



ASK MONTY



Wednesday December 17, 2014

Greetings!



It's the holidays, please remember to support our war veterans and first responders.

One easy way is by shopping online: 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!

You can also make a year-end donation directly to Join-Up International here: <http://www.join-up.org/donation-faqs.html>

MONTY ANSWERS

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 she simply won't move. I have been assertive, eyes on her eyes, body square with hers and throw 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 have 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 then 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 to hurt me. What can I do about my troubled pony? Thanks so much, Natalie

Answer:

Dear Natalie,

It sounds as though I could use your pony for an entire night's demonstration event. I would quickly ask if you have used [the Dually Halter](#). The next question would be 'Have you used the Dually Halter to stand still?' The next question would be 'Have you trained your pony to stand still while using the Dually Halter?' Then I would ask if you have tried plastic bags on a stick to send the pony away. I would then ask you if you have done Join-Up® in the round with a horse that will go away. I would estimate that there are more than 20 questions that I could raise as to an exploration as to how to solve the problems that you outline.

[From My Hands to Yours](#) (textbook) and the [Equus Online University](#) are each loaded with answers to the questions that you bring up. Obviously I am not seeing you with your pony, so I am required to speculate as to the reasons for the behavior that you describe. Please look into finding the answers to the questions that I have posed here and if you are still having trouble with it, communicate again and I will try to fill in the blanks regarding the problems you discussed regarding your question.

Sincerely,

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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 needed to order by December 12, so if you'd like your order to arrive before Christmas, please select a faster service, e.g. USPS Priority or FedEx Ground
- 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 needed to order by December 14, so if you'd like your order to arrive before Christmas, please select a faster service, e.g. International Priority
- 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.

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



Monty's Challenge



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.

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

GLOBE GALLOPING WITH MONTY ROBERTS

Have some fun with Monty, go to: www.facebook.com/MontyRoberts

NEW TOUR DATES: UK and AUSTRALIA!

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, tickets: http://www.montyrobertslive.com/	Australia
April 28, 2015	Demo in Shepparton, tickets: http://www.montyrobertslive.com/	Australia
May 2 & 3	Demos in Adelaide, tickets: http://www.montyrobertslive.com/	Australia

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:

I recently purchased a dressage horse that the owners said had failed to show promise in dressage and they would sell him at a good price. Unfortunately I came off of him and now I am afraid to ride him again - I hope you can help. What happened was I was going to dismount, so I took my feet out of the stirrups and the metal stirrups touched his sides and he ran off. I went one way and he went the other. How do I build my courage back up to ride him again?

If you are in Australia and would like to register your horse for Horse Selection at one of Monty's demonstrations, please learn about the process here: <http://www.montyrobertslive.com/take-part/horse-application/>

Monty's Daily



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/

Monty's Principles

An Amazing Way with Horses

What a boy. I read the book about you, then about Shy Boy and watched the film about the time you joined up with him. Amazing. Since then I work with horses like you, and what a transformation. Thanks Monty, for showing the Real Way.

Hugs from Denmark.

Susanne Krogh

HOLIDAY SPECIALS FROM MONTY TO YOU!

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!](#)

CORIGEM: Honey Power



"The scientists behind Corigem® have found a nature-made healing gift from a species that no one before seemed to appreciate: a species of very busy bees that will improve the lives of humans and animals together."

- Monty Roberts.

Read more on:
<http://www.montyroberts.com/corigem/>

SUCCEED: Digestive Health

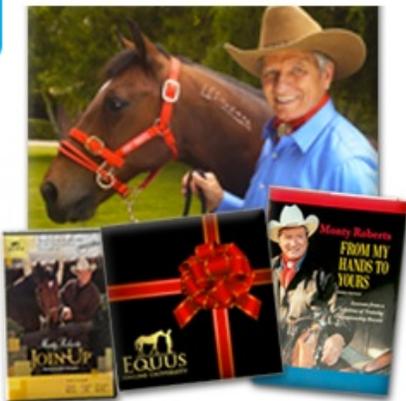
SUCCEED

"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

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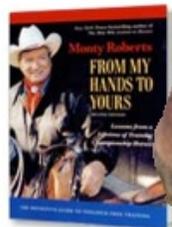
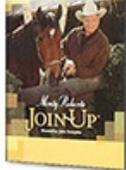


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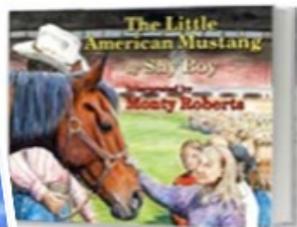
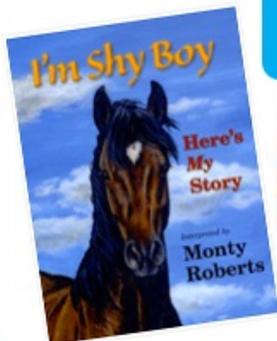




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system. I've been using a product called SUCCEED® on my performance horses for many years now, with tremendous results." ~ Monty

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 or reach out on any of their Social Media platforms: @TheRuralChannel www.facebook.com/theruralchannel

(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.

See all special offers here: www.montyroberts.com/shop/specials/

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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Now Playing: Hollywood Hoofbeats and Monty's Year in Review



[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.

Author and daughter of legendary film star Robert Mitchum chats about her new book "Hollywood Hoofbeats: The Fascinating Story of Horses in Movies and Television" and the Annual Year in Review with Monty Roberts.

Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanshipradio.com/2014/12/15/horsemanship-radio-episode-30-by-index-fund-advisors-ifa-com-hollywood-hoofbeats-and-montys-year-in-review/>

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Recent interviews:

William Reynolds, Equine Media Influencer

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

Photo Credits

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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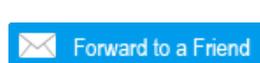
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Sincerely,

Monty Roberts

