



# ASK MONTY

September 4, 2013

## Greetings!,

"If through the actions of adults youngsters are learning that force and intimidation works, then they will strongly anticipate the day when they too can control their environment in that fashion." - Monty



Photo credit: Antonelli G. from Brazil

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## QUESTION AND ANSWER

### Question:

I work with autistic children (early intervention) so my clients are between 1yr and 9 yrs old. I teach applied behavioral analysis (aba). I also have two beautiful girls (horses) one rising two now

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## Monty's Principles

### Brazil Calling...



Hi Monty Roberts. It is Antonelli from Brazil. Last year I was in the Monty's Special Training course. I am very happy to know that Monty will come to Brazil. I would like to be a volunteer to help with anything for Monty.

Here's some pictures (above and at left) of a horse I started. I talked about Monty and his technique with a nine year old boy. I thank Monty Roberts so! Thank you and a big hug.

Antonelli G.

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and one companion pony. I have found that our "therapies " are very similar, except for the eye contact part. eg: when the child isn't doing what you've asked, you give no **eye contact**, ignore etc, when child is trying to do what you've asked, you give eye contact and attention (reward etc).

The reward part is the same although you have to find the right currency as some autistics don't really care about social reward. Anyway re: distraction, I present choices eg: try 'task 1' or try 'task 2', both scary for the child, but one less so, the child 'has a go at the task that causes less fear, (realized it wasn't so bad, gains confidence) and will more willingly do the other task . They start to trust that you won't hurt them ever and they gain more confidence.

**It's a beautiful thing to see a child blossom into a person who will give things a go, with confidence, not fear.** Also all this has to be done without a lot of high emotion (adrenalin). I train the parents to 'talk to the fridge ' :-), when they are getting too emotional, as an example of how they need to be behaving when child is not behaving how they would like (tantrums).

My filly is quite a high adrenalin girl and jumps at pretty much anything (bolts around the paddock when a plane flies over) so I am being extra slow with her and picking days when she is less jumpy to work with her, so as to get more positive experiences. She's put herself through fences running from kangaroos etc.

We've done a few Join-Ups. She seems to need a lot more reassurance with things. But becoming more confident eg: came up when I was mowing the lawn to sniff at the mower (while it was running!) without running away in fear after :-) Thanks for being who you are :-) you methods have helped me so much.

#### Monty's Answer:

Thank you for your communication. **Each word resonates with me** as I compare it to the work I am doing both with horses and children. One area that interests me greatly is the eye contact as reward. My work with horses indicates that **eye contact means go away**. It relates, I believe, to the fact that predators use direct eye contact. I believe horses are rewarded by the removal of eye contact.

It seems to me that most people with autism respond very similarly to flight animals. My time with Temple Grandin would strongly verify this observation. I suppose it's possible that some people with autism like eye contact and would consider it a reward, but that has not been my experience. Apart from these variations, it sounds to me like each of us is having fun analyzing the communication efforts of animals and humans.

Please continue your work and keep us posted.

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## THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



## ACTHA Winners



Founders of the American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) announced the winners of their recent contest to win a trip to ride with Monty Roberts. Winners will spend the weekend at "Flag Is Up Farms", home of legendary horseman Monty Roberts enjoy riding his horses on the trail with him, touring the facilities and dinner at the ranch under the stars.

They will also enjoy a private clinic just for the five from Monty and ACTHA Co-Founder, Carrie Scrima. Carrie announced the names and states of each winner: Donna Sugg (Texas), Gail Gooding (California), Linda Riley (Indiana), Amelia Blanchette (Texas) and Ima Millender (Florida).

Tom Scrima added, "The last time we did this the lucky five members who went said it was the most wonderful and useful horse experience of their lives. We got letters and emails saying, 'Monty and his wife, Pat, are the warmest and friendliest professionals I've ever met!'

Not only did we ride Monty's horses under his watchful eye, but he even cooked for us! It is the most beautiful facility and home I've ever seen. Little did we know Pat Roberts is a gifted sculptor of horses and her lovely work adorns all the rooms. It was like being in some fantasy land!'

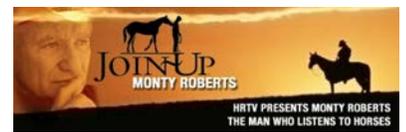
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September 21	<b>A Night of Inspiration with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms</b> in Solvang, California. <b>SOLD OUT!</b> Watch this space for new dates.	USA
September 28	<b>Hadlow College</b> , Hadlow, Tonbridge, Kent	UK
September 30	<b>Houghton Hall &amp; Alpaca Centre</b> New Manor Farm, Sawtry Way, Houghton, Cambs	UK
October 2	<b>Bishop Burton College</b> , Beverley, Hull	UK
October 4	<b>Gleneagles EC</b> , Gleneagles, Auchterarder, Perthshire	UK
October 6	<b>Richmond EC</b> , Breckenbrough Farm, Brough Park, Catterick, Richmond, North Yorkshire	UK
October 15	<b>Helsinki International Horse Show</b> , Next Generation Tour	Finland
October 17	<b>South Staffordshire Collge</b> , Rodbaston Campus Penkridge, Staffordshire	UK
October 19	<b>Myerscough College</b> , St. Michael's Road, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire	UK
October 25	<b>Hartpury College</b> , Hartpury, Gloucester,	UK
October 30	<b>Crofton Manor EC</b> , Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham, Hampshire	UK
November 1	<b>The Grange EC</b> , Northlew Road, Okehampton, Devon	UK

## Horse & Country, UK



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

for more info.

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**Monty Roberts**

