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MONTY'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

I am having trouble with my Thoroughbred filly doing Join-Up. She is very fast and very sensitive. How do I slow her down to get the signs you speak of like licking and chewing, ears on me and lowering her head? When I try to slow her down by moving in like I might turn her, but don't, she had slowed a bit but now she speeds up and is getting bargey. Its getting harder to turn her with every attempt. My round pen is 12 meters across. What am I doing wrong?

Monty's Answer:

Let me start out by saying whether your round pen is 12 meters, 16, or 20, the facts pertaining to this particular problem are virtually the same for any round pen. As the horse traverses the round pen your body should be behind the center line of the horse, your eyes on his eyes, your shoulders square and all of the body language techniques that you have learned about Join-Up should remain clearly in place.

It is critical in all of the training that we do with horses that our messages are consistent. Mixed messages will get us in trouble virtually every time we use them. I think this is very much the case with young children as well. Mixed messages come in all shapes and sizes. They have their degrees of severity like any other effort to communicate possesses. Only recently I watched a young lady attempting to slow down what we tend to call a "roadrunner". This title fits a horse that is exuberant, finds it necessary to circle the round pen at great speeds and just glazes over and refuses to slow down.

The world is full of road runners and while you get almost as many who refuse to go forward with generosity, road running fits a fairly high percentage of the horses we deal with. This young lady was moving forward of the horses head and even squaring up and lifting her elbows to become more formidable and lo and behold she got the horse to slow down. The young lady viewed this as a successful maneuver. When her horse was approaching the appropriate speed she would return to the driving position and allow the horse to pass by her, pushing through the body signals she was executing.

Before the session was over the horse was going significantly faster and barging past what she perceived as the signal to slow down. If this set of mixed messages were to continue, we would have a relatively bargey horse in one session. Stepping in front of the driving line to get the horse to slow down and then, in effect say, "That's OK. You can go on by" is a mixed message without any question. It will eventually get you bad behavior.

The answer is not to move in front or 'fake' the turning signals but instead drop back further from your horse, experiment with dropping your eyes downward toward the horses front legs, and relaxing significantly. This will almost always produce a slower moving "roadrunner". The fact is you still have a roadrunner but one who will habituate to slowing down for the right reasons. The predator (human) has taken the pressure off instead of mixing the messages in an attempt to demand the slower pace by blocking the forward progress without really meaning it.

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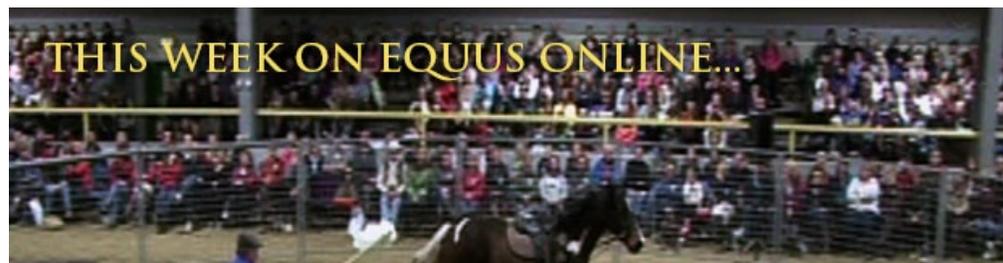
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THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



MONTY'S CHALLENGE





MONTY'S TOUR DEMONSTRATIONS PART 2: SAFFY'S LONG LINING CHALLENGE



See Monty working with a mare that was sensitive to the long lines in this week's video lesson on [Equus Online University](http://www.montyrobertsuniversity.com).

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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:

Dear Sir Monty Roberts.

My name is Agnieszka. I am 15 years old. I come from Poland. I have looked after a donkey for three years. His name is Horacy. I have read are of your book and I am interested in your methods a specially join-up. I would like to know if I can apply it with Horacy. I don't know if this method will help donkey like horse.

I will be thankful for your advice. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully, Agnieszka Welka

Letter from Larry LaGue, foster son to Monty and Pat Roberts

Monty's Principles

Join-Up Is Healing

Hi Monty,

I'm a girl from Dublin in Ireland. I just want to write to you to let you know how much I appreciate what you do not just for horses but because of your show and your book showing my mum this approach you basically saved her life!

My mum suffers from manic depressive disorder and went through several suicide attempts. We both have young horses. I've had my gelding since he was 6 months old but when my mum first got her horse as a 4 year old he was very high spirited and hard to work with so she wanted to re-train him.

She found your method but over the next year she was in and out of hospital due to attempted suicides, then she found 1 of your books and it never left her hand and the more she read and worked with her horse the change was unbelievable!

I'm glad to say a year later and the self harm has stopped and instead now she spends her evenings watching your show or Kelly's show on horse & country or re-reading your book and now the two of us work with the colts in the yard no one wants to handle because of the courage you gave us so thank you!!

I'll finish this off by once again saying thank you Monty, you saved my mum's life.

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Good luck at the Belmont, Art Sherman and California Chrome!

Dear Monty and Pat,

Art was a jockey for 21 years prior to becoming a trainer, and I was fortunate to have ridden with him for 7 or 8 of those years. He has been a trainer since 1976. When Monty and Pat directed me to ride in the bay area, I met Art right after I made my comeback. While riding with him, he was often like a mentor to me as I began riding as a journeyman. I learned a great deal from him.

I rode with Art at Golden Gate Fields, Bay Meadows, Santa Rosa Fair, Stockton, Pleasington Fair, Vallejo, and Sacramento Fair. I am almost positive Art's son trained a winning horse for Monty. We have had many encounters over the decades. In 2009, Art invited us (while we were in California to see Uncle Bob) to his barn at Santa Anita. We couldn't go, but it was a nice gesture.

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Sincerely,
Monty Roberts

