



ASK MONTY

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Greetings!

Shy Boy and Monty share [a wonderful story of partnering up in the wild](#). Their continued bond inspires kids and grown ups around the world. What does it take to build a foundation of trust for a lifetime bond with horses? Read Monty's answer in this week's Question and Answer column!



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MONTY ANSWERS

Question (from Monty):

This week I will share a great question that came up at one of our [Night of Inspiration](#) events. A caring owner described her hesitation to do all the steps to achieve a full Join-Up. She asked what I thought of doing the parts of Join-Up that did not involve the "send away." She shared that she was only doing some elements of the conversation involved in a Join-Up. She asked me if this was acceptable. She said she wanted him to be ready for Join-Up.

Answer:

To this I had to answer "Your asking the wrong person." If one has studied the fundamental aspects of Join-Up, then one would say Join-Up is appropriate at the earliest possible time. **Join-Up is the foundation for trust and bonding.** It is not the frosting on the cake. If one is building a house, the first thing you do is put in a foundation. One does not walk around hugging the stacks of boards that are going to make the house later. One does not wait for love of the roofing materials that seem so cold and impersonal. Build the foundation.

The bonding and the personal attachment with your horse occurs far more properly and profoundly subsequent to a complete Join-Up than it ever does prior to Join-Up. With a lifetime of experience in this area, I have formed an opinion that Join-Up precedes all other efforts. Thousands of horses have assisted me in forming this conclusion. There is nothing wrong with building trust by being benevolent, however it is not the same as Join-Up. If one has already created a friendship, Join-Up can certainly still work. I am only suggesting to you that Join-Up is the foundation and the quicker you can get at it, the more effective your work will be.

The most effective Join-Up I believe I ever did lives on today in a horse that, without any question, recognizes me every time I'm in his area, desires to come to me and is clearly pleased with my presence. Not one reader of this answer has ever accomplished one like this one. Shy Boy was a mustang as wild as a deer. The first time I met

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Monty's Principles

Time to Abandon Violent Ways

Well, first I want to say that I am not fluent in English. This note is being translated by Google translator so if there is a mistake, sorry.

My name and Rhaysla, I am 14 years old and I live in Brazil in the state of Espirito Santo (ES) in the city of Vitoria in large Viana. I met your incredible work introduced on TV by Eduardo Moreira and I started to find out more about this new method, I began to try to understand more about the horses and there was emerging new horizons in my life, even without having much contact with the horses I was creating a love for these spectacular creatures.

And as time went on I was knowing more about you when I discovered that you had written a book I immediately read it and was making new discoveries, learning more and I discovered the amazing and wonderful person you are. For me this "work" is not just a job but a discovery you

made, I admire you even more because you always try to "MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER WORLD FOR HORSES". You MADE something to change it and this thing that was not easy.

I always looked at the "conventional" method of taming horses with a willingness to do things differently, and to me this "conventional" method has nothing CONVENTIONAL about it, and it is a politically correct name for the use of unnecessary violence against these animals that are companions, docile and often of good character.

You did something that nobody has ever done.

I live in a neighborhood where I always see horses

him we were on 40,000 acres. There were helicopters, four wheel drives and steady cam on 4 tracks. I was really concerned about the fearful objects that clearly frightened him.

It would be impossible to quantify the mileage conducted in the Join-Up but it all started at 5 o'clock one morning and at 5 o'clock the following morning he would stay with me, following me without hesitation. There were challenges to come before saddle and rider but he consistently used me as a safe relationship to nurture. Within 48 hours our bonding was velcro.

If Shy Boy could speak the English language, I am sure he would tell beginning students to "get on with it." Learn the fundamental aspects of the movements of Join-Up, execute them and teach yourself to live by the principles of Join-Up for the balance of the horse's life. The horse will respect you and genuinely work to get things right in order to please you for the balance of the relationship.

Solid estimates of the number of horses that I have worked with in my career suggest that it nears 70,000. As I answer this, Shy Boy is 21 years of age which is exceptionally old for a mustang. Remember that they are loaded with internal parasites when they are captured. This injures the blood vessels which rarely re-main intact after age 15 or 16. Not only is he 21 but he is happy and couldn't be a more cooperative member of the equine staff of this farm.

