



ASK MONTY

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Greetings!,



Have you ever come across 'natural horsemanship' proponents who justify the use of pain because horses kick and bite each other therefore kicking and slapping are acceptable ways to school horses in 'their own language'? As you train and school your horse, where do you draw the line between causing the horse discomfort and causing him fear or pain? Read Monty's words on this topic in his Question and Answer column.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

As I watch your [Equus Online Uni lessons](#) and try to understand the level of 'schooling' taking place, I am struck by a concern that could be misunderstood by the novice. In the lessons, **you tug or jerk on the lead to school the horse**. To the uneducated eye, **this looks like violence** and demand on the part of the trainer. It is virtually impossible to impart to someone via video the level of force being used and so when one looks at the horse's reaction it appears to be severe. Perhaps a lesson introduced early in the sequence that talks to how much and what kind of technique is required to use your methods would be beneficial. I see examples of kicking the horse to get response and **have been told by my trainer to 'kick the horse'** when he does not do what I would desire him to do.

Monty's Answer:

You have touched on a point that is very timely. There is no question that we need to work much harder at explaining the use of the [Dually Halter](#). Typically I explain that the action need not be hard but it must be instant. If one acts instantly often the reaction of the horse is more dramatic than the viewer can process. The combination of the quick reaction along with the startled movements of the horses tends to produce the visual image of harsh use of the halter.

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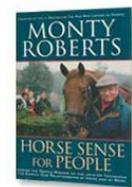
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Monty's Principles



Hello! I have almost completed reading your book titled: [Horse Sense for People](#). I have a high pressure sales job and over the course of the recession the requirements that are place on me are frequent and very last minute putting me in a constant state of anxiety and panic.

The book has helped me see the ways in which my management is failing to motivate a good team of sales people and loosing even productive ones in pursuit for more revenue. I am not sure if my gesture will be taken the right way since my relationship with my director is acknowledgement at best, but I am considering giving it to my director of sales when I am finished. She is also a horse person, although I hear she has someone else ride her horses.

SUMMER READING

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[The Man Who Listens to Horses](#)

Pain is never the object. Discomfort is the desired effect. The pressure applied during schooling should be principally because of the horse's actions and not the handler. Having said that, it should be noted that the Dually Halter has a very soft nose band. I tell my students that the effect should be like having a twist in your sock. It is quite uncomfortable but not life threatening, Pain is not the object and release and comfort should be the reward.

There are several factors that we need to make clear to our students and certainly one of those is that I see many students swinging the coil of lines in the hand opposite the schooling hand. Subliminally **this produces the sight of a threatening handler** and it appears as though the horse is frightened by this action. I know that it took me a long time to moderate my actions so that the appearance was less harsh than my original way of working.

One should remember that so many horses are trained with chains over the nose that bite in to flesh. If this was effective and humane I might never have invented the Dually Halter. As I worked on the prototypes I found that **eliminating pain was a more effective training process than utilizing pain.** Not only was the Dually Halter more humane but we received the desired **behavioral modification** even more effectively than the old methods.

I accept your question with the mind set of complete understanding. Further, I appreciate the input because **perception is reality** and it is not good enough for us to approximate perfection in our work while leaving the perception that it is not perfect. At the moment **you are acting as a trainer for us because we often get too busy with our work to completely realize how it appears.** Thank you very much for your words and for your concern.

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Monty in Brazil





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/>



Monty Roberts, Gabriel Coglianesse and Bruno SaGrise work with a buckler at the Monty Roberts Eduardo Moreira Learning Center on July 20-21. Monty uses the [Ardall Mannequin Rider](#) first for safety. More than 60 people were there to learn and establish Monty's Join-Up concepts in more than 10 states in Brazil, and also from Bolivia and Argentina.

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 15	Helsinki International Horse Show , Next Generation Tour	Finland
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

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Horse & Country, UK



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

for more info.

MONTY'S CHALLENGE

In the discussion of equipment, a brief discussion of bits other than snaffles would help. I am beginning to participate in 4H shows in western pleasure and with my horse (11 years) he is required to use a curb bit.

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