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Greetings!,

Some horses run to their owners while others stay as far away as possible. What is the reason for such differences? Personality types? Attitude to work? Or perhaps trust issues? Find out in Monty's Q&A.



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Could I ask whether the new book [Life Lessons](#) will be available to buy in Britain when Monty comes over this autumn? It looks really interesting from the bits I have read on the internet. I've got [Horse Sense for People](#) and I am practicing my horse knowledge on humans too. My dad has just been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and what I now understand is that people with this start to have issues with their sight and hearing, making them jumpy and anxious. They also respond more to their feelings than thoughts, so I am trying to create good, happy experiences when he comes to stay with me. We do lots of gentle repetition and take things slowly.

At work, I've put into practice Monty's view that change is easier for young people and we can't teach people things, they have to want to learn. So, in working in extension with farmers, I recruited a group of 10 men all less than 30 years to form a discussion group. I have spent the past 2 years putting new 'learning experiences' in front of them. The result has been that they have changed some of their management and we have gone from 2 out of 10 farms making a profit to 7 out of 10! Also they are having more fun from their farming and really get a buzz out of seeing new things.

Hope you are having a good day!
Best wishes
Shirley

Editor's note:

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

I have studied and applied your methods on all my horses for the past 15 years and have greatly improved my relationships with my horses. About 5 years ago **I was given a Hispano/Arab mare with a sad history of misunderstanding and abuse**, as well as many other abuses she was tied in stocks and beaten with a hammer for being difficult for the farrier. Needless to say she was not the most trusting of individuals!

We have come a long way since then, and she is now the most willing ride out on trials and happily accepts being led, groomed and having her feet trimmed. **There is only one problem I still have; she is difficult to catch in the field.** I always succeed in catching her, but she always moves away when she sees a lead rope and I have send her around for a few minutes before she will come to me.

I wonder if it's a residual fear of ropes and their associations or if she, and I, anticipate there being a problem. Once I have a lead rope on her she will happily follow me anywhere. I would really appreciate your thoughts on the matter as I would like to think we could overcome any lingering fears she has.

Monty's Answer:

Thank you. It comes under the heading "what a small world we live in". About three months ago I received into training a Peruvian Paso owned by a lady in Southern California. In his show career he was a national champion. The fact is however his start in life was under the tutelage of South American style horsemanship. He too would do anything you ask when he was completely in the grasp of forceful and very violent horse trainers, straight from Peru.

He was purchased by a well-meaning lady who invested in him principally because of his national championship. I feel certain that this lady believed that she couldn't go wrong with a national champion. The first message I got through to me was he simply couldn't be caught in the field. You could get very close to him without a rope but with a rope it was impossible to catch him in when he was in a box stall. Does this sound familiar?

Eventually he broke the jaw of a very competent horse lady while attempting to catch him in the field. After that a long list of remedial problems were sent through to me. Now you have heard the bad news. The good news is that the lady has sent him through to Flag Is Up Farms three months ago and we are now experiencing a wonderful 7 year old who is trying desperately to overcome a very difficult start in life.

Sessions of Join-Up in the round pen put the catching thing on the right track. We progressed to an enclosure of 100 feet by 100 feet and incrementally larger until now he will come to you in the field. In addition we can now swing ropes all over him, walk over tarpaulins and drag a tarpaulin on a rope close to his heels. How in the world did we accomplish all of these things? The answer began with Join-Up and progressed to a full understanding of his needs.

Each day we had to analyze where we were with him and then go through the procedures each of which was designed to get his confidence back. **It is never a perfect world when you have to bury the memories of an abusive beginning.** Time will tell if our horse will suffer flashbacks and reignite those survival skills that he so clearly possessed when he arrived here. All I can tell you is its working and I think he is going to make it.

The owner has been here and ridden him successfully with a big smile on her face. I am certain that the smile was only on the surface of a still terrified owner. She has every right to be extremely cautious and plans to return for 2-3 more rides before I will clear him to return to his Southern California home. It can be dangerous to deal with these problems but it is extremely gratifying when we get it right. I have confidence we will all smile.

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<http://www.totalacesso.com/Event/Detail/459>

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

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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/>

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
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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 15	Helsinki International Horse Show , Next Generation Tour	Finland
October 17	South Staffordshire Colgje , Rodbaston Campus Penkridge, Staffordshire	UK
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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

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MONTY'S CHALLENGE

Hello Monty Roberts, At the moment I am training a three year old Quarter Horse. I do a lot of ground work for flexion and he takes it well. While riding he is happy to bend to the right side and he stays collected. When I change to the left he starts fighting. I tried to ride smaller circles with him but he still wants to put his head to the outside. I hope you can help me.

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