



# ASK MONTY



**Wednesday December 3, 2014**

## Greetings!

This week Monty discusses the importance of consistent boundaries with horses who like to rub on their people. What do you think about that behavior? And don't forget to browse through the amazing holiday specials in Monty's online store this week... [click here for more: http://www.montyroberts.com/shop/specials/!](http://www.montyroberts.com/shop/specials/)



### Remember to support war veterans and first responders as you shop **AMAZON** this season!

When you do your holiday shopping at [AmazonSmile](http://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Monty's nonprofit, **Join-Up International**. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0459889> and support us every time you shop. You will be helping Monty's horse rescue efforts, free clinics for war veterans, and more!

## MONTY ANSWERS

### Question:

I have seen and heard a lot of debate over horses rubbing their heads on you. Could you please clarify for me as to whether this is a good or bad thing? I'm under the belief that if I have entered my horses space, it is acceptable, but should be discouraged if the horse does this after entering your space (a display of dominance?). My horse only does this if I enter his space, and I have been allowing him to rub his head on me. He doesn't to this with enough force to push me around, he is quite gentle about it.

Confused,  
Jamie Buswell  
Australind, Australia

### Answer:

Dear Jamie,

If you allow your horse enough time at this business of rubbing his head on you, he will eventually rub too hard. Given enough time it will probably be head butting you if this progresses. Whether you step into the horse's space or not, rubbing his head on you should not be accepted. I would use a [Dually Halter](#) and back him up firmly each time he does it. The reverse needs only to be two or three steps and he will soon learn the consequence for rubbing.

Sincerely,  
Monty

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## Holiday Deliveries

If you would like to receive your order by December 24, please keep in mind the following 'order-by' dates for most locations.

### USA Addresses Order-By Dates

- If you select USPS Standard Post, you need to order by December 12
- If you select USPS Priority or FedEx Ground, you need to order by December 17

### International Order-By Dates\*

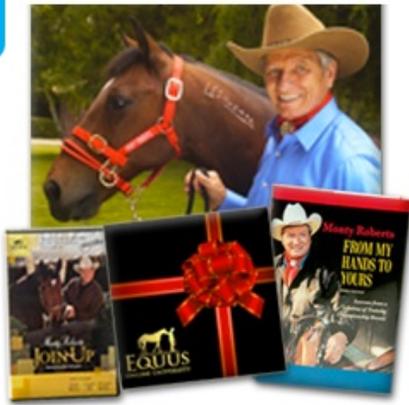
- If you select Economy Shipping, you need to place your order by December 14
- If you select Priority Shipping, you need to place your order by December 18

\* International shipping speeds above cannot account for any time the shipments may be held for customs clearance.

## HOLIDAY SPECIALS FROM MONTY TO YOU!



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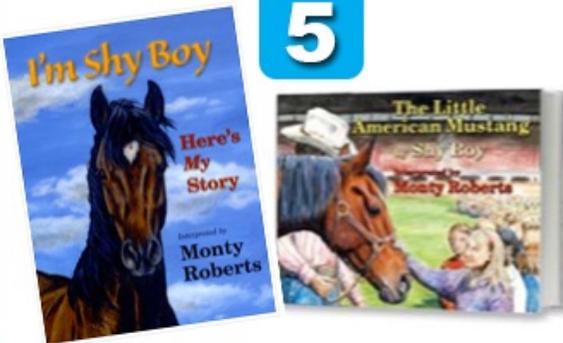
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## Monty's Principles

### Amazing...just amazing!

You're a truly awesome and brave man Monty! I've just finished your book, [The Man Who Listens to Horses](#). I'm truly amazed at your strength and compassion, along with Pat! I feel your part of my family now. I'm now reading [Shy Boy](#).

Angela Staley

## Monty's Special Clinic

[Monty's Special Training Clinic](#) is now running at Flag Is Up Farms! Watch Monty's Facebook this week as we share the news. Watch this space: [www.facebook.com/MontyRoberts](http://www.facebook.com/MontyRoberts)

## 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](mailto: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:**

**(1)** Monty's [Join-Up Kit](#) is in! Here you will find all the tools you need to get started on the journey to Join-Up, including a Dually Halter (your choice of size), a Join-Up DVD and Monty's textbook, plus a 6-month membership to Monty's Equus Online University to keep learning fun, connect with other horse people on their path to force-free training, and you'll also get a new video lesson from Monty each week, plus 24/7 online access to more than 300 archived video lessons for horse lovers of all levels and disciplines.

**(2)** The [Honey Healing Gift Basket](#) will delight those who seek healing for themselves, their horse, or a companion animal. Corigem® healing balm and serum spray formulas, displayed in a festive basket.

**(3)** Here is a [special for horse students young and older](#): Buy a copy of Monty's textbook and get Shy Boy's storybook for just \$5 more! The Little American Mustang is a beautifully illustrated book written from the horse's point of view, much like the original Black Beauty story. Shy Boy's narrative will open a child's mind to what horses and humans can learn from each other when kindness and trust are involved.

**(4)** The [Horse Lover's Gift Set](#): This is the ultimate gift for horse people. It includes the Dually Training Halter, Monty's textbook, From My Hands to Yours, now in its third edition, and when you buy these two tools together, we will add in a FREE Join-Up DVD (English language only).

