



Wednesday February 4, 2015

### Greetings!

Does your horse dig his way to China at feeding time? Has he learned to communicate his need for feed by pawing at the stall door? How do you stop this behavior from happening? Monty shares a force-free solution to pawing in his Question and Answer Column below.

## MONTY ANSWERS

### Question:

Mr. Roberts,  
I have a 17 year old stallion that hits his hoof on the rail of his stall when he thinks it is time to eat. I feed a supplement he obviously really likes and will ignore hay even if he is hungry. He learned this habit from a mule about five years ago. He bangs during the night and every morning about 4:00 am. Needless to say my neighbors have been awake at all hours of the night along with myself. I have tied him with his head up to prevent him from banging and teach patience but it is not effective when he is in his stall. He's pretty smart actually looking for an area he can bang on when he is in the pasture. I really don't want to use hobbles and will use it as a last re-sort. Any suggestions on what I can do to stop this really bad habit?

Thanks,  
Paula  
Phoenix, Arizona

### Answer:

Since your horse is likely territorial about his stall along with his behavior of banging on his stall, I suggest you change your routine before you feed him. Remove your horse, feed the stall and then return him to feed uninterrupted. If he paws impatiently outside the stall, rubber mats assist with the noise and concussion on his legs. Rubber mats, lining the stall, may help as well. Let us know if this helps.

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## Monty's Principles

**Tales of Courage and Kindness with Oscar the Horse Hero**

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I first met 'Spirit' on a lovely warm sunny day in May. It all happened after a phone call from a horse breeder who had seen my advertisement, knew that I was looking for a young horse, and had just the one! We arranged to visit the stables and I was introduced to a young and very handsome colt. Although I instantly liked his spirited nature Dawn and I said no to buying him. She was the voice of Reason and I was the voice of excitement. So we went on to the next paddock where I met a young Irish sport horse cross thoroughbred whose father was the famous coloured sport horse stallion 'Masterpiece'. I immediately fell in love! Her name was 'Summer's Rain'. The breeder was happy to agree on a fair price and 'Spirit of Summer's Rain' arrived at Heartshore Horses on June 20th 2010.

Spirit and I have a wonderful relationship and since we met I have extended her name to 'Spirit Of Summer's Rain'. She is an extremely easy and kind horse despite still being young. We play and learn as partners and I have been training her almost totally unaided. I never use pain or force when training her, we use the 'Natural Horsemanship' methods of 'Silversand' and 'Monty Roberts'.

Oscar kept his promise to me right up to his final days but he had an accident and tragically he had to be put down due to breaking his leg. Equine Sense meeting this amazing mare!



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February 21-22, 2015 Riding with Respect Clinic with Monty. Click here for more information: [http://www.montyroberts.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/RespectClinic\\_web2.pdf](http://www.montyroberts.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/RespectClinic_web2.pdf) USA

### 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

April 25 & 26, 2015 Demos in Melbourne, tickets: <http://www.montyrobertslive.com/> Australia

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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/](http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/)

Eventing. Since meeting this amazingly mentally and psychologically strong, yet troubled horse, my life has never been the same and I won't forget him.

Dawn has since become part of the 'Horse Boy Foundation' and has worked alongside Rupert Isaacson, author of the book 'The Horse Boy'. She now runs therapy camps for autistic children and their families at Heartshore Horses in Gloucestershire.

I work as a volunteer assistant on these camps and do my best to look after those who need special help. I enjoy telling the visiting families about my life changing experience with Oscar and introducing 'Spirit' to all those who wish to meet to her. Spirit and I are now out to try to inspire others to try Natural Horsemanship through giving Talks on how horses saved me and displaying our wonderful friendship via demos. We also want to inspire others with disabilities or difficulties to just carry on regardless and focus on their Strengths and Interests.

We had a phone call not long before Monty Roberts was due to do a demo near Gloucester at Hartbury College for his Jubilee tour to say that he had heard all about my story and wanted me to come and be part of his demonstration to speak about my Autism and do a Join Up in front of everyone with Kelly Marks 18hh hunting horse Harry! As you can imagine I was honoured but nervous as I walked into the round pen to speak but this feeling soon subsided and then when I was with Harry doing Join Up nothing existed anymore except him and me. Spirit and I will continue fighting for Autistic and Neuro Typical people everywhere! Our message is Your Interests Are Your Strengths.

Recently I heard that Oscar 'Cleverly Bay' had been put to sleep after breaking his leg Eventing and this was devastating news...

I have now written a book [Following The Hoofprints](#) which has now been published and is available through Amazon.

Thank you for reading my story.

Charlie Avent

## 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

## Now Playing: Alan Hill of Back Country Horsemen of America, Catherine Cunningham helps share good horsemanship in Guatemala



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Back Country Horsemen of America is a 40 year old non-profit made up of men and women serving 174 chapters in 27 states with 13,000 members dedicated to keeping trails open for all on our public lands. And Catherine Cunningham has created a program in Guatemala to take violence out of horses' lives, and peoples' too. Our Trainers Tip is on Ground Manners from ACTHA Picasso award winner Judy Limsky.

#### Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanshipradio.com/2015/01/30/horsemanship-radio-episode-33-by-index-fund-advisors-ifa-com-alan-hill-of-back-country-horsemen-of-america-catherine-cunningham-helps-teach-good-horsemanship-in-guatemala/>

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Alan Hill Back Country Horsemen of America (BCHA)

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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 have been a horse owner for four years, but have loved horses most of my 55 years. It was nearly a month after I bought Tye before I brought him home. During that time, my cousin recommended I watch a video about your methods, which led to me to your website and the university. It also led me to finding a barefoot farrier, who led me to the book, "Soul of a Horse".

To say the least, I am inexperienced, and although my horse, nine years old at the time I purchased him (he picked me after I prayed about it, but that is a whole other story) was nine years old, he'd been "broke to ride" but hadn't been ridden much. His owner said he had never bucked, and to this day, he has not. We have been learning together for the last four years and we make a good team. At my age I

needed a good gentle horse that I didn't have problems "catching", and I got that very horse with Tye. Shortly after I brought him home I did Join-Up with him and after that, I can walk up to him in a ten acre field and put a halter on him. I even did walked up to him after a dog chased him ¾ of a mile from home.

One thing I had problems with him during my first year, was getting him to take a bit of any kind. I tried honey, you name it, he didn't like bits and still doesn't. I did some research and came up with bitless bridles, and after doing a good deal of research, I purchased one. As with anything new, Tye had to get used to the bridle. I love it, he seems to likes it, (as much as a horse is going to like a bridle) and I'm not worried about hurting his mouth or his teeth; I cringe at the thought of something metal clanking against my teeth.

I've heard of horses taking the bit in their teeth and running away with the rider. With a bitless bridle, he can't take the bit in his teeth, I feel I have more control and the experts on bitless bridles say the same, plus I feel it is more humane as its more like placing your hand on the side of his head and pushing his head in the direction you want him to go. What is your opinion of bitless bridles and why aren't they used more often?

Donna Covey

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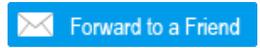
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