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Greetings!

Let's face it, some horses are...roadrunners! What are Monty's tips for those of us who wish to slow down, rather than chase down, our beloved, flighty horse? It's not about tiring them out. See Monty's Question and Answer Column below to find out. Enjoy the entire online archive of Monty's past question and answer articles here:

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MONTY'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

I have a horse and he has a lot of energy. He's three years old and I want to start him. I have a round pen but when I put him in the pen with the intention of doing Join-Up I send him away and he just starts to run. He goes too fast even to the point that it seems dangerous. I remain very quiet, not pressuring him to run but he just seems to glaze over, pay no attention to me and continue at top speed. How shall I solve this problem?

Monty's Answer:

Thank you for a very interesting question. In fact, we have never had this question before so I have decided to give you a one year free subscription to my [Equus Online University](#). I have had many of these horses in my career. I call them "roadrunners". They refuse to pay any attention to me whatsoever. I find that most of them will be Thoroughbreds, Arabians, or Quarter Horses. They seem more likely to have high energy.

The way I deal with this problem is that the instant I noticed the glazing over, I ask them to make a turn and go the other way. I then only allow a few strides and then another turn to the opposite direction. I make about 4-5 of these successive turns and then allow my horse to continue in the original direction. I then watch to see if I have attracted the attention of my horse to the extent that he is willing to slow down a bit.

Generally, with one or two of these procedures, my horse is approaching normalcy and I can go to work with my Join-Up as always. One should be careful not to be too aggressive with the turns at high speed. Generally the "roadrunner" is sensitive enough to make the turns without much encouragement. It is amazing how quickly they will come back to their senses and begin to pay attention to you in a normal way.

This tendency dates back to thousands of years ago when nature placed into the horses DNA the desire to flee with massive intent to outrun the predator to a safe place. Those abnormally sensitive individuals will tend to lose their sanity for a brief time and flee uncontrollably. This is the same phenomenon that is expressed by the runaway horse being ridden. They forget to listen to the reins and keep on running.

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MONTY'S CHALLENGE



Test yourself each week as I challenge you to answer the question below. I mean this. Sit down and write an answer. Don't wait for my answer next week. If you have been reading

my Weekly Questions and Answers for the last six months, you should be in a position to do this. Send your answer to my team at: askmonty@montyroberts.com

Why should you bother? Because it will help you focus. There is probably a comparable question in your life that needs answering - or will be. If you can gain insight into how to go about answering a practical question that is loosely related to your problem, this exercise will help you answer your nagging question. Then read my answer. I want all of my students to learn to be better trainers than me. That's good for you and good for horses!

~ Monty

Next Week's Question:

I was listening to Monty on HorsemanshipRadio.com and I'm very interested in the ritualistic habituation and would like to know more about it. I'm not too sure tho if he was referring to the right/left turns in the Join-Up process by letting the horse find it's "ritual" by not pushing too much info to quickly? I've worked w/ deer and observed them for several yrs so I



love to hear his observations. I love the scientific side of him. I too am a "artistic" scientist at heart. :)
Gale

Find out how Monty prepares young racehorses for the start of a race in this week's video lesson on [Equus Online University](http://www.montyrobertsuniversity.com).

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Monty's Principles

From Diana Brooks Sawyers

Monty, I have followed you & your way of horsemanship since I was a teenager... I'm in my 60's now. I love the way you teach, it is the one true way to be happy with your horse. I lived in Caliente, California with Boy & Edna Williams on Toll-House Ranch, I wonder if you remember them. You worked with some of their horses once & I was awe struck.

My wish is to one day see you again doing what only you can do. Oh & I agree, AFFIRMED, was the most perfect piece of horseflesh I've ever seen too...

Facebook Friends

Tess (a Facebook friend) wrote: "Monty Roberts did a very moving join up session with a veteran last night, he does a lot in the US already. He made an interesting point about trust...and how troubled humans have lost trust in nearly everything, including themselves. Horses cannot lie, so gaining a horses trust can provoke deep positive emotions in people. I wonder if that was what your girls were tuning into?"

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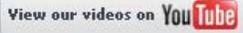
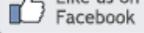
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