



Wednesday April 8, 2015

#### Greetings!



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## MONTY ANSWERS

#### Question:

We have a horse that doesn't like to be tied up very long. When she is tied to a hitching post or horse trailer she tries to sit back to get loose. She has been known to break the rope and get loose. How do you stop this?

Joye Jones

#### Answer:

Virtually everyone who has owned a horse has, at some time, experienced an episode where the horse pulls back while tied. Early in the horse's training, if he pulls back and everything is strong enough to withstand the pressure without breaking, your horse will generally imprint in his brain that pulling back is not good.

Should your horse pull back and cause something to break free in the process, you are likely to have a phobia set in where the horse feels compelled to pull and break any-thing he is tied with. Two or three of these episodes will virtually assure you of a pull-back horse. The into-pressure phenomenon takes over in this case, and you can watch your horse glaze over, eyes tending to roll high in his head, and then with utter determination he will pull with all his might.

The phobic pull-back horse can break what a normal horse could not come close to breaking. He will crouch his body low and strain with all four legs in the ground to pull with every ounce of his power. If something breaks at this point, it is very likely that he will shoot over backward and often injure himself seriously. When this occurs, it simply exacerbates the problem as it further convinces the horse that he has to break his tie.

Pulling back can obviously occur any time the horse is tied; however, certain activities are more likely than others to evoke it. When the horse is standing tied with comfortable, proper-fitting equipment in a quiet location, the potential for pulling back would be at the lower end of the spectrum. The condition that is most likely to promote it is when the handler opens the rear portion of a trailer before untying the horse. This is a red-letter mistake. The confinement, footing and sound all combine to create an extremely dangerous environment for your horse. In general, horses that fly out of the trailer can easily produce injuries to people or animals outside as well as to themselves. In addition to untying the horse before opening the trailer, never tie a horse without securely closing the door behind him first.

Bridling or saddling the horse while tied increases the potential for pulling back. I am often presented with horses at my demonstrations that are frightened about being bridled or saddled. Many times this stems from an incident of pulling back while these procedures were attempted, so I recommend that when bridling and saddling your horse, you control him with your hands rather than tying him.

Horses that pull back are often brought to me at Flag Is Up Farms. I think it is most productive to explain to you exactly what I recommend and allow you to approximate my procedures as close as your facility will allow. I suggest that the person who executes the procedures be a professional trainer, or an extremely competent horse handler.

#### The Procedure

I have a solid, smooth wall, eight feet high (approx. 3.5 meters) and 24 feet (approx. 8 meters) in length. There is a 14-inch (approx. 31 cm) power pole set in concrete just behind and in the center of the wall. It has a tie ring on a long bolt that goes through the wall and the power pole. When you view the wall from the horse's side, it is smooth and featureless, except for the ring dead in the center and about 7 feet (approx. 2 meters) off the ground. My wall is made of wood jacketed with smooth steel, and is free of any protrusions.

When I prepare to school a pull-back, I place a tie in the ring that is about 3 feet long (approx. 1 meter). I then use two 14-foot (approx. 4 meters) panels that are about 5 feet (approx. 1.5 meters) tall. They have 6 horizontal bars and are constructed of very strong material. I fix a panel to each end of my solid wall. I put a steel fencepost in the ground just outside each panel at the point where it makes an intersection with my wall. I then move the two outer ends of the panels toward each other until they are 16 feet (approx. 5 meters) apart. At that

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## Monty's Principles

### Honoring the Horse

Dear Monty,  
Thank you once again for speaking at the Honoring the Horse program in New Orleans this week. I was honored to have been seated next to you at dinner on Wednesday evening.

Listening to your stories kept me on the edge on my seat. In my excitement I forgot to give you my contact information and request yours.

I hope you receive this note. Please allow me to stay in touch with news of our work at HSUS Black Beauty Ranch and Doris Day Equine Rescue.

Would love for you to visit us sometimes here in Texas or at our home in Santa Fe if you venture to New Mexico. Also would like to share ideas and hear of your travels abroad.

I hope your trip coming up will be successful and bring some new exciting stories. Safe journey!

I do not want to end this message without telling you that I viewed [Pat's bronzes online](#) as you suggested. Pat is beautiful, so lovely. The bronzes are exquisite. She is a master of the art indeed.

