



Wednesday February 10, 2016

Greetings!

MONTY ANSWERS

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 liveries were over-wintered in-doors. 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 liveries, 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 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

Answer:

Dear Dot, I agree with virtually all statements made in this question. I would add to the circumstances the fact that so much of the modern day feed is processed. Chopping, cubing and pelletizing are processes which remove the horses natural ability to masticate their food. The very fact that horses are often stabled steals from them the browsing that will assist in natural dentition. A part of this question would lead me to say that all equine dentists should be trained in a non-violent form of handling the horse for dental procedures. This is important even if electrical instruments are not involved. The addition of the sounds and tactile elements of electrical instruments make it all the more important that we should effectively desensitize before we do dental work.

Sincerely,
Monty

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Monty's Principles

See you in South Africa

I have always tried to follow the principles of Monty Roberts after watching his program many years ago on National Geographic and have read his book many times for inspiration. It has always been my dream to meet Monty and to see him at work!

Horses have always been my life and am blessed to be married to a wonderful wife who shares my passion for horses! For many years we have always worked with problem horses trying to help in our own way and only recently have we been able to live our dream of working with horses full time. We have through this work made a lot of friends and have been able to hopefully change the mindsets of some people on how to work with their horses and the results they can achieve with a gentle approach of pressure and reward. Many of our local horseman in and around our area of the Eastern Cape (South Africa) are doing things differently and we hope that we have made a difference in the lives of the horses starting through us.

Keep inspiring us Monty u are a true horseman to live and look up to! Would love to see you in action even possibly in South Africa!! There are many of us that could use some help and inspiration! Thank you.

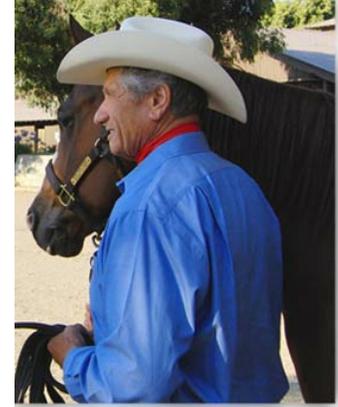
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THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY



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:

During your lifetime you have made enormous positive changes in your quest to leave the world a better place than you found it for horses and humans too. What would be your legacy wish for the continuation and propagation of your work worldwide?
Stuart Randell

Monty's Equus Online University lessons continue this week with: TRAINING WILD SPOOKY MUSTANGS: The Use of Altitude. [Watch the video now!](#)



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March 5, 2016	English Tour date Hadlow College , Kent	UK
March 11, 2016	English Tour date South View EC , Cheshire East	UK
March 19, 2016	English Tour date Kingston Maurward College with Martin Clunes , Dorset	UK
March 19-20, 2016	Join Pat Roberts for the Wild at Heart Weekend	USA
March 21, 2016	Horse Sense for Leaders at Flag Is Up Farms in California	USA
March 21-23, 2016	Monty Roberts Certified Instructors' Meet-Up in England	UK
April 9, 2016	Demonstration in Vilhelmsborg	Denmark
April 21, 2016	Zweibrücken Germany Tour	Germany
April 23, 2016	Darmstadt Germany Tour	Germany
April 30, 2016	Ohlstadt Germany Tour	Germany
May 5, 2016	Ebreichsdorf Austria Tour	Austria
May 7, 2016	Stadl-Paura Austria Tour	Austria
May 28-29, 2016	Johannesburg South Africa Tour	South Africa
June 4-5, 2016	Cape Town South Africa Tour	South Africa
July 17-21, 2016	Monty's Special Training (translation in Portuguese)	USA
August 1-5, 2016	Monty's Special Training at Flag Is Up Farms	USA
August 22-Sept. 2, 2016	Gentling Wild Horses course at Flag Is Up Farms	USA



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- Monty Roberts.

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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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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.

Horsemanship Radio Episode 57 by Index Fund Advisors IFA.com

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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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Monty on HRTV



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www.hrtv.com/MontyRobertsShow/

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/>

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HORSE SENSE FOR LEADERS NOW IN PAPERBACK!



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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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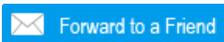


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Monty Roberts

