



ASK MONTY

January 8, 2014

Greetings!,

We get our work right when we meet our horses' needs. Read Monty's question and answer this week for insights into moving with your horse.

MONTY'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

I have 5 horses, aged from 18 months to 9 years. Some I have had for many years, the youngest I have only owned a few short months. And most have never been any place else since arriving here. They live out in 2 groups at the moment as the youngster has some catching up to do food wise with the others, but I aim to have 1 herd in the coming months.

My question is this, how do you think I can help them transition easily into a new home. I am having to move house and will of course be taking them all with me, I want to ensure I help them adapt as calmly as possible?

They will of course all practice loading prior, are all already very familiar with dually and yours and Kelly's methods of training. Other people who move horses advise to keep them stabled for a few days, but I strongly disagree because that would be very upsetting when they are used to living out and wonder what advice you might offer?

Here they live out 24/7 and are also fed out together. None are currently in work. At the new place they will also live out 24/7 but will have the advantage of direct access to a yard, and once settled will be on a paddock arabise type track system. Who do I move first? The older ones and leave the youngsters to follow? Or the youngsters first and let them get their bearings? Or before I move should I get older and youngsters familiar and move one of each at a time?

I cannot move all 5 together! And think if I did there may be mayhem as they all investigate, but, by introducing them separately am I just prolonging this? Also is there anything else you would advise? Any advantage in bring familiar things? My youngsters have some field toys? Would you have those in the new home before or do you think it's irrelevant? I don't want to blow their minds with over stimulation! I just worry and have to think every angle through before I make decisions but this is a new and once off task for me..

I am obviously aware horses move a lot, but for me this is a big worry because I live my life to ensure my animals are as safe and content as can be, this move will allow them live an even more natural life, in a confined 12 acres anyway, and I would like to minimize stress as much as I can, they are settled here and we all trust each other, but most before coming here had troubled pasts and issues as a result of moving around through dealers yards as well as being stabled for long stints at a time, quite a few had ulcers when they came to me, including the youngest, and two have had laminitis in the past, so I need as stress free as possible for them?

The other idea I had was to bring my two mares who are both leaders, allow them to explore then return home, before we actually move permanently? This would be a bit of an ordeal as it's 2.5 hours each way travelling but they have both done that journey before. Is that incremental moving? Hehehe...

Monty's Answer:

IN THIS ISSUE

[Monty's Question and Answer](#)

[Equus Online Uni](#)

[Where Is Monty?](#)

[Spread the Word](#)

[Monty's Principles](#)

[Monty's New Year Message](#)

[Monty on TV](#)

[Monty's Challenge](#)

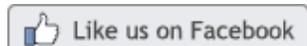
Monty's Principles

Dear Pat and Monty,

I had to go up to a riding school today and they had a problem with a Spanish horse they can't catch and I spent 40 minutes doing Join-Up with him, and he joined up like glue. It was very emotional for me. Such powerful stuff Monty has given us all. I knew I would get him in the end. He was bought from Spain about two months ago and I would guess he has lost his master and now he has learned to get his own way and push people around. The staff in the school don't understand him. But he was absolutely wonderful and I let him in free and then finally put a rope on. What a lovely horse. Intelligent and beautiful.

Thank you Monty.

Caro



Now Playing: Monty's New Year's Message



Feel Good About the Direction Horsemanship Is Going!

Monty's Answer:

You have no idea how good it makes me feel to receive question after question where people are becoming far more aware of the needs of their horses. If you only knew what I went through as a child where my father would move truckloads of horses, put them in a field with wire fences and mix up groups with very little concern. I congratulate you for your sensitivity to the needs of your horses.

The advice that you have been given regarding the stabling aspect is not bad advice at all. One thing I should make clear however is that when stabling the freshly moved there should always be a small window between the boxes. This would insure each horse the ability to determine that they are with their friends. This allows them to settle in without the potential of injury while running in a new field.

Should you determine you will put them straight into the field, then I suggest that you first settle in to that field the more senior members, at least two at a time. It should only take a few hours until these older ones have cleared the security of the field and are ready to tell the younger ones what a wonderful place it is. Either of these methods should insure a successful transition.



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.

Monty Roberts called in to the HorsemanSHIP Radio studio to record a year-end episode. In his message, Monty looks back at 2013 and talks about what's ahead for 2014. Plus, a trainer tip from Joe Camp.

Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanSHIPradio.com/>

[Click here to bookmark](#) the HorsemanSHIP Radio episodes on **iTunes**.

[Click here to bookmark](#) the HorsemanSHIP Radio episodes on **Android**.

New shows air the 15th and the 30th of every month brought to you by Index Fund Advisors, www.IFA.com

Part of the Horse Radio Network.

<http://www.horsemanSHIPradio.com/>

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



This week's video lesson on [Equus Online University](http://www.EquusOnlineUniversity.com), Monty shows us how to handle a rescue horse in a calm and non-invasive manner to build positive associations.

[Join-Up Now!](#)

Not a student yet? Click on: www.montyrobertsuniversity.com

Current students log in here: www.montyrobertsuniversity.com/sessions/new

CANADA'S RURAL TV



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 Channel is available:

<http://theruralchannel.com/get-trc/>

If you have questions or need more info go to info@theruralchannel.com or reach out on any of their Social Media platforms: @TheRuralChannel <http://www.facebook.com/theruralchannel>

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTY?

