



# ASK MONTY



Wednesday January 7, 2015

## Greetings!

Wouldn't it be great if you could train your horse to side step to the mounting block and invite you for a ride? Well, you can! Watch this video lesson: <http://www.montyrobertsuniversity.com/training/2031188578> and read Monty's Question and Answer below.



## MONTY ANSWERS

### Question:

This Week's Question

I hope you had a Merry Christmas!

I was wondering if there could be a post about how to train a horse to mount from the other side. Where I ride it is often impossible to maneuver a horse to mount from the left, and whilst I can mount from the right it would be great to "kiss" and have him step towards me. I followed the training for normal mounting and it worked well, but I'm not sure if by doing the same training for the left I will confuse my horse. I wouldn't want him to step sideways down a rocky slope for example! Should another sound be made? Should I make him associate an alternative signal with stepping to the right?

Any help would be much appreciated!

Best wishes for the New Year!

Imogen, UK

### Answer:

Thank you for writing and for using the training from our lessons on the Mounting Block

<http://www.montyrobertsuniversity.com/training/2031188578>. Schooling a horse to the mounting block, having them stand and wait patiently until the rider is prepared to move forward is essential to this exercise. Although

we most often mount our horses from the near side, I recommend you train as bilaterally as possible for every condition.

It wasn't until about three years ago that I was shown it is possible to train a horse to actively move forward, seeking the mounting block, moving sideways, assisting the rider to mount. After training about a hundred horses to execute this procedure, I now know that we can expect this from all of our horses. Having said that, a horse does not know his right from his left but will come to you and the mounting block with the same cues, whether from the left or the right.

The mounting block is not an essential tool for many riders, but it becomes a part of developing the proper mind set within your horse. It helps build the right foundation for patience and understanding of a partner's needs. If you follow the lesson, standing on the mounting block and leading your horse to where his nose is just past your

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## Monty's Principles

**FELIZ NATAL Monty Roberts!**

Gostaria que soubesse que depois que li seu livro meu conceito sobre os animais mudou completamente. Abraço!

[Merry Christmas Monty Roberts! I would like you to know that after I read your book my concept about animals has changed completely. Hug!]

Claudio Baltazar Santos Santos, Brasil

## Monty's Challenge



you follow the lesson, standing on the mounting block and leading your horse to where his nose is just past your knee, then making a "kiss" sound, he will move to you whether you are on the near or off side. Practice this before you head to the hills.

Sincerely,  
Monty



## THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



Monty's Equus Online University lessons continue today with Katie Cunningham's Horse Sense and Healing in Guatemala. [Watch the video now!](#)



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### Night of Inspiration on Valentines Day

February 14, 2015 Night of Inspiration at Flag Is Up Farms, email [admin@montyroberts.com](mailto:admin@montyroberts.com) or call USA +1-805-688-6288 for registration details. Individuals and groups are welcome to register! More information here: <http://www.montyroberts.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/MPRI-Night-of-Inspiration.pdf>

### Monty in Arizona

March 14, 2015 Monty demonstration at Camp Verde in Arizona. [Click here!](#) USA

### Monty in the UK

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 [West Wilts Equestrian Centre](#), Melksham Road, Holt, North Trowbridge, Wilts BA14 6QT UK

### Monty in 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](mailto:askmonty@montyroberts.com)

Why should you bother? Because it will help you focus. There is probably a comparable question in your life that gains 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:

Help! I can't tie up a 5 year old. He broke everything I have put on him including a tied on lead rope with no snap on a good quality rope halter which he broke just past the lower knot under his jaw. We have tried a lot of stuff, a power pole and a 12,000 lbs mountaineering carbine with a lariat, so we could just clip him on so he didn't know he was being tied. This worked after a month hit or miss, I brought him home put him on a hitch rail he has broken off before and he busted the rope halter in a split second. He is not a big horse, all Quarter Horse, very athletic, just won't tie. I wrote you before a month ago, sure need some advice. He is a quarter tobiano black and white gelding, has a 4 year old pasture mate, he rides great, a little wild but is pretty good once he finds he can't act up.

PAMELA KLOOTE

## Horse Sense for Leaders



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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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Both Christiane Schwagrzinna of Germany and Angie Sheer of California foster great relationships with horses. Christiane left the world of high stress performance and discovered horses were the key to discovering how we reflect our attitudes to others. Angie found her calling with horses and Veterans of war and from Denmark, Joan Satori Soe's tip on despoeking.

Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanshipradio.com/2014/12/30/horsemanship-radio-episode-31-by-index-fund-advisors-ifa-com-horses-for-healing/>

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### Recent 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

Dr. Sue Cain, author of Horse Sense for Leaders

Alan Hill Back Country Horse Association (BCHA)

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## SUCCEED: Digestive Health



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~ Monty

See more

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## 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)

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## Horse & Country, UK

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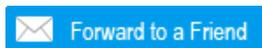
 Watch Monty Roberts on Horse & Country TV in the UK (Sky channel 253), Ireland, The Netherlands, Sweden

and Malta. See: [www.horseandcountry.tv/monty](http://www.horseandcountry.tv/monty) for more info.

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Sincerely,  
**Monty Roberts**



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