Shy Boy is ridden 3 to 4 times per week and continues to help younger horses learn their lessons. He simply doesn't do anything wrong and you wouldn't find a horse more eager when the time comes for him to go on his ride. If only Shy Boy could speak and write English, it is my opinion that he would answer this question exactly as I have done. Build that foundation. Wherever possible, cause it to be the first thing you do with your horse. It will produce results. I guarantee it.

~Monty

and began to observe them when going to walk in the late afternoons and one day I was passing by and saw a white horse grazing on the fence border and I do not know why I stopped next to him and looked him in the eye and saw those big, round shiny brown eyes looking back at me and I felt as if he wanted to say some-thing, and obviously he was slowly pulling away from me as a flight animal would. he must have thought: crazy girl; go away immediately!

As of that day I had a huge desire to practice EQUUS to carry on your teaching, to show here in Brazil that still has enough people who I know who do CONVENTIONAL methods that has an-other way of having a well behaved horse and foremost HAPPY. Unfortunately I do not live on a farm and have no place nor enough money to give it is necessary for a good animal care. But I have my father's friends who has farm and whenever I can I'm there!

And finally, I want to say I dream to be able to learn Equus with someone as amazing as you.

Goodbye,
Rhaysla Santos

ANSWERS TO MONTY'S CHALLENGE (FROM OUR READERS)

Answer from Michael Knight:

"Sending Away" is how a horse is taught respect within the herd in the wild. It es-tablishes the authority of the "sender" without violence, and simply teaches the younger horse respect - and a willingness to do what is expected of him.

Answer from Lareina Hersh, Prescott, Arizona ([see you next month in Camp Verde!](#))

Can you skip the send away during Join-Up? I feel that skipping the send away is completely detrimental to Join-Up. The send away is the most intrinsic part of the conversation. Without the send away you are not fully communicating with your horse and therefore does not require the horse to respond with the willing sub-mission component that is necessary to achieve true Join-Up.

The send away is meant to cause the horse to desire to come back in to you and be close again, just as when an alpha mare sends a young horse away. She does this so that the youngster will desire to be allowed back into her herd where there is care and protection. It's about teaching your horse "rules". If you want to be safe and protected by me and you want me to lead you then you have to obey the herd rules. If you won't obey the rules then you are sent away.

Without the send away there is no true Join-Up. The horse that is not sent away does not understand why you are having him in that pen at all and has not had a productive conversation whatsoever!

Monty's Challenge

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



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

Monty's Equus Online University lessons FOAL EDUCATION WITH LEIGH WILLS continues this week with a lesson on the bond between a mare and her foal. [Watch the video now!](#)

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.

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March 28, 2015 [West Wilts Equestrian Centre](#), Melksham Road, Holt, North Trowbridge, Wilts BA14 6QT UK

Monty in Germany

April 6, 2015 [Pferdezentrum Bad Saarow](#), Silberberg 1, 15526 Bad Saarow Germany

April 17, 2015 [RTC Ostfriesland](#), Am Reitsportzentrum 1, 26629 Großefehn-Timmel Germany

April 19, 2015 [Ausbildungszentrum LuhmÃ¼hlen](#), Bruchweg 5, 21376 Salzhäusen Germany

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Shortie Graham tells about the lightbulb moments training horses and Dr. Sherry Graham tells how she came to work on sculptress Veryl Goodnight's buffalo! Pony Club's Bridget Bryson shares a Trainer's Tip.

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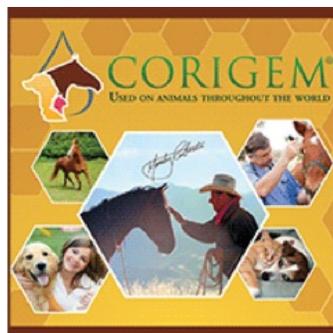
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Translated to the work-world, this style recalls the hierarchical, top-down command and control leadership style useful in the

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trust, collaboration, and motivation in today's age of information.

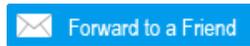
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