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Greetings!

It's never too early to start a foal's education, but what are appropriate lessons for a baby horse that is still with his mom? Learn Monty's foal handling tips in his question and answer column this week and sign up for Monty's special clinic to watch him in action with horses young and wild!



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Monty's Principles

Belonging Is a Fundamental Need
by Kathryn Kure

Horse whisperer extraordinaire, Monty Roberts' techniques were derived from close observations of wild mustang herds. He discovered that the rambunctious young stallions creating havoc would be excluded by the matriarchs via a discernible, effective and predictable body language, which he dubbed Equus.

<http://www.iol.co.za/saturday-star/belonging-is-a-fundamental-human-need-1.1718728#.U8HMk41dVSU>

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

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MONTY'S QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

I have just purchased a 6 month old foal who is still on mum. He has not been touched for 5 months but now I have a halter on him. Was wondering how old can they be before using your Dually halter (I have all of them)? Should I do while he is still on mum or after weaning? Which is the best way to wean?

g. Some say just take the mare to another property or do with a dividing fence once they settle. Keeping in mind the mare will walk fences badly.

Monty's Answer:

In my textbook ['From My Hands to Yours'](#) there is a section on the use of the foal handler and recommendations for the use of the Dually Halter. Since we now have the [Extra Small \(green\) Dually](#), I have been using it on young foals at 7 or 8 months. One must be careful with the babies not to over tax them with harsh handling. Let the Dually do the work in a kind way.

It is my opinion that weaning should be done at approximately 5 months of age. I prefer to wean when there is another foal of weaning age still with its mother. I would have the two mares and the two foals in the same enclosure until they became friendly. Then I would take the two mares well away leaving the two foals in a safe enclosure with good fences and safe footing. The sounds from the mares or the foals should not reach one another. They should be more than a kilometer apart. At no time is it appropriate to wean with a single fence dividing the mare and foal.

Response to Monty's Answer about Rearing, Striking Stallion

[Editor's note: We received lots of letters last week, with only one negative response so far. What did you think? Write to AskMonty@MontyRoberts.com]

[Click here](#) to read the original post in last week's newsletter: http://montyrobertsuniversity.com/q_and_a

Dear Monty:

As hard as it was for you to answer this woman in a straight forward fashion, you did the right thing. You and I know as trainers that this horse will sooner or later succeed in his intent to physically annihilate this young woman and her trainer. As you said, reading between the lines, the dye is cast on this horse. This is a problem that is (a) completely out of their hands and far beyond their skill level, and (b) most likely it will be difficult--if not impossible--to resolve for this animal. Your analogy about the child in Afghanistan is such an accurate and sensitive way to have explained it to them. It is now twenty-three years since I first met you at Solvang and you continually in-spire and humble me. God bless, Monty.

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To whom this concerns,

Live by your principals, and stand by your words. According to you, and your book, "From my hands to yours" there is no bad horse in this world, and Join-up will supposedly work with every horse and rider. While I do not believe the latter (there is no one solution to any problem) I do believe firmly in the former. There are no bad horses, and anyone willing to go above and beyond will build a good and safe relationship with a horse.

"There is a strong urge within me to send you a private message regarding this horse, his behavior and the questions you've asked me. My private message would be short and would indicate that I believe that it is totally irresponsible to advise men or women who are not professional handlers of stallions regarding what to do with an aggressive adult stallion"

Is there something here to hide, Monty Roberts? What is someone to do, send this stallion that a person loves to somewhere that a group of people can manhandle and force him into obeying? Irresponsible as you may think it is, there is more to the situation than what meets the eye (not including a coach that should not have been involved). So I suppose this stallion should be given up on, and sent to someone that can break his mind so he becomes a mindless, obedient automaton. My relationship with my big, rather pushy, strong minded gelding has much to be desired, and because of

that I still get bit, stepped on, and occasionally kicked, but I am willing to risk everything from bruises to broken bones to solve the problems he has, even if it should take my life. A very wise Catholic priest once told me that love is sacrifice, and after much thought he is correct. I love my horse, and am willing to sacrifice everything for him. So, if guidance is what you seek to give, provide such guidance as to further our goals, not your thoughts on what our goals should be. We all have our fights, problems, pains, scars, dark secrets, and ultimately, our reasons for doing things the way we do to them. So, if a 12 year old Afganistan boy did indeed ask you for the knowledge of dif-fusing roadside bombs, I would advise giving it to him, because you do not know why he asks for such knowledge. Maybe it would save your life and his too by sharing it. Would it be better that after being told not to touch them and find a professional (which he has probably already tried to do) that he go and figure it out himself? Some-thing to ponder before you begin to tell us that it is irresponsible to advise people who are not professional handlers of stallions on how to handle stallions. You nor them were born professionals, you all started at the bottom. You would do well to remember that. We all start somewhere, and that somewhere is usually dictated by circumstances beyond our control.

Sincerely,
John Kuntz

Next Week's Question:

Hello Monty

First of all I would like to thank you for your online university. I really admire your ethos and good work you have done. I feel very privileged to be an EQUUS online member and have learnt so much already. After studying your videos I recently completed my first join up with great success - it was very exciting and I now look forward to trying more of your methods to help a very spooky Arab gelding that I loan.

My question for you is are there better times of the day to ride? and times that we should avoid exercising our horses? I work full time in London and often do not get up to the barn until gone 7pm. The other option is to ride before work so very early morning. I am guessing horses can be like humans, especially older ones, where they may be a little stiff in the mornings and this should be taken in to consideration, ie. give the horse longer to warm up. But what about in the evenings - can it be harmful to ride a horse before bed time? I know they do not sleep all night like we do but I imagine once the sun goes down their body goes in to a restful state and so maybe exercise could delay or disturb this down time..

I would love to hear your thoughts on this.

Best regards

Nicola Cole

Bromley, Kent, UK

Now Playing: Hall of Famers Sheila Varian and Audrey Griffen



[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.

Sheila Varian, Vaquero and Arabian horse breeder will celebrate her Diamond Jubilee in August. We are



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privileged to listen in on her commitment to the horses first.

And our Trainers Tip is on Mounting Manners on the Trail with Audrey Griffen. Then Debbie and Coach Jenn have fun with a quick round of 'Know the Host'.

Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanshipradio.com/2014/06/29/horsemanship-radio-episode-19-by-index-fund-advisors-ifa-com-the-legacy-of-sheila-varian-get-to-know-the-host/>

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THIS WEEK ON EQUUS ONLINE...

A GOOD START FOR A RACEHORSE LESSON 5: BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

EQUUS
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In this week's video lesson on [Equus Online University](http://www.montyrobersonlineuniversity.com): Monty's way of building a great foundation for young horses.

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September 20, 2014	Night of Inspiration at Flag Is Up Farms, email admin@montyrobersonlineuniversity.com or call (805) 688-6288 to register	USA
September 21, 2014	Life Lessons workshop: email admin@montyrobersonlineuniversity.com or call (805) 688-6288 to register	
October 5, 2014	Merrist Wood College , Guildford, Surrey, GU3 3PE	UK
October 10, 2014	Easton College , Norwich, Norfolk, NR9 5DX	UK
October 16, 2014	Arena UK , Allington, Lincolnshire, NG32 2EF	UK
October 18, 2014	Myerscough College , Preston, Lancashire, PR3 0RY	UK
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November 1, 2014	Gleneagles , Auchterarder, Perthshire, PH3 1NF	UK



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Sincerely,
Monty Roberts

