



# ASK MONTY

April 16, 2014

Greetings!

What tool can you use to motivate a horse to move forward willingly? See Monty's Question and Answer column below for Monty's answer... Clue: it's NOT a crop or a whip!

## THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI

### THIS WEEK ON EQUUS ONLINE...



In this week's video lesson on [Equus Online University](http://www.montyrobersonlineuni.com), Monty and Fergus negotiate the plastic bags.

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## MONTY'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

### Question:

This horse has been trained not to canter as its previous owner was older and just wanted to walk and trot so the horse was told off every time he tried to canter. Now when you ask for the transition into canter it is very difficult and he usually does a lot of fast trotting. Most of the instructors say smack/kick him and squeeze him lots, but by doing this you usually only get a couple of strides. How would you teach him that he is allowed to canter and that it isn't a negative thing when its so hard to get a couple of strides in?

### Monty's Answer:

This is a question that strikes right at the heart of the [Giddy-Up Rope](#). If one goes to the Equus Online Uni lesson series titled 'Walter Won't Go Forward', this is a great example of the use of the Giddy-Up Rope. It is the alternative to painful striking, which I do not recommend.

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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@montyrobersonlineuni.com](mailto:askmonty@montyrobersonlineuni.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 thinking about your question in the newsletter about the signs of an unhappy horse and I have some questions. An unhappy horse nips, shows teeth to people that enter their stall to clean. They immediately turn their back on you, pin their ears, shift their weight off their hind quarters and out of the corner of their eye aim for your head. The human --me-- did not use force, or hit the horse anywhere at any time. Nor did I nor have I hurt this horse, a mare named "Pearl". I kept my head down, using Join-Up by displaying to the horse that I was not a threat, nor that I was going to hurt her. All I wanted to do was hug her and pet her. It took me turning my back just as she did for her to lower the head and lick the lips.

### Monty's Principles

MONTY,  
Someone from my church shared your book with me..."[The Man Who Listens to Horses](#)". Thank you for so freely sharing your intelligence and insight to the horses.

Robin Lynn Lawson from  
[www.Facebook.com/MontyRoberts](http://www.Facebook.com/MontyRoberts)

### Now Playing: An Elephant and Horse Trainer and the Healthy Stable



[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.

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| April 13, 2014   | <a href="#">Gestüt Tannenhof</a> , Heidenrod-Watzelhain (bei Wiesbaden)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | DE  |
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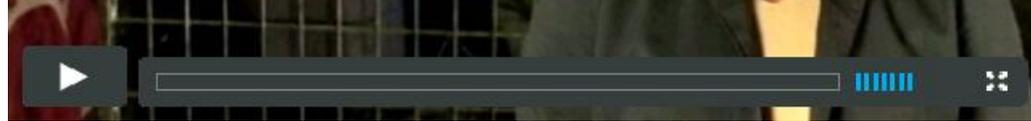
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~Monty  
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