



Wednesday April 22, 2015

Greetings!

What does it mean when a horse is pawing? How do you stop this behavior from being repeated? Read Monty's answers to these questions in the column below.

MONTY ANSWERS

Question:

I camp with my horse and when he is tied to the side of the trailer to be tacked up he starts pawing. I don't want him to hurt himself or my trailer. What is the best way to stop this behavior. He also does it when I tie him inside my indoor arena.

Joan Patterson

Answer:

A horse that paws is not only destructive to his own anatomy, but often destructive to the property around him. If he is not content being tied up, this is a behavioral issue that should be overcome in order to have a healthier horse, mentally and physically. There are many environments where a horse should be trained to quietly stand still. A common error is to engage and even reward the behavior.

There is a phenomenon in horses that occurs when they move their feet, creating an increase in their need to move more. Horsemen have heard the adage, "He who controls the foot, controls the horse." When I work with a horse, the first training is with the [Dually Halter](#), asking the horse to walk when I walk and stand still when I stand still. This is not only for good ground manners. It is about the control of movement.

Start with your horse in a Dually Halter and a [17-foot lead line](#) and work on your timing until you both could be mistaken for a pair of dancers, back and forth and standing still. Your horse's nose should follow you at your shoulder and when you stop, he should not take one step in front of your shoulder. If he does, correct that step with several steps back. When you can't get this wrong anymore, you are both ready for the next phase.

Work your horse as you would normally in the daily routine. Ride or exercise to completion, get off your horse and allow him to relax for a moment. This is how you communicate to him that he has finished and preferably on a good note. If you are far from the barn, get back on and walk him back but I prefer to stay off and give full relaxation. Unsaddle and take your horse to the wash rack.

At Flag Is Up Farms we have several hitching posts and wash racks where horses can be tied, providing shelter under trees. We have placed thick rubber mats there for the horses to stand on. Rubber mats absorb a lot of the sound pawing makes and absorbs the shock of the pawing as well. Many horses lose interest in pawing simply from this rubber matting because they don't receive a reward for negative behavior.

Give your horse a good shower and use a scraper so he is not overly wet. He should be fairly relaxed from his work and ready to rest. If your horse has an issue with being tied up (or on a high line), this is where you need to learn patience. Let him experience other horses coming and going and only untie him when he's relaxed and not pawing.

We are assuming he is not a 'pull back,' since you did not mention it. Once he has settled and remained quiet for at least an hour, reward him with a good rub and return him to his stable. He should be fine to be tied from one to four hours at a time. Leadership is formed by how well you can exhibit to your horse that he will be fine to be tied. Watch how quickly he will realize it is good to relax after his work.

You can incrementally increase the time he is tied. Often horses even come to use this as "nap time." Now you can choose different places to tie him and take that rubber mat with you. The trailer would be one spot and in your indoor arena another. I have experienced horses that once seemed stressed to the max to be tied, learn to become content with their post-training time. I hope you will make this a routine part of your training.

~ Monty

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Monty's Principles



Beauty who you worked with at Myerscough in October 2013. Love her to bits and we are doing fine.

Hi Monty,

I would just like to thank you and let you know how we are doing. You saw Beauty, my Friesian, at Myerscough College last year. We have used the [Dually Halter](#) and I love it.

She is getting better and my confidence with her is much better. Still have the odd moment but I'm sure she will be a fine clever horse.

She was clearly submitted to some bad practice when with previous owner as was very head shy but patience and time has overcome that.

I have a lot of respect for you and am very grateful for your input.

Kim Begley

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THIS WEEK ON EQUUS ONLINE...

Monty's Challenge



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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

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:

How do I get my barrel racing horse to settle before the competition? It's getting hard to get him to even enter the arena anymore.

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The Best Teachers Are Wild Horses!

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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. 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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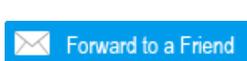
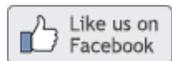
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