



ASK MONTY



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Greetings!

This week's Ask Monty focuses on creating boundaries for our horses. What rules should we apply to our horses' behavioral patterns in order to establish good horsemanship practices? Is it okay to change the rules depending on the situation? Monty considers the white and black and gray areas of horse handling in relation to grazing behavior in his question and answer this week, and our [Uni video lesson](#) speaks about leading your horse without tension on the line.



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MONTY ANSWERS

Question:

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

Answer:

Dear Kate,

I find your question extremely interesting and I hope that students will benefit from an exploration of the effect hand grazing has on the behavioral pat-terns of our equine students. I feel that it is critical for me to be very careful not to take from horse people those elements that they find fun with and that have no dramatic effect so as to create negative behavior. You have touched on a subject that requires a factor of "it all depends" where the answer is concerned.

If a horse owner has an effective companion or competitor for a significant period of time, my answer might be a vastly different from the horseman who is dealing with an animal, let's say, younger than 10 years of age. A horse that would graze quietly, exhibiting no negative behavioral tendencies, can often be grazed on a line without breaking any of the rules of good horsemanship. If one sees the horse begin to control the human body movement, trouble could be following very quickly.

This is a situation whereby an art form is in play. A good horseman must be able to read the effect of procedures such as hand grazing on the good or bad behavior of the horse in question. Once this is done then there is the matter of the equipment used which is another issue all together. Hand grazing could be considered a slippery slope. It is far easier to create bad behavior by hand grazing than it ever is to allow the horse to graze in a pasture on its own.

I don't like my answers to be as vague as this but this particular question is difficult to pin down without details informing the art form of being a good horse person. Please continue to write to us with your progress and we will be happy to

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- If you select Economy Shipping, you need to place your order by December 14
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Will help as able.

Sincerely,
Monty

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



Monty's Equus Online University NEW Ground Manners Training lessons continue today, December 10, with Monty Roberts introducing Chris Morris, Certified Instructor from the UK. [Watch the video now!](#)



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

GLOBE GALLOPING WITH MONTY ROBERTS

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NEW TOUR DATES!

February 14, 2015	Night of Inspiration at Flag Is Up Farms Email admin@montyroberts.com for information	USA
March 14, 2015	Monty demonstration at Camp Verde in Arizona. Click here!	USA
March 24, 2015	Hadlow College , Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL	UK
March 26, 2015	Norton Heath Equestrian Centre Limited , Fingrith Hall Lane, Blackmore, Essex, CM4 0JP	UK
March 28, 2015	The Hand E C , Davis Lane, Clevedon, Somerset, BS21 6TG	UK
April 25 & 26, 2015	Demos in Melbourne	Australia
April 28, 2015	Demo in Shepparton	Australia
May 2 & 3	Demos in Adelaide	Australia



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 Monty, I have a 17-year-old Welsh Pony, and when I put her in the round pen she won't move. I have successfully completed Join-Up with my 11 year old Standardbred with all the clear signs and also follow-up. It was the first time I did Join-Up with my Standardbred but I have owned and ridden horses for many years before. I would say I am an intermediate and experienced rider.

I have never inflicted pain upon a horse and always believed that there was another way to train a horse.

So, I have completed Join-Up with one horse but with my Welsh Pony simply won't move. I have been assertive, eyes on her eyes, body square with hers and throwing the long line behind her but she doesn't move. I don't think that she is in pain because she can run or walk when she wants (I watch her) but when I try to make her go, she won't. I stopped that day because I did not know what else to do.

Also, I used to ride her and she would go, but recently she just decided to stop. I can't get further than out the gate. I think she stops because she is lazy or stubborn and knows that I won't hurt her, so she doesn't move and then she gets away with it because I just don't know what to do. I would really appreciate a reply because she is quite stubborn and she over eats so I try to exercise her, but she tends to not move whenever she wants. When I try to pick up her back feet, she tries to kick at me and has a couple of times. The aggression on her face shows, and I am trying not to be scared of her but it is very hard when she tries



What can I do about my troubled pony?

Thanks so much,
Natalie

FROM THE CYBERHUNT WINNER

I was totally surprised when the Cyberhunt grand prize copy of "[From My Hand to Yours](#)" arrived in my mailbox. What a thrill it is to finally have a copy of your wonderful textbook for building the horse-human relationship. I believe I first saw Mr. Roberts at a live demo in Madison Wisconsin over a decade ago. I saw him appear on a Public TV fundraiser where it was announced that he was appearing live either that same day or the next.

On a whim I drove the two hours to attend the demo. I then read "[The Man who Listens to Horses](#)", and "[Shy Boy](#)". I believe it was largely seeing Monty's approach to the horse that kept me inspired to work with horses as both a new horse owner, care provider and equine photographer/videographer. Many times I've seen Monty's references to "From My Hand to Yours" while answering questions in his newsletter, and now I have a copy of my own!

Thank you so much.
Robert Bruss

Monty's Principles

From Kiana Brooke Letica, through Facebook:

I remember reading [your book about Shy Boy](#) when I was little. It was my favorite book, I'd read it over and over and over, my mom had to take it from me or else I'd try to bring it everywhere with me.

I love Shy Boy! He's contributed so much to the understanding of horses, and so have you, Monty.

Monty's Life Lessons



Ask Monty readers' special:

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- Monty Roberts.

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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 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



Bob Bruss with his Friesian gelding "Diemer" after he was awarded champion gelding as a 3 year old. Bob is an equine photographer by profession, and he is also our Cyberhunt winner this year.

HOLIDAY SPECIALS FROM MONTY TO YOU!

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

or reach out on any of their Social Media platforms: @TheRuralChannel

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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 for more info.

Monty on HRTV



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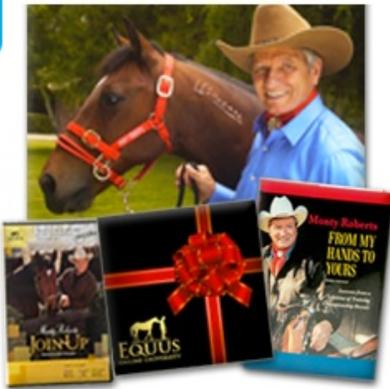
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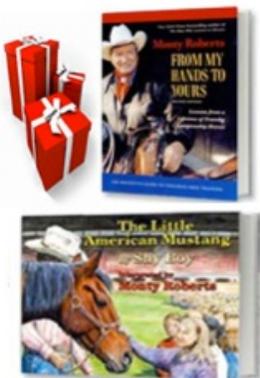
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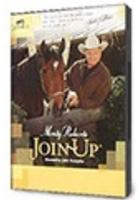
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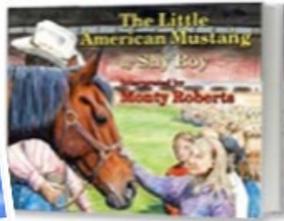
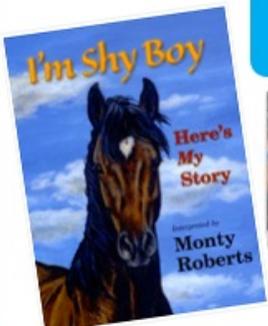
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(1) Monty's [Join-Up Kit](#) is in! Here you will find all the tools you need to get started on the journey to Join-Up, including a Dually Halter (your choice of size), a Join-Up DVD and Monty's textbook, plus a 6-month membership to Monty's Equus 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.

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Now Playing: Modern Western 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.

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

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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

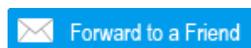
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Monty Roberts

