



ASK MONTY

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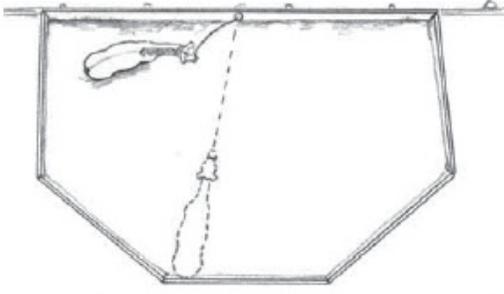
Greetings!

Are you familiar with the set up illustrated at right? >>

It shows Monty's chosen method to cause intrinsic learning for a horse that pulls back when tied. Monty has helped thousands of pull-back horses overcome their phobia and you can learn how it's done.

Read about the procedure Monty uses for pull-back horses in his Question and Answer column this week.

You can also read Monty's step-by-step instructions in his textbook, *From My Hands to Yours*, beautifully illustrated by [Jean Abernethy](#), of Fergus the horse fame.



9.18 The "D" enclosure for schooling the pull-back horse. Five-panel configuration shown.

MONTY ANSWERS

Question:
 Question: I can't tie up my five-year-old horse. He has broken 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 can't tie. I wrote you before a month ago, sure need some advice. He is a 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.

Answer:
 Virtually everyone who has owned a horse has at some time experienced an episode where the horse pulls back when tied. If your horse successfully breaks free several times, he is likely to develop a phobia where he feels compelled to pull back when tied. Certain activities are more likely to evoke pulling back: loud, sudden noises, or movements in the horse's environment, or tying the horse in the trailer with the back door open.

Horses are naturally 'into-pressure' animals; the behavior your horse is exhibiting is to move into the pressure he feels on his poll. Your goal is to re-train him to yield to pressure with-out causing unnecessary pain or fear. I would suggest your first step should be to school him with the Dually halter until he is comfortable moving off the pressure.

Monty's Points 

- » Using my method, the horse will become comfortable because he can release the pressure instantly by moving forward.
- » Pulling back should be regarded

Having completed this, you will need a solid smooth wall, eight feet (about two and a half meters) high and twenty-four feet (eight meters) wide, with a tie ring in the center of the wall at a height of approximately seven feet (two meters) high. Attached to the tie-ring you must have a thick bungee rope (such as 'The Leader', available through www.jedlickas.com; or check with your local tack shop or farm supply to see if they stock the product). The next step is to create a D-shaped enclosure with round-pen panels attaching to either end of the wall and curving to meet approximately ten to twelve feet (three to four

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Monty's Principles

Living the Dream

Dear Monty,

Just a quick note to wish you and your family a prosperous 2015! May God bless you in abundance with love and happy memories.

Ever since I was little I loved horses... I use to ride a lovely mare, Lady on my uncle's farm... and the love for these beautiful creatures never stopped... I always dreamed on having my own horse.. Unfortunately I could never afford it, the only thing that kept my dream alive was basic riding lessons in primary school, until my parents couldn't afford it anymore.... needless to say, I didn't stop dreaming.

I'm 35 now, happily married and have two boys, ages 8 and 16. I work full time as

an Executive Assistant and started selling beauty products the beginning of 2013 ... and that's where my dream took off... I wanted to be around horses again... initially I thought that my need would still if I ride trail horses in a nature re-serve not too far from where I stay... For the first four months it helped, but inside me this little flame kept burning...

And then my dream came true, I saved enough money to buy my own horse... but

as an equine phobia.

- » Pulling back is a symptom of the phenomenon of into-pressure.
- » Pulling back can be extremely dangerous for horse and human.
- » Pulling back should be dealt with only by experienced horsemen.
- » Do not allow a horse to stand tied in a trailer without secure closure behind him.
- » I recommend untying the horse before bridling and saddling.

to meet approximately ten to twelve feet (three to four meters) from the wall at the center point.

Take your horse into the enclosure, attach his halter to the bungee rope and exit, closing the round-pen panel after you. If he chooses to pull back, the bungee rope will stretch approximately ten feet, at which point he will bump his hindquarters on the panels and be unable to go further back. The bungee rope will continue to exert a gentle pressure on his head until he steps forward, releasing the pressure. He is in a safe environment in which he can experiment with the pressure and learn to move forward and accept being tied.

