Monty Roberts Eduardo Moreira Center (MREM) took place this past weekend. It was at ITU, a city near Sao Paulo. It was a two-day course, with an opening speech by Eduardo Moreira. There were 18 people enrolled in the course, and more than 100 people attended the speech. Monty's message is being spread.

Eduardo also received a visit from film producers who are preparing a promo video to present to Discovery Channel, for them to do a series called "The Life Whisperer". The idea is to deal with people who had suffered traumas in their lives, and through the work with the horses, lessons from Nuno Cobra and some psychological support, offer them a way to step out of their dramas.

Six people participated so far. A lesbian couple who was beaten up by people with prejudice, one of them lost the vision from one eye (totally blind) and the other was almost killed. One lady suffered from cancer. Two drug addicted. And one young lady who had just lost her pregnancy. Their transformation was magical, very emotional and inspirational. The horses did great.

Eduardo Moreira
with Certified Monty Roberts Instructors:
Gabriele Coglianesse and Bruno San Grise

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTY?

"Hi, I'm a fan of Monty! I always wanted to meet him, I admire him for the way it treats the horses, I love horses too, **I'm from Brazil, and my dream is to meet you!** I read the book "[The Man Who Listens to Horses](#)" and I'm simply blown away! Hug!" Paula Garcia

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:

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Monty in Australia this summer!

SYDNEY SEMINAR 17/18 August at the Horseworld Stadium Maraylya and PERTH SEMINAR 24/25 August at the State Equestrian Centre Brigadoon: <http://montyrobertslive.com/seminar-dates-tickets/>

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| September 21 | A Night of Inspiration with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms in Solvang, California. Open to the public with limited space. To register, e-mail: admin@montyroberts.com or call 805-688-6288. | USA |
| September 28 | Hadlow College , Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent | UK |
| September 30 | Houghton Hall & Alpaca Centre New Manor Farm, Sawtry Way, Houghton, Cambs | UK |
| October 2 | Bishop Burton College , Beverley, Hull | UK |
| October 4 | Gleneagles EC , Gleneagles, Auchterarder, Perthshire | UK |
| October 6 | Richmond EC , Breckenbrough Farm, Brough Park, Catterick, Richmond, North Yorkshire | UK |
| October 17 | South Staffordshire Collge , Rodbaston Campus Penkridge, Staffordshire | UK |
| October 19 | Myerscough College , St. Michael's Road, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire | UK |
| October 25 | Hartpury College , Hartpury, Gloucester, | UK |
| October 30 | Crofton Manor EC , Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham, Hampshire | UK |
| November 1 | The Grange EC , Northlew Road, Okehampton, Devon | UK |

For information about Monty's worldwide demos and the courses held at Monty's farm in California go to: http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/

MONTY'S CHALLENGE

My horse is very sensitive in the flank and the stifle area. When I am grooming her, she seems to get very angry. She puts her ears back and even acts as though she would kick me. When I brush or touch her in the area of the flank or the stifle, she moves her hips toward me and not away. If I push harder, she pushes much harder against me. She has pinned me up against the wall several times and it's very frightening. What should I do, Mr. Roberts? My instructor says that I should not go into her stall without a whip. I don't want to whip her, but I don't want her to hurt me either. There must be a solution to this problem. Can you help me?

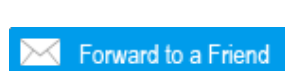
Sincerely,

"Extremely Frightened!"

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Sincerely,

Monty Roberts



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<http://www.hrtv.com/MontyRobertsShow/>

Horse & Country in the UK



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<http://www.horseandcountry.tv/monty>

for more info.

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