



March 26, 2014

Greetings!

If you are curious about the training of young horses, or even wild deer, see Monty's Question and Answer Column below. Or better yet, pack your bags and experience Join-Up for two inspiring days at Monty's Flag Is Up Farms! The [two-day special event](#) with Monty and his team of world class instructors is taking place on May 19-20, 2014. [Click here](#) for more details: <http://www.montyroberts.com/latest-news/special-offer-two-day-event-with-monty-in-may/>

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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

MONTY'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

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 about his observations. I love the scientific side of him. I too am a "artistic" scientist at heart.

Monty's Answer:

Thank you for your inquiry. Your question is quite cerebral. I think you already know that there is no answer to your question short of a very large book. It is so difficult to wrap a ribbon around the massive number of things that go through my mind every time I open the door to the academic side of my hands-on life. Obviously the horses themselves will ultimately be our best teachers. I will try to explain in a short answer.

You are correct that I do mean that we often put too much information on the line with the immature equine individual that is in the early days of training. I just use turns as an example, but there are many facets of their education that virtually every trainer heaps on the young horse during those early days. I am not saying that that trainer means to be unfair to the horse. It is clear that they are trying to do the best job of training that they can.

It was only in the past three years or so that I began to entertain this category that I have titled Ritualistic Habituation. What this should mean to you is that I too spent the early days of my career conducting the training procedures that I now believe are less than perfect for training not only the horses, but deer and even children, along with probably every species that man chooses to educate in a domestic setting.

These early discoveries are not ready for prime time. At the moment I am only trying to open the door for inquiring minds to explore the potential for adding an effective component to the training procedures in place around the world.

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



THIS WEEK ON EQUUS ONLINE... TRAINING THE YOUNG HORSE: FIRST WEEK DAY 5 LESSON 4: MONTY'S HALLWAY SYSTEM



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

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| 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 |
| April 13, 2014 | Gestüt Tannenhof , Heidenrod-Watzelhain (bei Wiesbaden) | DE |
| May 31, 2014 | A Night of Inspiration with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms in Solvang, California. Limited spaces available so book early! Info: https://www.facebook.com/events/212405395622676/ or email admin@montyroberts.com or call (805) 688-6288 for reservations | USA |
| June 1, 2014 | Life Lessons workshop at Flag Is Up Farms. Info here: https://www.facebook.com/events/534219636693811/ or call (805) 688-6288 for reservations | USA |
| August 4-8, 2014 | Monty's Special Training Clinic at Flag Is Up Farms, California Click here for more info or call (805) 688-6288 to register | USA |



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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:

Does a horse need shampooing?

Monty's Principles



Photo by Steve Wanstall

Great evening at The Hand, Clevedon. To see the rapport Mr Roberts has with horses (and humans) is incredible and must be seen to be believed.

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?"

Monty thanks 200,000+ Facebook friends with a video!

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MEET MONTY AND HIS CERTIFIED INSTRUCTORS IN MAY



Now Playing: Cowgirl Hall of Famer and The Stolen Horses Story



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Debi Metcalfe talks about why she started Stolen Horse International and what to do and not do in the event your equine partner goes missing.

Audrey O'Brien Griffen is a Hall of Famer with an amazing story of leaving home as a teenager to perform Roman Riding with legends like Casey Tibbs and still ropes and rides today.

Plus, Monty Roberts Certified Instructor Ann Lindberg shares a tip.

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<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 www.facebook.com/theruralchannel

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Horse & Country, UK



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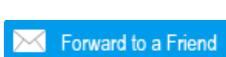
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Sincerely,
Monty Roberts

