



ASK MONTY

Wednesday September 2, 2015

Greetings!

MONTY ANSWERS

Question:

Any tips on the best way to approach this task? My instructor tells me to have the horse face the water and then kick or whip them until they go through. Intuitively this feels wrong.

Best regards
Warren C., England

Answer:

Dear Warren,

First of all, let me inform you that we are experiencing the longest draught in history in California. It seems to me that any horse would welcome a pool to walk through at this stage of the game. I often hear people say to me that their horse hates water. I remind them that I don't believe that since he drinks about 5 gallons per day. They chuckle and say "I mean the kind they have to walk through." If a horse doesn't have to walk through water relatively frequently then it is something new. Horses are neophobic. In addition to being new, it is in the horse's nature to fear the bogs that their ancestors had to stay out of or lose their lives.

When the water is murky neither the horse nor the rider really knows if it is safe to walk through it. Whipping and spurring is virtually never the answer to any of these problems. The best way to begin the journey of walking through water is to lead the horse from another horse once the subject horse is responsive to the [Dually Halter](#) with a safe [17-foot lead line](#). With a ridden horse that will go through the water to show your student how it's done, it becomes much easier to successfully school to walking through the water. Once accomplished, then with rider on, have the experienced horse in front once again and then repeat until your horse actually wants to walk through the water.

For further study, there is a lesson on the Equus Online University pertaining to this subject called WALKING THROUGH WATER | Willing Partners™ Water Crossing with Pat Roberts
<http://www.montyrobertsuniversity.com/training/2031188737>

~ Monty

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Monty's Principles

A Stronger Bond

While I'm not a horse trainer, nor do I even own a horse, my brother is. He has always used gentle breaking methods since his first horse, Jessica, back in the early 80s.

Back then he didn't know anything about horses and just went on instinct with her training. The ranch kids ridiculed him, but eventually he had a horse that was better behaved than the ranch kids' horses.

The bond between Jessica and my brother was much stronger than if she'd been broken in the traditional way. He is a big fan of yours and uses your methods to rehabilitate horses that need better ground manners and more riding instruction.

Sincerely,
P.R.

Monty's Challenge



THIS WEEK ON EQUUS ONLINE...

Classical conditioning

- **Triggers:** voice, light aid etc.
- The new cue should precede the established cue or



behaviour.

2 simultaneous cues: LEARNING WITH ANDREW MCLEAN LESSON 4: REINFORCING BEHAVIOR

Blocking
Overshadowing



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Next video series: Join-Up with Martin Clunes!

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

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Monty in California

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

Next Week's Question:

Dear Monty

I have recently bought a Shetland, which was known to be nervous around humans, but we now realize he is more than just nervous, but awfully scared of humans. We have allowed him time to settle down with his new surroundings and the other horses, and since then asked advice from other with furthermore experience of nervous horses, but nothing seemed to help. He runs away or flinches if we move our hands from afar and even tries to run through the electric fence when we first enter the field. Recently we have been sitting in his field for several hours, and holding out pieces of carrot, which he takes, which is obviously a very exciting breakthrough for me, but I was wondering if there was anymore tips to help such a scared pony?

Regards
Danielle



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HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

Debbie Visits Washington State: Appaloosa Horse Club, Woodbrook Hunt MFH Melody Fleckenstein. Trainers Tip from Judy Limsky

The Appaloosa is important to the story of the Western United States and everyone loves color! Also Melody Fleckenstein, Woodbrook Hunt MFH shares why young riders love the thrill of riding fast horses and following the hounds on a drag scent (no fox). Trainers Tip from ACTHA champ Judy Limsky.

Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanshipradio.com/2015/08/30/horsemanship-radio-episode-47-by-index-fund-advisors-ifa-com-debbie-visits-washington-state-appaloosa-horse-club-woodbrook-hunt-mfh-melody-fleckenstein/>

The Horsemanship Radio Show is an online radio show (podcast) dedicated to the exploration of good horsemanship throughout the world. Hosted by Debbie Loucks (Monty Roberts' daughter), the show includes segments, tips and interviews exploring good horsemanship.

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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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[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 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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The Rural Channel is available:

<http://theruralchannel.com/gallery/monty-roberts-backstage-pass/>

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Monty Roberts

