



ASK MONTY



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Greetings!

There is a growing number of top level, world class riders and trainers from many disciplines who embrace Monty's methods and apply Join-Up principles in their training programs. You'll find videos with their teachings and inspiring stories on Equus Online: www.montyrobertsuniversity.com

THIS WEEK IN Equus Online University



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Monty's Principles

Are the Methods Being Adopted?

Sir:

I am happy to observe many round pens having been constructed around the country every time I drive past a horse facility, large or small. This is a good thing and all of us horse people thank you for your lifelong pursuit of better handling/treatment of the horse. I think most new horse people really had no effective way to learn how the horse works prior to your educational forays.

This seems to be also true in my small area of breeding/training-Thoroughbreds conditioning, jumping and dressage riding. Decades ago I was mocked for conditioning my youngsters destined for racing, on hills and especially working in both directions using basic dressage principles. This mostly meant balancing off the hocks, going forward readily and responding in general without rider interference. Now the riders training look far more like event people.

The other fetish of mine is feet. I used to get bowed horses from the track, fix their feet, and rehab them to sell at a small profit to good homes. One of the Blacksmiths I used (when too busy to do my own) I showed exactly how to balance the foot eliminating the long dubbed "toe no heel" approach by track farriers. I later read about him in some journal touting this as from the Penn Vet School. Crazy stuff. Recent research, I think, proved this to be essential to soundness yet I still get horses off the track with poor feet. Also, movement, especially "great walks" are now looked for at the yearling sales just like in the classical dressage lessons I was privileged to "suffer" under Col. Ljungquist decades ago.

MONTY ANSWERS

Question:

Are your methods finally being accepted by the top trainers and professionals in the horse world?

Answer:

The majority of people who study my methods, use them and believe in their value, are simply lovers of horses. It would be wonderful if I was regularly approached by professionals to challenge me to demonstrate how my methods work. I wouldn't care if they called my methods "alternative" or "touchy-feely." I'd like people to recognize how my methods are more efficient. My methods cost less, are faster and safer and more humane than traditional training techniques for horses and humans. I invite professionals to consider my methods from the economic and safety standpoint.

My concepts are usually taken up by the people who enjoy their horses and use Join-Up methods as an alternative to traditional violent methods. Lovers of horses pull the traditional people along reluctantly to recognize the value of the concepts. I recently had Temple Grandin, author and animal advocate, on the phone and she said it like this: "The problem with being ahead of your time is that by the time people realize you were right, they will say it was obvious all along."

A few years ago, there was a group of some of the best Polo players of the world gathered around my Round Pen to watch my work, many returned to learn more. Nacho Figueras, Joel Baker, Adolfo Cambiaso, Memo Gracida and the late Carlos Gracida all endorsed my work as a better way to start and train their horses. There are now approximately 3,000 horses trained in Argentina for world class Polo in my methods. This is a vast departure from the traditional methods. The upper levels are giving me confirmation that it's better.

This is just happening now and I am 80. Why didn't they listen to me when I was 20 and I had some time to do lots more?! I am happy that it's happening in my lifetime though while people can avail to my 70+ years of experience and to challenge me to delve deeper into the concepts. I am very happy I didn't retire to "go fishing" when most others do. There is much more we can all learn before I am out of here but I want to impart as much as I can before I go, and I hope that more professionals will become students again.

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Monty's Equus Online University lessons continue today with Andrew McLean Lesson 1: How Does a Horse Learn?
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Monty in California

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| September 5, 2015 | Night of Inspiration with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms | USA |
| October 10, 2015 | Bishop Burton College , York Road, Bishop Burton, Beverley HU17 8QG | UK |
| October 17, 2015 | Myerscough College , St Michaels' Road, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire, PR3 0RY | UK |
| October 23, 2015 | Hartpury College , Hartpury, Gloucester, GL19 3BE | UK |
| October 29, 2015 | Merrist Wood College , Worplesdon, Guildford, GU3 3PE | UK |
| October 31, 2015 | Ingliston Country Club , Ingliston Estate, Old Greenock Road, Bishopton Renfrewshire, Scotland, PA7 5PA | UK |
| November 6, 2015 | Horse Sense for Leaders at Flag Is Up Farms in California | USA |
| November 7 to 8, 2015 | Join Pat Roberts for the Wild at Heart Women's Weekend | USA |



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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 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:

Please help me find this answer. I heard you figured out why horses move when we make a sound with our mouth like 'clucking' or 'clicking'. I haven't found where your answer is and I am very curious.

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"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.

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HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

Paddock Paradise by Jaime Jackson, James Corral Jockey Turned Horseshoe Artist, Dr. Pyne's Tip

Jaime Jackson can transform a small piece of ground into a better way of life for your herd in a system he has named Paddock Paradise. And James Corral shares his love of Thoroughbred horses as a retired jockey who created 'If These Shoes Could Talk'. And Caroline Pyne, DVM, lists ways to acquire an affordable horse.

Episode 45 by Index Fund Advisors www.IFA.com, [Omega Fields Supplements](#) and Monty's [Equus Online University](#).

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[1&keywords=Horse+Sense+for+Leaders](#)

"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

Horse & Country, UK



Watch Monty Roberts on Horse & Country TV in the UK (Sky channel 253), Ireland, The Netherlands, Sweden and Australia.

<http://www.horseandcountry.tv/programmes/monty-roberts>

In Australia: www.horseandcountrytv.com.au

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-roberts-backstage-pass/>

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.

[Click here to read on...a free excerpt]

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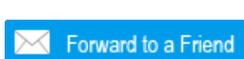
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