



# ASK MONTY

Wednesday October 28, 2015

## Greetings!

In support of the equine welfare charity, The Brooke, Monty Roberts demonstrated at Buckingham Palace Wednesday October 21, 2015. Having visited India in September 2014 with The Brooke, Monty was named Global Ambassador for the charity in March of 2015. This week he demonstrated for an audience which included Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, who is president of the equine welfare charity and a surprise visit from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

For the demonstration last Wednesday, Monty worked with a horse at the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace, followed by a reception for The Duchess and a private audience of supporters of the charity. This month Monty's been in the United Kingdom for demonstrations, starting at Bishop Burton College, then Myerscough College and Hartpury College, followed by Merrist Wood College on October 29. His final British event is at the Ingliston Country Club in Scotland on October 31.

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## Monty's Principles

From the Horse Collaborative article: **Monty Roberts and The Queen, BFFs**

<http://www.horsecollaborative.com/monty-roberts-and-the-queen-bffs/>

I met Monty and his son and attended demonstrations. I was impressed with everything. I read and practiced his books. When I had a problem or question, his staff would help me. I took my children to his place in California to meet Shy Boy. We were disappointed, because Monty was visiting the Queen, at the time, but oh how we loved on Shy Boy. We visited the graves of Dually and the other great horses. I just wish I could visit with him once more. He has changed my life and all the horses in it for the better. I ponder about all the good he has accomplished, for all Equine and I marvel. Thank you Horse Collaborative for promoting him. He is the very best....just ask the Queen.

Lori Lacey Ballew  
Oslo, Norway

## MONTY ANSWERS

### Question:

Hi Monty,

I am considering the purchase of a lovely pony for my daughter, but are worried as it has scrambled once on the previous owner's double float when placed on the left hand side. When pony is on the right hand side it leans on side of float at right hand turns only and looks like it is about to scramble at any stage.

My float is a wide single and we tried pony on this. It leans badly to right on right hand turns and drops its shoulder and hip to the right ready to scramble.

I am wondering if anyone has tried a racehorse barrier blanket on a float scrambler with success.

I would appreciate an answer asap as i am needing to make a decision on this pony in 2 days.

Regards, Karen Bartlett

## Monty's Challenge



**Answer:**

Dear Karen,

This question pleases me greatly. How well I remember traveling around Newmarket, England, testing the very question you pose. The horse was called Prince of Darkness, and he clearly settled the point with me that his phobia was only the foot rails in the starting stalls that drove him to scramble.

The factor that causes scrambling in a vehicle is virtually always traceable to a time when the stall was a bit too narrow, the partition went all the way to the floor, and the driver was a bit too heavy on the throttle and/or made the turns too abruptly. It is virtually 100% for these reasons.

Once the behavior is entrenched into the brain of the horse, it is very difficult to manage. A wider stall will help. Having a partition that is open at the bottom is essential. A stall on a 45-degree angle to the direction of travel helps greatly. Many call this a slant load or herringbone.

The blanket acts as a heavy bit of padding protecting the racehorse from the rails that jut out into the stall itself. I have never found them to be of any assistance in the scenario that you describe in your question. Often times a wide single trailer will do the job. Perhaps you can give it a try before you buy the pony.

~ Monty



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:**

Dear Monty,

I have a question to ask you, if you have the time to answer. I am an adult that is very passionate about horses and have been my whole life I am always willing to learn as much as I can, however health issues have prevented me from having a horse, up until recently. I have been riding for 3 years and am quite inexperienced. I have just bought a horse for my sister and myself, "Trigger" a 15hh QH Palomino Gelding 9yrs old. Apparently he has done natural horsemanship before, barrel racing, stock work and trail riding, but I would question if at all how well he was trained in this, as he was bought from some non-horsey people who had him in a less than 10x10 backyard.

I received an email about Lesson 1, have been watching your videos re: JOIN-UP

I have been working on the basic steps of JOIN-UP, but have never done it before. We do not have a round yard, but his paddock at the moment is very small approx. (40m x 50m, but a weird shape) like a quarantine paddock. The first time I tried JOIN-UP, he ran around his paddock at trot most of the time, (I did have to send him forward though) looking for the horse in the next paddock and total ignoring me, then he started to move his ear toward me, then he drooped his head and started licking and chewing. Then all of a sudden he just like stood still and when took a step back and moved my body slightly sideways, he came straight in, and then just followed me. This took less the 5 minutes and I had never seen anything real (except in videos) like it before. I have been researching about JOIN-UP, because he is very hard to catch and when he sees the halter he walks away, the first day before I did JOIN-UP he did not just walk away he trotted away, (like saying "you're not putting that on me"). But after join up he was very happy to be haltered, but he still lifted his head quite high, but stood still for me.

The questions are: Once you have done JOIN-UP once, should the horse always want to be with you and follow you

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every time you are (lets say - going to see him in the paddock)??? Because I have been working on JOIN-UP for the last 4 days and the problems I have are:

When I go to his paddock he comes up, but shortly after I enter his paddock he backs off and walks away. (not all the time but some of the time). I try to be very aware of my body posture when approaching him so that he knows I am not pushing him way. When he does that I say like, if you don't want to stay and be with me then you have to go away far, and then I start JOIN-UP all over again, but he usually joins up really quickly. What am I doing wrong, how can i improve, or am I just being to impatient?

I have been using the lead rope (it is about 2 -3m long) in a round action to keep him going around. So when he sees the lead rope, even when it is still or if I just move it a bit, he like backs off, I never hit him with it and I have been desensitizing him to it when he is standing still. Moving the rope over his body down his legs, over his back and everything??? I don't know if he was ever been abused before but he seems very wary of his halter, bridle. I have also used a long line to keep him going too. What can I do to improve his confident, and what am I doing wrong is there any issues with what I am doing?

Sometimes when he has joined-up, he gets distracted and looks around at everything, (he can be a bit spooky at time), but last evening he was really great and we took him to new areas on our property and he was very calm and still happily

join-on. Is there anything wrong with this, of so what can I do?

He has a preferred side, but I have been working both sides. One direction he will quicker than the other. Is this an issue, what do I need to do?

Sometimes he seems really lazy about joining-up, he will JOIN-UP then just dawdle about to follow me, if I walk faster he just keeps walking slowly, he usually walks behind me several feet, but I think walking behind me is because I am teaching him not to barge into human space, as he does and also does it when it is feeding time and he gets quite anxious when we ask him to move back out of human space.

This morning I worked on JOIN-UP and worked both sides he also turned really well, but tried to turn once without being asked, he stood up, seemed to just stand there and look at me once to say "well what", and when I changed body posture and took some steps back and motioned that is was good to come in, he just turned away. (There was another horse being feed however, so he wanted to go that corner of the paddock). Another time when he started to come in I stopped so he stopped. What do I do?

Every now and again once he is JOIN-UP he wants to put his head down to eat grass, so I change my body posture and ask him to move either to follow me or move right or left. Also I have seen videos that have shown that when a horse gets distracted/spooked when you lead them, you need to ask them to pay attention to you again and they showed to do this by moving your body so that the horse pays attention to you again. Is this correct and what do I do in this situation, he can be spooky and looks at new thing I don't want to mess up anything?

In general once he has joined-up he is very relaxed, holds his head in a lowered position and licks and chews. Where as the first time I tried to catch him his head was so high I couldn't even reach it.

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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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Kindest regards,  
Hannah

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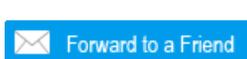
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