Kindly,  
Molly Kitch

## Monty's Challenge



point, I put a 16-foot panel in position so that it joins the two panels together. I then set two more steel posts to secure the intersections of those panels. This creates a "D"-shaped enclosure, with my large wall being the flat portion of the "D," and three portable panels creating the semicircle portion.

The wall and panel configuration can vary, as long as it is safe. This arrangement lets me uncouple the panels at a junction and lead my horse into the D-shaped enclosure wearing a high-quality, unbreakable halter. With caution, I fix the tie to the halter and exit quickly along the wall, climbing over one of the panels. It is critical that whoever attaches the tie can physically move quickly and smoothly out of harm's way. A horse that pulls back, and then jumps forward, can cause serious injury.

The tie I use is very important in this procedure. I suggest a commercially produced stretch tie. A 3-foot (approx. 1 meter) length will stretch to about 10 to 12 feet (approx. 3 to 4 meters) before it gives your horse anything solid to pull on. At that point, your horse's hindquarters are up against the panel, restricting him from pulling back any further. Usually, the horse will freeze in the pulling position, and the elasticized tie simply keeps pulling until he yields. A few days of this will usually produce a horse that no longer pulls. I suggest that you continue to tie the horse up exclusively with an elasticized tie for a year or so. It is important to tether only to substantial objects more than 5 feet (approx. 1.5 meters) above the ground. I have experienced a high level of success using this procedure, and I strongly recommend it for anyone who has a horse with this problem.

~Monty (from [his textbook From My Hands to Yours](#))



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)

## THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI

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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:

Can I leave the Dually Halter on to haul my horse in the trailer?

Thank you,  
Belinda

## Giving Back to Veterans



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April 17, 2015	<a href="#">RTC Ostfriesland</a> , Am Reitsportzentrum 1, 26629 Großefehn-Timmel	Germany
April 19, 2015	<a href="#">Ausbildungszentrum Luhmühlen</a> , Bruchweg 5, 21376 Salzhausen	Germany

### Monty in Hungary

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## Monty in Hungary

April 11 - 12 [Monty's Special Training](#) at Simonpuszta Lovaspark

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## HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

### GallopNYC and CHA Keep Horses Relevant in People's Lives

Alicia Kershaw, Sara Jane Casey and Christy Landwehr didn't set out to change the landscape of horsemanship for people but they did feel led to bring horses and people closer together for the benefit of both. Trainer's tip: Tevis Cup Winner Heather Reynolds.

Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanshipradio.com/2015/04/02/horsemanship-radio-episode-37-by-index-fund-advisors-ifa-com-gallopnyc-and-cha-keep-horses-relevant-in-peoples-lives/>



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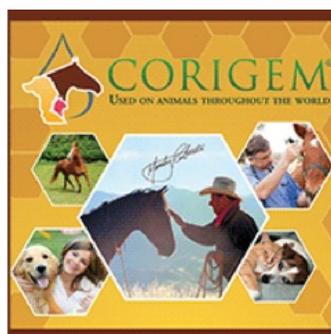
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Horse Sense for Leaders: Building Trust-Based Relationships Features New York Times Best-Selling Author Monty Roberts

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"The connection made in this book between leadership and non-violence is extremely important.

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## SUCCEED: Digestive Health



"I have believed for years that digestive health has

Many leaders have employed violence or cruelty to achieve their ends but Monty Roberts has gone in the opposite direction and shows how true leadership is about the development of trust (whether between a human and an animal or between humans) and encouraging those around one to reach their full potential. Everybody could benefit from absorbing the practices outlined in this book."

Andrew Rowan is the Chief Scientific Officer for The Humane Society of the United States.

Premise of the book: Monty Roberts, author of The New York Times bestseller, The Man Who Listens to Horses, has cooperated with the writing of a new book, Horse Sense for Leaders. The book borrows from the fascinating life of Roberts, known as the horse whisperer, for a highly engaging look at the significance of trust-based leadership. The book blends Monty's work as a world leader of non-violent horse training with current research on the value of a trust-based leadership approach. This unique approach allows for an interesting and provocative read on how leaders can engage followers in more effective relationships at work.

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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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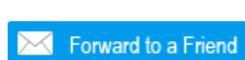
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