



Wednesday February 3, 2016

Greetings!

## MONTY ANSWERS

**Question:**  
I have been a member of IH for over twelve years now and have followed your work and at-tended many of Kelly's courses. Apart from being able to transform the way we work with horses I have also been able to use your philosophy and methods with difficult children who I used to work with. I was also briefly involved with using horses in a therapeutic way with war veterans. I am now retired and work voluntarily in a prison. I would love to have the opportunity to talk with you about how it would be possible to use your methods with inmates or even the prison officers. So many of our offenders are, like our difficult horses, victims of horrendous abuse. Our penal system is so punitive and robs its population of any self-esteem and sense of hope. Humans are after all only animals and I am convinced there is a better way to deal with criminals than shutting them in cages. Many thanks for all you have taught me over the years.  
Sarah Lane

**Answer:**  
Dear Sarah,  
Thank you so much for your inquiry. It gives me the opportunity to ask the question about the number of victims in the following scenario. An old lady is walking down the street when a very large man jumps out and bashes her to the ground, takes her purse and runs off down the street, disappearing into an alley. I ask, how many perpetrators did you see? One. Correct, I respond.

Then I inquire, how many victims did you see? One. That is not correct. I ask my students to follow me down the street and up the alley. I ask them to find the perpetrator and inquire as to how he was raised and what his idea of a good life actually is. One will virtually always find that he is a victim too. Anyone who would perpetrate a crime such as this is likely to be a victim.

The fact that he is a victim doesn't absolve him from also being a criminal but, at the same time, it also does not eliminate him as a human who could possibly be helped. So many of the horses I work with fit this category. Instead of calling them hopeless savages I believe that most of them can be rehabilitated if the concepts and the effort are expended to meet their needs.

Sincerely,  
Monty

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## Monty's Principles

### A Friend from the Polo Field

Dear Monty,  
A long time ago, you yourself invited me over when we met at the either the Guards Polo or Kirtlington PK Polo Club; sorry it is a long time ago. Either way I said no, not really knowing who you were. It is a regret in a way and I would now have said yes.

When I went State Side, it was in NJ in Polo then racing. Had the privilege of riding and schooling former rodeo horses for Polo. They teach you a lot. I worked at Belmont and FL later. I had to watch 911 from the saddle.

Hope you are well Monty,  
Mark Paterson

## THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY



## Monty's Challenge



# TRAINING WILD SPOOKY MUSTANGS

## LESSON 7: THE HORSE'S DRIVE FOR SELF PRESERVATION



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)

Monty's Equus Online University lessons continue this week with: TRAINING WILD SPOOKY MUSTANGS: The Horse's Drive for Self Preservation. [Watch the video now!](#)



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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:

I would very much like to discuss equine dentistry with you. I have a three part question.

1. Do you think that the need for equine dental treatment in the UK has increased in parallel with changes in horse management? Is it possible that moving away from access to a natural environment to confinement in stables for a large part of each day, winter and summer alike, is causing dental change? Especially when these animals are often confined in small paddocks without trees or other natural features when turned out to graze for a few hours each day.

2. Has there been a similar change in the USA?

3. How would you advise people to acclimatize their horses to treatment by an equine technician, especially if they are using the modern electrical equipment? What would you include in the technician's training to ensure that they employ the best possible approach when handling the horse, especially when using electrical equipment?

### BACKGROUND TO THE QUESTION.

I am now in my mid 60s and spent my formative years on a family friend's farm, stables, riding school and hunting yard with about 70 horses. I cannot recall any horse in the 1960s and 70s being given dental treatment, apart from one horse which was treated by the vet each year because she had a deformed mouth from a previous accident.

Only the hunters and a few horses owned by staff and one or two liveryies were over-wintered indoors. All the rest lived out all the year round. They had a plentiful supply of hay with natural forage and shelter over a large range of fields. All the horses, hunters and liveryies, were turned out over the summer months.

I believe that the lack of dental treatment in those days was not due to neglect, but rather lack of need. Living in a more natural environment with natural forage, trees, bushes etc horses and ponies did not need dental treatment in the way that they do now.

Would you agree with this? Is this the same in the USA?

I understand that there is currently some controversy in the UK over whether all equine technicians have the correct qualifications and training, especially if they traveled to the USA to train before training was provided in the UK. I have noticed that some technicians in the UK are now using electrical equipment. It would therefore seem important to acclimatize horses and ponies to the sound and feeling of this equipment. My experience was that my 12-year-old gelding, who has had

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March 11, 2016	English Tour date <a href="#">South View EC</a> , Cheshire East	UK
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March 19-20, 2016	Join Pat Roberts for the <a href="#">Wild at Heart Weekend</a>	USA
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March 21-23, 2016	Monty Roberts Certified Instructors' Meet-Up in England	UK
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April 30, 2016	<a href="#">Ohlstadt</a> Germany Tour	Germany
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July 17-21, 2016	<a href="#">Monty's Special Training</a> (translation in Portuguese)	USA
August 1-5, 2016	<a href="#">Monty's Special Training</a> at Flag Is Up Farms	USA
August 22-Sept. 2, 2016	<a href="#">Gentling Wild Horses</a> course at Flag Is Up Farms	USA



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## HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

**This week:**  
**Monty and Pat Roberts with John and Georgia Wiester on Team Penning, and Trainers Tip from Monty Roberts**

The Roberts and the Wiesters formed the World Championship Team Penning Association over 40 years ago and share laughs and memories of their first attempts at this equestrian sport, which takes its skills from Western ranching work. Our new Q&A segment kicks off with Jamie Jennings reading Monty's response to a question about intuition and body language.

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experience was that my 18yr old cob, who has had a difficult life and probably came originally from the Travelers, has never properly accepted clippers and reacts to anything new that she is not familiarized with yet a young technician, without my knowledge, was employed by the yard and tried to go straight into her stable and use electrical equipment on her. Of course the horse reacted.

Thankfully a subsequent visit from an older technician using manual methods went smoothly. Dot Roberts

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

"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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## SUCCEED: Digestive Health



"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.

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

by Join-Up International in Antigua Guatemala



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