



# ASK MONTY

April 23, 2014

Greetings!

The Question and Answer column this week focuses on horses that show aggressive behaviors in the stall. See Monty's tips on handling this issue...

## MONTY'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

### 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 Answer:

I simply do not want to recommend to everybody in the horse world that they simply turn their backs on a horse that is exhibiting aggressive behavior in a box stall. There is a misconception here. This is a failure to recognize that this behavior is because of a desire to protect territory. It is not the expression of meanness or the desire to hurt someone but simply to draw territorial lines.

Just as we humans, horses have their territorial boundaries. Some horse simply do not want the indiscriminate entry into their bedroom for the purpose of hugging and loving them or for any other reason. This behavior will often be expressed when the human is bringing food to them in their stable. I recommend feeding the stable with no horse in it and then introducing the horse.

Hugging and loving the horse is easy to do when you are away from the stable on neutral ground. This is a much more acceptable way for the horse to receive your attention. It is likely that the horse means you no harm. Dogs will often growl at the owner they love if they are approached while sleeping in an area they consider their own domain, this is an often seen pattern.

## THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI

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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

## THIS WEEK ON EQUUS ONLINE...





It's not often that a horse surprises Monty in the round pen, but Fergus did! Watch how, in this week's video lesson on [Equus Online University](http://www.montyrobertsuniversity.com)!

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May 31, 2014	A Night of Inspiration with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms in Solvang, California. Limited spaces available so book early! Info: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/212405395622676/">https://www.facebook.com/events/212405395622676/</a> or email <a href="mailto:admin@montyroberts.com">admin@montyroberts.com</a> or call (805) 688-6288 for reservations	USA
June 1, 2014	Life Lessons workshop at Flag Is Up Farms. Info here: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/534219636693811/">https://www.facebook.com/events/534219636693811/</a> or call (805) 688-6288 for reservations	USA
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## BUCKET LIST WEEKEND: MAY 31 - JUNE 1, 2014

### Night of Inspiration & Life Lessons with The Man Who Listens to Horses



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:

My question to you is about "toys" hung in horses stalls. In your opinion do you see them as causing any behavior problems? I know they are made to reduce boredom but could it cause head tossing or nipping, etc. I am the only person in the barn that does not give treats out of hand. Thank you, I saw you in the late 1980's early 90's and hope to do so again.

## Monty's Principles

Queen's horse whisperer uses his gift to help heal broken heroes of the Afghan war...

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2608674/Queens-horse-whisperer-uses-gift-help-heal-broken-heroes-Afghan-war.html>

## 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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88% suffer from  
gastric ulcers



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~Monty

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