



Wednesday October 29, 2014

Greetings!

This week, Monty answers a question about a great riding pony who turns aggressive when being groomed. What is behind this pony's Jekyll and Hyde disposition? Monty offers some solutions to help the horse (and owners) out.

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MONTY ANSWERS

Question:
My sister bought a pony in July - 8 year old 13hh gelding (beautiful show hunter pony). He is a lovely mannerly pony when ridden & well schooled.

HOWEVER, has seriously nasty habit of biting when in the stable, tied up or loose. Grooming is becoming a hazard for us. He is also very nervous when eating and walks the box and lunges at the stable door, biting anyone passing, showing his teeth etc and kicks the stable partition etc if any persons are in the stable next door whilst he is eating.

He has a split personality - outside is gentle and easy to ride but still bites on occasion, but in the stable he is nasty, we cannot let the children go near him. Previous owners said he preferred to be outside. This nasty personality has just got progressively worse as the weeks have gone on since the pony arrived with us in Scotland.

He was bought for my 9 year old niece who is riding him nicely and getting used to him. BUT she is becoming nervous of him, having seen him be vicious and take a chunk out of her Mum's arm last night, was the last straw. It has happened once to often now & if it had been a child's arm it would have been devastating...

Any advise or help would be appreciated - as said we live in Scotland and would be grateful if you knew of any training or people that may help.

We do not want him to bite one of the children & if we cannot retrain or sort this out, this beautiful pony may have to be put to sleep.

Please help.
Thank you pending your reply,
D, J, T, I & Family, Scotland

Answer:
Reading your question brings chills to my spine. It is not that I haven't heard this question before. In fact, it is one of the most often asked questions. Your pony is 'acting out' one of the most natural tendencies of the flight animal that has been caged up in some way or other.

The first step is to call out a veterinarian to examine the pony. A vet can properly rule out any medical causes underlying aggressive behavior, which could be happening as a reaction to pain. Horses and ponies sometimes resort to aggression to protect their personal space, if they cannot get away from the source of their pain.

If you have ruled out medical causes, then we can explore the behavioral pattern that we are discussing here, which is that of 'territorial' aggression. We have taken away your horses' grassy plain and even small fields. In modern times we have decided that horse can live for sustained periods of time in a small room averaging 12x12 feet (4 meters by 4 meters).

Most horses will accept the small room and cause very little trouble over territorial issues. A small percentage, however, will evolve to a point where they will protect their territory with lethal violence. Several issues of husbandry can be implemented to reduce the

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Monty's Principles

Inspired by Monty!

Hi Monty,
I don't have a horse question, but I do love them.

I work for the LA County Office of Education in Chatsworth, CA, and I facilitate a job club. I teach people on welfare how to get ready for the job market (Interviewing, resumes, job searching etc.) I also teach them how to set GOALS using a workbook designed by Jack Canfield and in that workbook is your story (a whole page!) I can't tell you how many people in my classes have been inspired and motivated by it, including myself, I start a new class every other week and I always have a new student read it. Each time it gives all of us Goosebumps and hope.

The reason I am writing you is to thank you. I have briefly visited your ranch and I only saw you from afar as you were having an event (this was last month) and the gentleman at your visitors center said my sister and I had to hurry and look around then leave because it was closing.

I don't know when I will get another chance but I would like to know if it's possible to meet you and just say hi and thank you. Please write me back and let me know if that is possible as we go to Solvang fairly often.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Barbara A. Berg
Career Development Program Specialist
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EDITOR'S NOTE: We wrote to Barbara and asked her to please return and bring family and friends on any day. Find out more:
http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty/flag_intro/

Monty's Challenge



anxiety and aggression exhibited by 'territorial behavior'. This behavior can be manageable. It is simply a manner of observing the pony's needs and then meeting those needs even though there might be a factor of inconvenience experienced by the owner or handlers of the pony.

First let me state categorically that no hand feeding should be practiced whatsoever. It matters not to me whether the hand feeding occurs in the stable or out of the stable. In actual fact there is probably a history of hand feeding because I have found that 80-90% of the horses handled by leisure owners have been hand fed. This sets up a set of behavioral patterns that will lead to the 'territorial' phenomenon you have so clearly outlined in your recent Q&A entry. Let's take a look at how we can handle it at this point in time. You can fix it.

In no way should this pony be allowed to reach with his head outside of his box stall (loose box). An inexpensive barrier of some sort can be placed over the door of a horse experiencing territorial behavior. Not only does it make it safer for the people around him but in addition he will probably feel a bit less of an urge to protect his home area by lashing out at passers-by. This is a problem I deal with globally. Equestrian centers will consistently verbalize horror stories regarding otherwise sweet animals that would try to take your head off over the door.

In addition to the door protection, I often tell owners "Never hand feed your horse". Food connected with the human body is often the major contributor to the territorial syndrome. What I suggest is that the horse is removed from the stable. The stable is then 'fed' and the horse returned, released in the stable and left alone during the process of his having a meal. Take this component out of the life of your pony and good things will happen on your journey to allow the pony to return to his normal inherited pattern of non-violence.

Do Join-Up with your pony and when a good Join-Up is accomplished, try follow up. With these two elements well imprinted, return the pony to the stable, close the upper door and do not bring any food to him while he is in his box stall (loose box). You will observe a decided improvement within a week or so if you follow these instructions to the letter. With Join-Up in place, catch your pony by stepping into a wide open door, leave it open and wait for the pony to come to you. Do not look your pony in the eye while he is approaching you.

One should have your eyes downward watching the legs of your approaching pony, clip on and remove your pony from the stable before any grooming or tacking up is attempted. Leave your pony alone while in the stable. Remove the pony for feeding, watering or mucking out. Following these rules, the people around the pony are safer, strangers passing by are safer and the pony will live a much happier life than he is contending with at this time because of people who have misunderstood him in the past. This practice will work.

~Monty



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:

What is one tip of advice that you would give someone who wants to transport his or her horse in the winter?

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



What's the latest training protocol in Monty's tool kit? He calls it, 'reward and reverse'. Find out more in this week's video lesson on Equus Online University!



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Monty's Life Lessons



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November 8, 2014	Hessisches Landgestüt , Dillenburg	DE
November 15, 2014	Gestüt Tannenhof , Heidenrod-Watzelhain (bei Wiesbaden)	DE
December 1-5, 2014	Monty's Special Training at Flag Is Up Farms in English and Portuguese. Contact admin@montyroberts.com for more info	USA
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MONTY ROBERTS Deutschland Tour 2014



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Horse & Country, UK



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I also believe there is something you can do to care for your horse's digestive system. I've been using a product called SUCCEED® on my performance horses for many years now, with tremendous results." ~ Monty

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Now Playing: Kenya with Carole Herder and Courtney Dunn on Foal Handling



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Carole Herder shares her experience of a recent trip to Kenya, witnessing the breathtaking migration and the fight and flight language of the wild animals. Also we caught up with Courtney Dunn working with foals causing them to be happy with people. World renowned saddle maker Dale Chavez shares his horsemanship tip with us.

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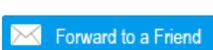
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Monty Roberts

