



# ASK MONTY

November 20, 2013

Greetings!,

Monty answers poignant questions about teaching and learning for both horses and people, in this week's question and answer column below.

"If we seek to rule through fear, we do it at the expense of trust." —Monty Roberts

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## Monty's Principles

Hi Monty. It's Jennifer from Horses4Heroe, in the U.K.

The Ex Army Veteran with PTSD who came and did Join-Up at Richmond EC N Yorkshire on the 6th October just gone. I met your self, Kelly Marks and Paul the other (PTSD) veteran you have been working with in the U.K.

You said to me after our chat about (PTSD) that you would like me to come on The Horse Sense and Soldiers program you're running with (USA) veterans were I could work with your veterans in Dec 2013. I have Looked at some dates and seen you have something running on the 13-15 in California. As a UKCCL2, BS, Sports Coach, I would be very interested in doing this!

As well as meeting (USA) Veterans, having an interest in people who suffer from post traumatic stress injury, I am hoping to gain as much experience were I can and build a strong network in the USA so that I can someday link them with U.K. wounded Troops and put together a team for future Olympic and Paralympic Games.

If I come over to your base and I am lucky enough to get on your workshop you're doing. I am more than happy to do some voluntary work helping out with horses or training veterans to ride! I would be more then grateful for any help in were I will go to get the right information for this so I could come over.

Kind Regards  
Jennifer Day

Editors' note: More information about Monty's Horse Sense and Soldiers workshops can be found here:

## QUESTION AND ANSWER

### Question:

Just a quick question, you talk a lot about how to start babies and how to work with problem horses, so where do I start with a horse that was "broke" the traditional way and only has some minor problems? Example: walks over a tarp like it is nothing but won't go over a bridge, stuff like that. These horses supposedly know what they are doing and are "good" riding horses but then balk or spook at what would be nothing to us or perhaps are willful and pushy. **Should we, as their new owners, go over the whole course from the start as if they knew nothing?** Or should we ride them until we find out each problem and then work those problems individually? Thanks for your help! and I know I am not the only one with this question :)

### Monty's Answer:

It seems to me that your mind is taking you to a place where you feel this is slightly unique for me. Your question represents about 80-90% of the horses I work with. You gave me two alternative solutions and I suggest to you that the answer is yes. What I mean is 'Yes, you start all over again' and 'Yes, you work with individual problems as you meet them.'

You failed however to give me a third and **what I consider to be the most important solution.** This one is to get an education on the use of my concepts so that the competence with which you execute your procedures to be so high as to be effective.

Never before in the history of horsemanship have there been more opportunities for an education than there is today. [My books.](#) my O&As in this Ask Monty and particularly [my Equus Online](#)

and there is today: <http://www.join-up.org/veterans/> and particularly <http://www.join-up.org/veterans/> are direct offerings from me to assist you in your education. Fifty-six certified instructors around the world are conducting courses to assist you and my own school in California stands ready to serve should you desire.

Competence in dealing with the problems that you outline will not fall from the sky and enter your brain like an email. I often say there is no such thing as teaching, only learning. Effective education occurs through intrinsic learning where the student consciously pulls information into their brain. It is not the obligation of a teacher to push information into a brain. It is the obligation of the student to want it and actively invite it into their brain.

All over the world there are people who enter the world of owning and training horses with exactly the same questions that you have outlined here. Many do not respect the need for an education. In my opinion this is the primary reason that emergency room doctors will tell you that horse related accidents are common place in the world of health care.

Please choose to accept our invitation to adequately educate yourself in how to meet the horse's needs so the horse can meet yours.

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## THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



In this week's video lesson on [Equus Online University](http://www.join-up.org/veterans/), Certified Instructor Courtney Dunn shows us how to create an imaginary bubble around you, and cause your horse or foal to be aware and respectful of your personal space.

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and Veterans Workshops can be found here: <http://www.join-up.org/veterans/> and here: <http://www.join-up.org/horse-sense-and-soldiers/>

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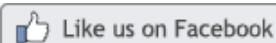
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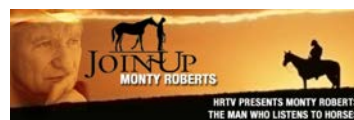
In Canada, Monty's Backstage Pass show airs Thursday & Saturday-10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 11 PM (all times are EST) on television on The Rural Channel. More info as to where The Rural

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If you have questions or need more info go to [info@theruralchannel.com](mailto:info@theruralchannel.com)

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April 4, 2014	<a href="#">Pferdezentrum Schloss Wickrath</a> , Mönchengladbach	DE
April 6, 2014	<a href="#">Landgestüt Zweibrücken</a>	DE
April 8, 2014	<a href="#">Reitsportzentrum Hohenzollern</a> , Bisingen	DE
April 11, 2014	<a href="#">Reitverein Bayer Leverkusen</a>	DE
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[http://www.montyroberts.com/ab\\_about\\_monty\\_calendar/see-monty/](http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/)

## MONTY'S CHALLENGE

Hello Monty,  
I am doing an essay and talk at school about the use / misuse of spurs. Would you be able to tell me what your opinion is about them and maybe give me some tips? I would like to see them banned but need to convince the rest of my class, many of whom ride, about this. One of my paragraphs is about how you treat and train horses in a good way!  
Many Thanks  
Kirstie :)  
Scotland

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<http://www.hrtv.com/MontyRobertsShow/>

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## Now Playing: Robert Miller, DVM, & Ada Gates, Master Farrier



### Feel Good About the Direction Horsemanship Is Going!

The Horsemanship Radio Show is an online radio show (podcast) dedicated to the exploration of good horsemanship throughout the world. Hosted by Debbie Loucks (Monty Roberts' daughter), the show includes segments, tips and interviews exploring good horsemanship.

One of the fathers of the modern natural horsemanship movement Dr. Robert Miller joins Debbie to discuss the past and present and pioneer female master farrier Ada Gates shares her story and how good horsemanship plays into good farrier work. Plus, Joel Baker with this week's tip on traveling with your horses. Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanshipradio.com/2013/11/14/horsemanship-radio-episode-4-by-index-fund-advisors-ifa-com-master-farrier-ada-gates-and-dr-robert-miller/>

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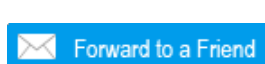
**Dr. Robert Miller, DVM, will be on the show on November 15.**

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Sincerely,  
**Monty Roberts**