Monty on HRTV

APRENDA COM O "ENCANTADOR DE CAVALOS"
MONTY ROBERTS
A TÉCNICA DO JOIN-UP EM SUA FAZENDA



Watch Monty on HRTV Tuesdays at 6:00 PM ET.

Special Offer for Monty Roberts' Fans!
First month FREE of HRTV.com when you subscribe now! Just use the **promo code**



Subscribe now! Just use the promo code **MR13** when you sign up!

HRTV

Please check local TV directories for your time and channel or the HRTV website where times are in Eastern Standard Time:

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

Please note that Dish TV has moved the HRTV channel position to 398.

Horse & Country, UK



Watch Monty Roberts on Horse & Country TV in the UK (Sky channel 280), Ireland, The Netherlands, Sweden

and Malta. See:

<http://www.horseandcountry.tv/monty> for more info.

Monty's Challenge

Hi Monty,

I have a 17 year old, 15.2 paint gelding. I have had him 4 years. He has always been a very obedient and pleasant ride, but 3 weeks ago he suddenly did a huge buck out of a trot. He has never done that before. I am 68 years old and it hurt to hit the ground hard! It has shattered my confidence in him. Since then he has been anxious and spooky and I'm afraid he will do it again and I will get seriously hurt.

The day before he did this, a new horse had come to my barn and was running around and getting himself and Oscar (my horse) all upset. I asked the owner to take him away and I did not ride for 2 weeks (until 4 days after the other horse had gone). I have now ridden him twice and he is still nervous and spooky and I'm afraid that if I ride him with other horses, he will start bucking again and will learn that he can get me off whenever he wants to. His saddle and bridle have been the same for several years without a problem. Would join up help?

Thanks for any advice you can give me.

Photo Credits

Christopher Dydyk

March 4-8 Five Days with Monty on Flag Is Up Farms with Portuguese translation provided! Depressa! Viagem para a Califórnia para aprender com Monty Março 4-8 2014 Hospedado e tradução Português ao longo - See more at: <http://www.montyroberts.com/latest-news/monty-special-clinic-with-portuguese-translation-in-march-2014/>

Last chance for Earlybird Special Price in the UK!

MONTY ROBERTS TOUR Spring 2014

15th March The Hand Equestrian Centre, Davis Lane, Clevedon, N Somerset BS21 6TG
 21st March Norton Heath Equestrian Centre, Fingrith Hall Lane, Blackmore, Essex, CM4 0JP
 29th March Royal Leisure Centre EC, Horn Lane, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9SA

Buy your ticket at:
www.intelligenthorsemanship.co.uk
 Or call us Mon-Fri 9am-4pm on: 01488 71300

EARLY BIRD OFFER
 Save £10 on each ticket
 bought before Jan 8th*

Monty Roberts Stablemate to Soulmate Tour March 15, 21 and 29! Monty and Kelly will be helping owners and horses face their fears and learn to trust each other. Audiences leave with the knowledge that will help them for many years - inspirational demonstrations for horse lovers and equine novices alike. Tickets purchased in advance only £30, otherwise £35 on the door if available, but of course they cost £25 at the moment! Tickets ordered online will be with you between 5 and 7 working days. <http://www.intelligenthorsemanshipshop.co.uk/collections/demonstration-tickets>

January 25, 2014	A Night of Inspiration with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms in Solvang, California. Call (805) 688-6288 for more info.	USA
January 26, 2014	Life Lessons: A Personal Development Workshop at Flag Is Up Farms. A few more spots are available for this life-changing event! See more at: http://www.montyroberts.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Life-Lessons-web.pdf	USA
March 4-8, 2014	Monty's Special Training in Portuguese coming to Flag Is Up Farms! 5 dias de curso intensivo com o 'Encantador de Cavalos' em sua fazenda Flag Is Up Farms. Contact admin@montyroberts.com for more information in English or Portuguese.	USA
March 15, 2014	The Hand Equestrian Centre Davis Lane, Clevedon, N. Somerset BS21 6TG	UK
March 21, 2014	Norton Heath Equestrian Centre Limited, Fingrith Hall Lane, Blackmore, Essex, CM4 0JP	UK
March 29, 2014	Royal Leisure Centre, Horn Lane, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9SA	UK
April 4, 2014	Pferdezentrum Schloss Wickrath , Mönchengladbach	DE
April 6, 2014	Landgestüt Zweibrücken	DE
April 8, 2014	Reitsportzentrum Hohenzollern , Bisingen	DE
April 11, 2014	Reitverein Bayer Leverkusen	DE



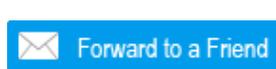
For information about Monty's worldwide demos and the courses held at Monty's farm in California go to:

http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/

KEEP IN TOUCH

Let us know what you are looking for in content from these emails. Send your comments and requests to askmonty@montyroberts.com.

Never miss an e-mail from Monty: To ensure you receive this email in the future, add askmonty@montyroberts.com to your list of approved senders or select the Add/Save to Address Book function in your email browser and follow the appropriate instructions.



Sincerely,

Monty Roberts