The environment I have briefly described for you is depicted in great detail in my text-book, [From My Hands to Yours](#). Horses that pull back can be extremely dangerous, as when they panic, they can hurt themselves and others. It is imperative to keep yourself safe and create a safe environment for your horse.

to get the right one.... after a few months of half baiting a lovely Arab mare, I finally found my boy... Klapper. He is a pure bred South African Boerperd only 3 years old. When I first saw him he wasn't put under the saddle yet, I didn't mind... I was willing to wait... I waited 30 years a few months wouldn't make any difference.

I collected Klapper from the stud farm on the 8th of December 2014... I was introduced to your ways by our yard manager and what a blessing! Klapper and I have such a special bond already...I've been spending a lot of time at the stables... just looking at my beautiful boy and walk with him in the halter... not getting on his back at all. .. I've done join-ups twice now... and needless to say within a minute we can walk together without a halter....

Yesterday I was able to get onto Klapper... bareback... We just walked for 5 minutes I couldn't believe it... he's such a gentle boy... my gentle giant... (he was 15.2 hands 2 months ago... expecting to be 16.2 - which is big for a Boerperd... but that's exactly why I picked him).

I want to thank you out of the bottom of my heart, for your inspirational videos.. and your lovely book 'The man who listens to horses' which I'm busy reading. Thank you for being such an inspiration...thank you for your love for these very special creatures and for not keeping it to yourself but to share it with the world. It changed my life and made me a confident owner... I still have a lot to learn... but can't wait to learn with Klapper... and maybe... maybe a year or two from now we would be in a training cross-country show...

I thought it would be nice to add a photo of me and Klapper (which means coconut in Afrikaans)... hope you enjoy it.

Blessings in His Light and Love
Cecile Overbeek
Based in South Africa

~ Monty

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



Monty's and his team of instructors guide war veterans in how to build trust with untouched horses in the state-of-the-art IFA Gentling Pen at Flag Is Up Farms. This is the subject we celebrate this week on Monty's Equus Online University. [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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Night of Inspiration on Valentines Day

February 14, 2015 Night of Inspiration at Flag Is Up Farms, email 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->

Monty's Challenge



Test yourself each week as I challenge

to register. For 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](#), UK

Tonbridge, Kent, TN11 0AL

March 26, 2015 [Norton Heath Equestrian Centre Limited](#), UK

Fingrith Hall Lane, Blackmore, Essex, CM4 0JP

March 28, 2015 [West Wilts Equestrian Centre](#), UK

Melksham Road, Holt, North Trowbridge, Wilts BA14 6QT

Monty in Australia

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, 2015 Demos in Adelaide, tickets: <http://www.montyrobertslive.com/> Australia

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/>



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/

Now Playing: Horses for Healing



[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.

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 despooning.

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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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 Horsemen of America (BCHA)

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to register 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:

Hi Monty, firstly thank you for sharing your wealth of knowledge of the horse, I have a just turned 2 yr old Quarter horse cross Scottish Highland filly, I have had her since she was 10 month old, very lively and inquisitive young girl, exceptional manners on the ground, takes all new things in her stride has been exposed to sheep, cattle, dogs, loud machinery, beach, and Is great around other horses, I have done a lot of ground work with her including Join-Up, and she can do all the basics i.e. disengage hind, and forequarters, backs up beautifully, moves of pressure, and accepts desensitization, she walks, trots, and canters in hand with respect unfortunately I can't keep up with her. She is respectful around food and

accepts its mine until i allow her to take it, she has just been exposed to saddle and cinch with no issues. So your probably thinking what issues do we have. It's quite a basic problem that when I go to the paddock I call to her and she usually calls back, she always wants to great me with her nose, she will push it in my face and take a big sniff, is that okay because that usually follows with a sneaky nip, it's not aggressive but all the same whenever I'm in the paddock she follows me she at some point tries to nip me, I do tell her off and she will turn her head away and start chewing, is this acceptable behavior or should I treat it as a sign of dominance. Thank you Monty!

Gillian Stacey

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>



<http://simile.amazon.com/detail/77-0459889>

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HORSE SENSE FOR LEADERS



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Monty on HRTV



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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

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- Monty Roberts.

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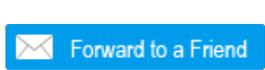


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