

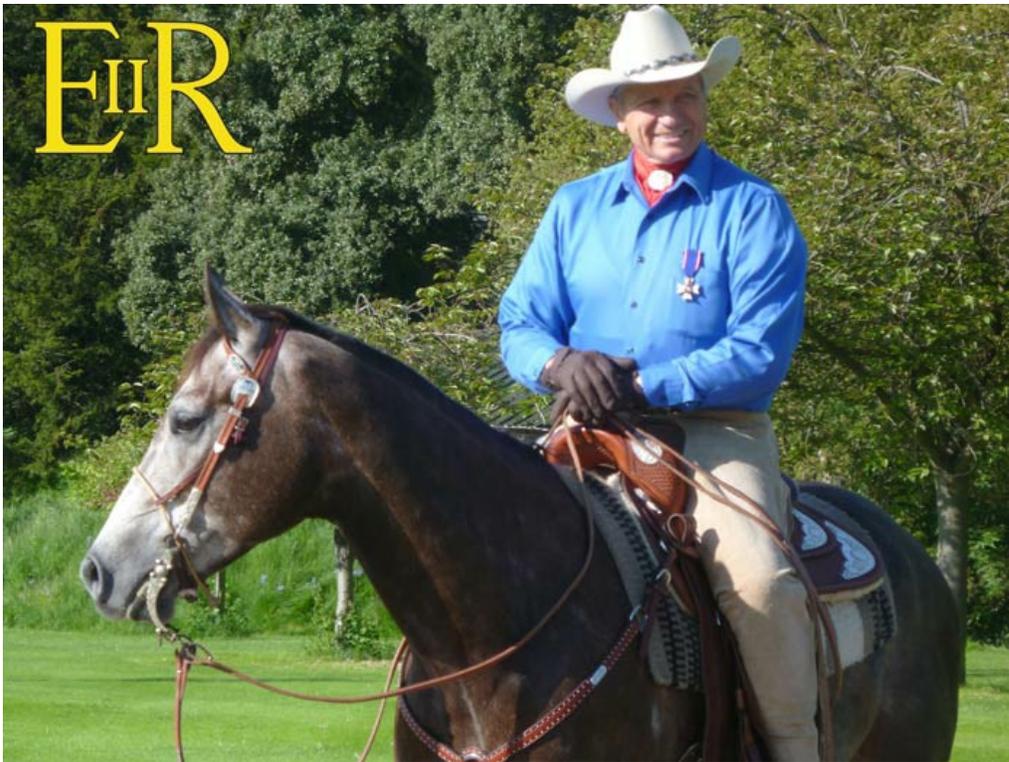


ASK MONTY

July 31, 2013

Greetings!

Monty discusses the use of bits and the art of horsemanship in his Question and Answer column this week.



QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

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.

Monty's Answer:

Thank you very much for your question. This is a very timely question because it is my opinion that we have pretty well laid the foundation for the early training of horses. I won't say that we have trained the whole world yet, but we have gone a long way to providing the alternatives to the violent breaking of young horses. Our organization is now beginning to speak frequently about the need for moving on to later training concepts and recommendations.

Curb bits, spade bits, grazers, bitless bridles, hackamores, half-breeds, cathedrals, double bridles are just a few of the instruments that are recommended in one discipline or another throughout the horse industry. This is a **vast, complicated subject with strong opinions** in every direction. I suppose this is one of the reasons that I point out an area where Mother Nature has made a grave mistake. It has to do with timing and our existence.

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Monty's Principles

A number of years ago I heard a song called Equus Caballus, which is a poem written by Joel Nelson, a cowboy poet. It starts like this:

I have run on middle fingernail through Eolithic morning,
I have thundered down the coach road with the Revolution's warning.
I have carried countless errant knights who never found the grail.
I have strained before the caissons I have moved the nation's mail.
I've made knights of lowly tribesmen and kings from ranks of peons
I have given pride and arrogance to riding men for eons.
I have grazed among the lodges and the tepees and the yurts.
I have felt the sting of driving whips, lashes, spurs and quirts.

These are just the first two stanzas of his poem You can read the rest at <http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poem/238308>

How do you feel after reading this poem? For me it is a reminder that I have to always have honorable intentions when working with my horse. He deserves no less.

Cheers, Dennis (from the Forum inside [Equus Online University](#))

In explaining this situation I point out that when Mother Nature created a horseman I believe that she was obligated to allow him two lifetimes. **One should be dedicated to learning and fully understanding the art of horsemanship.** The second lifetime should be devoted to demonstrating explaining and teaching. In that way the accomplished horseman could leave his concepts and principles in an intelligent fashion for the next generation.

Since this isn't going to happen, I am doing my level best to allow horses and human circumstances to teach me as much as possible and I have devoted the rest of my days to younger horsemen destined to follow. The more advanced bits will definitely consume a large amount of my time in the years that I have left. **There are many misconceptions and many cultures are either too forceful or too critical of what they believe to be bits that are forceful.**

Professors have told me that the human uses only a small percent of the brain they receive. Perhaps Mother Nature expected me to use a lot more of my brain. It's very possible that I should have learned more in my time and dedicated myself at an earlier age to pass on concepts and information that are vital to fully understanding the needs of these wonderful creatures that we train. I will work hard to meet the needs of the next generation as best I can.

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Monty in Brazil



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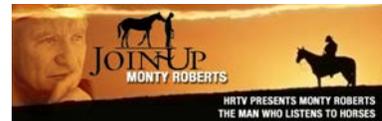
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MONTY'S CHALLENGE

My question is regarding a teaching technique. I am an archery instructor through USA Archery and am certified to teach instructors how to instruct. I have been doing this since 1995 so have a fair amount of experience with both instructors training as well as working with students. One thing we try to emphasize is avoidance of negative wording i.e. saying don't, no, never etc. Instead we tell our students what we want them to do. This avoids ambiguity and improves transfer of idea. just a thought.

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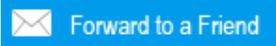
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