



# ASK MONTY

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Greetings!,



How do you go from **THIS**  
to **THIS**?  
By creating an understanding!

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## QUESTION AND ANSWER

### Question:

What do you think are the biggest misunderstandings people have about horses?

### Monty's Answer:

It is my opinion that the greatest misunderstanding that human beings have about horses is that they need to be educated, trained, controlled and gentled through **the use of violence**. I define violence as the production of pain administered by the human for the purpose of altering behavior.

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## THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI

## Monty's Principles

### A Cry of Support from Australia

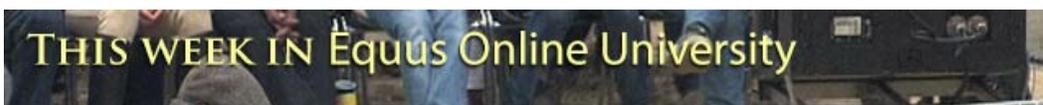
I wish to have this recorded as comments from this write up on the Australian visit. I attended the clinic and I must say to this day I still tell people just how emotionally thrilling it was to see some very traumatised people work with Monty and the horse. I cried, and so did the people sitting around me.

It was just so inspirational to see the join up with the veterans.. truly something that I will always remember. I do Join-Up with my young filly and the less I do the more she wants to be with me... the more submissive we are as humans the more confident and willing is the horse.

Top job Monty must come back to Oz!

Kind Regards  
Bev McKeown  
Director/Licensee  
SOLID STRATA MANAGEMENT

THIS WEEK IN Equus Online University





## Share the Joys of Join-Up

How to Share Monty with friends: What better way to share Monty and his concepts than to take them to meet Monty - online! [Click here](#) to see the NEW LOOK and resource Monty has for horse lovers worldwide: [www.MontyRobertsUniversity.com](http://www.MontyRobertsUniversity.com)

Send this link to those you have always hoped would understand the goodness you feel in Join-Up. Have a look around yourself and let us know what you think [AskMonty@montyroberts.com](mailto:AskMonty@montyroberts.com) Do it...for the love of horses!

In the final lesson of Lunatic's education, we see Monty transform into a centaur in order to keep Lunatic within his comfort zone as he learns how to abandon his fear of humans. Don't miss this moving video on Monty's Equus Online University!

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### STUDENT FEEDBACK:

*"I love horses so much and I learned SO MUCH from Monty, it is impossible to say it with words. I 'm so grateful for what Monty has shared with the world and I share his love and passion for horse's health and welfare in this world. Thank you a million times for what you teach me by your online University, I speak EQUUS fluently now because of your work!"*

Best regards,  
 Ginnie Leblanc, Canada (Québec), Gaspé peninsula

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## Truth or Fiction?

The U.S. Standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates designed the U.S. Railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used. Why did 'they' use that gauge then?

Because the people who built the tramways used the same jig and tools that they had used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing. Why did the wagons have that particular Odd wheel spacing?

Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old, long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts. **So, who built those old rutted roads?**

Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe (including England ) for their legions. Those roads have been used ever since. And the ruts in the roads? **Roman war chariots formed the initial ruts**, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels.

Since the chariots were made for Imperial Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore, the United States standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches is derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman war chariot. In other words, Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate the rear ends of two war

## WAR VETERANS AND HORSES

Last weekend Monty and his team at Flag Is Up Farms hosted a wonderful group of war heroes. The veterans in the Horse Sense and Soldiers weekend got a first hand look at the IFA Untouched Horse Gentling Facility where untouched horses learn that human touch is gentle touch. Within one session these horses are transformed from operating out of fear to trusting humans.



Observing trust being built helps stress related injuries. The group also actively worked on developing trust and communication with horses and obstacles courses, discussed the strong and weak points of tradition, and set goals for a future where it is possible to operate within respectful, safe relationships.

Here is Jamie, a war hero who attended Monty's clinic this past weekend, posing with a gelding called Trigger. The two have clearly achieved Join-Up!

What a wonderful group of veterans on this month's Horse Sense and Soldiers clinic. Thank you for your service.

For more information about Monty's free clinics for

veterans, please visit [www.join-up.org](http://www.join-up.org)

## CALLING EX-FORCES VETERANS WITH PTSD

Following Monty Roberts' on-going success with helping military veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), we would like to extend his offer of help to all ex-forces

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), we would like to extend his offer of help to all ex-forces personnel in the UK. Monty is keen to demonstrate the extraordinary healing power of working with horses during his forthcoming Autumn Tour, which runs from September to November 2013, and we are looking for **Veterans with PTSD who may wish to try this deeply therapeutic experience** for themselves.

For many sufferers of this debilitating and difficult syndrome, finding and giving trust can be an immensely significant and life changing moment. We have found that the sufferers of PTSD often feel unable to ask for help, and it is the families, wives and partners are left to find the support they also need. Please feel free to share this post as freely and widely as possible.

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Some of you may have seen Monty working with Paul, an ex-soldier, during last year's tour, and we were touched to have received this letter from his wife a couple of months ago - *"We have all as a family, just sat and watched Paul with Monty at the demos on Horse & Country TV. It was very emotional as what a difference the past year has been. Paul has lived the past year as a different person, much calmer and happier in life. I can't begin to explain to you how our lives have changed, from living in a house with a very aggressive, troubled man... to the happy carefree person he has become. I really do believe that Monty has helped Paul, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this, because no one else would."* ~ Paul's wife

Contact [ele@ihhq.net](mailto:ele@ihhq.net) for more information.

## WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTY?

September 21	<b>A Night of Inspiration with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms</b> in Solvang, California. <b>SOLD OUT!</b> Next Date: January 25	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
January 25, 2013	<b>A Night of Inspiration with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms</b> in Solvang, California. Call (805) 688-6288 for more info.	USA

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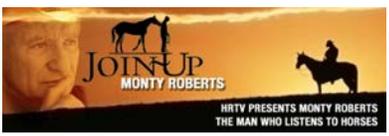
### Now, the twist to the story:

When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, you will notice that there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRBs. The SRBs are made by Thiokol at their factory in Utah.

The engineers who designed the SRBs would have preferred to make them a bit larger, but the SRBs had to be shipped by train from the factory to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains, and the SRBs had to fit through that tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you now know, is **about as wide as two horses' behinds.**

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of a horse's behind!

## Monty on HRTV



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

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[http://www.montyroberts.com/ab\\_about\\_monty\\_calendar/see-monty/](http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/)

Dear Monty:

I have a yearling that is a sweetie in the box [box stall] however when you go up to him outside in

what I would term "the open air", he tends to shy and bolt away from you as if he has been hit. He has never been hit or mistreated in any way. I had read where you used plastic bags on a stick but I feel that if I would approach him with plastic bags on a stick, it will only make him worse. When he decides to become spooky he means it in every serious way. Please help me if you can.

Thank you,  
Catherine

## CANADA'S RURAL TV

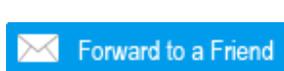


Canada's Rural Channel focuses on agricultural news. Many prominent equine clinicians can be seen weekly, including Monty Roberts. For more information about The Rural Channel go to: [www.theruralchannel.com](http://www.theruralchannel.com).

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Sincerely,  
**Monty Roberts**

