



December 4, 2013

## Greetings!

Monty talks about establishing good horsemanship practices and educating the young horse in this week's question and answer column.

## QUESTION AND ANSWER

### Question:

I recently acquired a year-old Newfoundland Pony filly. This is a sensible working breed that has evolved over centuries in Newfoundland but this filly is quite self-possessed. When she got her first shots last month she reacted quite strongly - there was a lot of squirming and a little bit of pony wrestling in the alleyway. I tried taking her up to her older companion's box stall door for comfort but it didn't help much.

The second set was, if anything, worse. Before I could say anything, the vet did the tap tap on her butt and the filly exploded. She was insulted and very reactive. We did manage the job but there has to be a better way. She is due for more shots this month! This pony has been raised by experienced breeders who employ natural horsemanship techniques. She has certainly never been abused. She leads well and seems well socialized.

The vet suggested doing a systematic desensitization using treats. I don't normally feed horses by hand but tried this for a few days. I can touch the filly's butt but anything more than that elicits angry tail swishing and circling. So I searched clicker training and horses and discovered your site. Agreed - treats are a bad route. But what is possible with a pony this young? She quickly becomes defensive and that says there is a bit of disrespect going on. I have raised a number of Warmbloods in past years and never had this problem. It isn't as easy working with a baby brought up by someone else.

### Monty's Answer:

It's hard for me to remember a question coming through that has an easier fix than this one. I say this because of the fact that it's a pony rather than a full size horse. With regard to the treats with or without the clicking the only method that would be worse is to beat the pony with clubs. Should treats and or clicking take the place of good horsemanship you will have problems with this pony for the rest of its life.

The Dually Halter is, first, your 'best friend' in this situation. View the video on how to use the Dually halter, <http://www.montyroberts.com/shop/equipment/dually-halter-pony/> over and over again. I would imagine that the green (extra small) Dually is the appropriate size. It will go up to 12 hands plus. I emphasize that you pay particular attention to the use of the Dually to cause your pony to stand still. I have just completed two and a half months of touring where standing still was the most critical issue with the horses.

Once you have accomplished the standing still procedure, I suggest that you fabricate an appropriate sized chute. This item is often called a crush but it is simply made of wood or metal and can be just wide enough for your pony to comfortably stand in. I just made a very effective chute in England by using a 5 bar gate and placing it about 28 inches from a wall. This would allow

access to the near side of your pony.

The one that I made in England was for a Thoroughbred filly, 18 months old, standing about 15.2 hands. She was delivered to her new owner with a letter of caution that she was an absolute killer. I was able to stroke her and even place a plastic bag on a stick over her back after about 5 minutes of her squealing and kicking out with both hind feet. I used a stable mat behind her to protect the hind legs during her fits of resistance.

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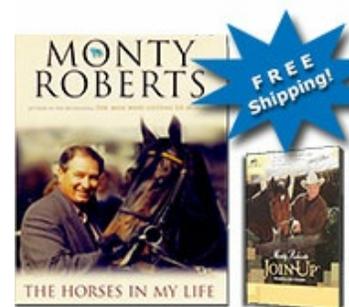
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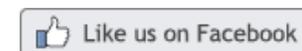
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[Monty's Principles](#)

The filly eventually stood, allowing stroking and plastic bags, neither of which was possible throughout her 18 months. She has continued to improve with a student of mine whom I am speaking with about every 3 days. One can practice these procedures in your chute several times before the vet arrives. Tapping, stroking, and rubbing over the entire body are advisable, veterinarian or no veterinarian.

One could get great benefit from the [From My Hands to Yours textbook](#) in the Dually chapter. In addition there are some very good lessons on my [Equus Online University](#) on gentling with a chute. Mind you, the chute in the lessons would be quite expensive because it is meant to be used for many years and with full sized terrorists. The outcome is virtually always astonishingly effective when used properly.

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I once watched a video of you, years ago, with a horse in an arena and the people were sitting on stands above you. This horse that you were working with was abused, and I saw how he started to trust you even though he had been badly mistreated before and I just broke down because my ex husband also abused me.

If I had one wish, that would be to just meet you and to tell you how you changed my life in just a few minutes. Thank you for everything that you do for horses, big hugs from afar.

Barbi Pulvenis, South Africa  
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 noun: wiki; plural noun: wikis

1. a website that allows collaborative editing of its content and structure by its users. This site needs your help:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Join-Up-With-a-Horse>

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