**(5)** Get ready for [Story Time with Shy Boy!](#) Mustang Shy Boy's compelling story is artfully illustrated in these two books for kids ages 3 and older. Shy Boy's uplifting adventure story, will have the kids falling in love with this horse and his message.

Dear Monty,

I am a long time follower of your amazing work and I try as much as possible to use your philosophies and techniques in my training.

I am very much aware of your feelings toward hand fed 'treats' for horse (and other animals) and I'm curious on your thoughts on allowing horses to graze in hand.

Do you feel this can have an effect on the horses attitude towards people? What effect/s do you feel it could/does have?

Is there a difference, in these effects, between the horses that take a sneaky bite of grass when your shutting the gate, for example, and horses that are allowed a pick at that grass in the down time at a competition?

Thank you for your time.  
Kate Fremlin

## THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



Monty Roberts Certified Instructor Chris Morris shows us the first steps of the Dually Dance in this week's video lesson on Monty's [Equus Online University!](http://www.montyrobertsuniversity.com)



**Not a student yet? Click on:** [www.montyrobertsuniversity.com](http://www.montyrobertsuniversity.com) and Join-Up with thousands of horse lovers learning Monty's force-free and fun methods now.

## Monty's Life Lessons

Enjoy a Free Excerpt Each Month of Life Lessons from The Man Listens to Horses

Ask Monty readers' special:

[Click here to read this month's excerpt!](#)

## GLOBE GALLOPING WITH MONTY ROBERTS

Have some fun with Monty, go to: [www.facebook.com/MontyRoberts](http://www.facebook.com/MontyRoberts)

### NEW 2015 TOUR DATES!

December 1-5, 2014	Monty's Special Training at Flag Is Up Farms in English and Portuguese. Contact <a href="mailto:admin@montyroberts.com">admin@montyroberts.com</a> for more info	USA
March 14, 2015	Monty demonstration at Camp Verde in Arizona. <a href="#">Click here!</a>	USA
March 24, 2015	<a href="#">Hadlow College</a> , Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL	UK
March 26, 2015	<a href="#">Norton Heath Equestrian Centre Limited</a> , Fingrith Hall Lane, Blackmore, Essex, CM4 0JP	UK
March 28, 2015	<a href="#">The Hand E C.</a> , Davis Lane, Clevedon, Somerset, BS21 6TG	UK



For information about Monty's worldwide demos and the courses held at Monty's farm in California go to: [http://www.montyroberts.com/ab\\_about\\_monty\\_calendar/see-monty/](http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/)

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## SUCCEED: Digestive Health



"I have believed for years that digestive health has a

major impact on a horse's happiness, performance and overall well-being. Just by owning and riding horses, we take them out of their natural environment. We keep them in stalls, we feed them grain, and we exercise them. All of this works against th

## Now Playing: Modern Horsemanship: Alive and Well with Bill Reynolds and Greg Simon



[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.

Join the lively conversation that includes Cowboys and Indians, the polite calm of the modern cowboy, Tommy Lee Jones' big screen western The Homesman, the Vacquero roots of the Pacific Slope states, American Quarter Horse Association, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Prix de West Art Show and the horses of the Santa Ynez Valley. And Elizabeth Tierney on training horses to cross water.

Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanradio.com/2014/11/30/horsemanradio-episode-29-by-index-fund-advisors-ifa-com-modern-western-horsemanship-alive-and-well-with-bill-reynolds-and-greg-simon/>

[Click here to bookmark the Horsemanship Radio episodes on iTunes.](#)

[Click here to bookmark the Horsemanship Radio episodes on Android.](#)

### Watch for these upcoming interviews:

William Reynolds, Equine Media Influencer

Greg M. Simon, Prix de West Chairman, National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum

Chris Morris, Monty Roberts Certified Instructor, England

Christiane Schwagrzinna, Equine Alternative Therapy, Germany

Angie Sheer, Equine Alternative Therapy for Veterans

Petrine Day Mitchum, author of Hollywood Hoofbeats

Monty Roberts, Year in Review 2014

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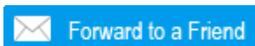
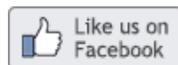
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Sincerely,

exercise them. All of this works against the horse's digestive health.

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

See more

<http://www.montyroberts.com/succeed/>

## CANADA'S RURAL TV



In Canada, Monty's Backstage Pass show airs Thursday & Saturday-10:30 AM, 4:30 PM, 11 PM (all times are EST) on television on The Rural Channel. More info as to where

The Rural Channel is available:

<http://theruralchannel.com/gallery/monty-roberts-backstage-pass/>

If you have questions or need more info go to [info@theruralchannel.com](mailto:info@theruralchannel.com) or reach out on any of their Social Media platforms: @TheRuralChannel [www.facebook.com/theruralchannel](http://www.facebook.com/theruralchannel)

## Horse & Country, UK



Watch Monty Roberts on Horse & Country TV in the UK (Sky channel 253), Ireland, The Netherlands, Sweden and Malta. See: [www.horseandcountry.tv/monty](http://www.horseandcountry.tv/monty) for more info.

## Monty on HRTV



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