



Wednesday March 2, 2016

Greetings!

MONTY ANSWERS

Question:

I have a dream to rescue and rehabilitate mustangs, using your methods, and let them live out their lives on a semi wild sanctuary. I'd want to join up with each one so it would be trusting enough to receive care when needed, but I'd only need to train a few as riding horses. Do you think if the trained horses were handled and ridden often, would it be okay to let them run with the others when turned out? I'd hate to keep just a few separated while the rest get to roam and play together. I thought if they were handled and ridden regularly, and the herd was gentled (just not trained riding horses, as I wouldn't be able to keep all of them well ridden) the trained ones wouldn't go wild, but I'd like to know your opinion.

Thank you so much. You are my horsemanship mentor!

Answer:

Your ideas are wonderful. I certainly appreciate the direction your mind is going, primarily because these horses have been misunderstood for centuries. While your concepts are well meant, you must realize that working with mustangs can be extremely dangerous. It is not that the horses mean to hurt a human, but they feel compelled to act out as they perceive the necessity of volatile actions in order to survive.

My first recommendation to you is that you either get a very good education on handling wild horses, or you bring in a hands-on person who has been trained in gentling wild horses without violence. Your question hits the bulls eye as to why we have courses in our international school, taking up this very subject. It has been fun for me to watch talented young people come to understand how cooperative these animals can be.

Another consideration is that one must provide a facility which is as well designed as possible, to be effective in handling wild horses and keeping them safe. One could put SAFETY at the top of the list of prerequisites in the handling of mustangs. You probably know that I indeed love mustangs and have allowed them to be my mentors for well over 70 years now. It has been a center piece of my learning.

It just so happens that yesterday I turned a four-year-old mustang out in the field with Shy Boy. It appears they will get along fine. Shy Boy will not get wild again, and the younger, wilder one, will probably become better settled and accepting of human beings in his life. One should learn all of the nuances of handling mustangs before we set out having a very good cause but insufficient knowledge.

Do not, for one moment, believe that I am telling you that you don't have sufficient knowledge. You may be a genius at working with mustangs. It is possible that you have all the answers, but I have not met you, nor have I seen you work. It would be irresponsible of me to simply, casually encourage you to learn on the job. An injury to you would be blamed on these wonderful animals who mean no harm to us humans.

Sincerely,
Monty

THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY



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Monty's Principles

A Source of Strength

Dear Monty:

I read your book and was moved to write this. I am a 56 year old Navy Veteran who has lived and breathed horse since my first pony ride. I am also a lot African American and a little Cherokee and have endured prejudice and discrimination in my life often because of my passion for horses as it has taken me places where there have been few or usually no one of color but me.

I ride mainly English hunter/jumpers, though I have dabbled in barrel racing a stocky Off Track Thoroughbred (OTTB) mare and love trail riding which I prefer to do western or in an Australian type endurance saddle. I rescue OTTBs of which I currently have two though I have rescued many more as VP of a now defunct horse rescue.

I never give up and never have allowed prejudice or hardship to crush my dreams or spirit. I feel you will understand when I say you are a great inspiration to me and reading your story has become a source of faith and strength for me. I now listen to your story over and over on audio tape as I drive as it gives me a boost as I am going thru trying times.

Last year I started Equestrian Minorities now just a Facebook page but one day I hope to make it a place where young minorities can learn and become involved with horses. Thank You, for all you do for my equine friends and for inspiring and changing the world.

Sincerely,
Jan Scott



Monty's Equus Online University lessons continue this week with: TRAINING WILD SPOOKY MUSTANGS: Rubbing away the Fear. [Watch the video now!](#)



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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:

If you met a person who was skeptical about your methods, and you had the chance to demonstrate one thing to them to change their mind, what would you choose to show them and why?

GLOBE GALLOPING WITH MONTY ROBERTS

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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 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
TBD	Join Pat Roberts for the Wild at Heart Weekend	USA
TBD	Horse Sense for Leaders at Flag Is Up Farms in California	USA



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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

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

This week:
Dr. Karen Hanks helps horses find perfect form and Helena B takes a chance on Equus

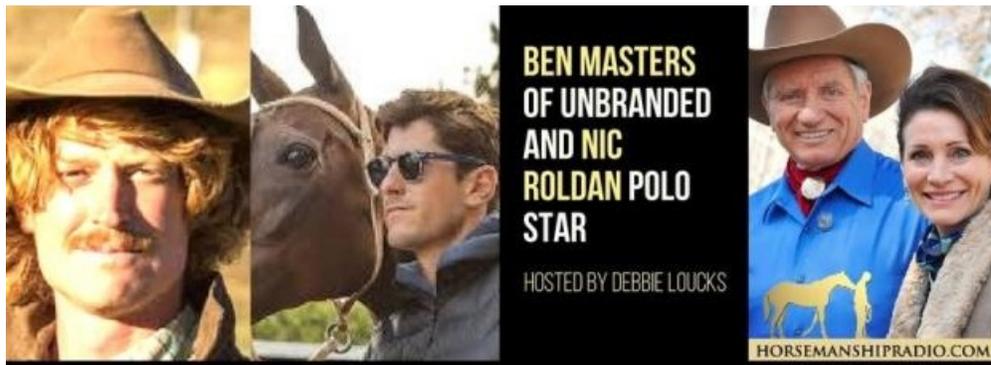
In high demand, Dr. Karen Hanks is called upon to keep world class athletes in good health and form. Stable Scoop Co-Host Helena B was skeptical whether she would achieve Join-Up with her horse Brody. Tip from Monty Roberts for the spooky horse.

Listen in...

<http://www.horsemanshipradio.com/2016/02/15/horsemanship-radio-episode-58-by-index-fund-advisors-ifa-com-dr-karen-hanks-helps-horses-and-helena-b-takes-a-chance-on-equus/>

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.

Up Next Monty Interviews Ben Masters and Nic Roldan!



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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](#)

Paperback \$9.99 <http://amzn.to/1jqmgBc>

Color Version \$19.99 <http://amzn.to/1h31Psj>

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

horses for many years now, with tremendous results." ~ Monty

See more:

<http://montyrobertsshop.com/collections/horse-health>

Monty on HRTV



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www.hrtv.com/MontyRobertsShow/

Horse & Country, UK



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<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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REDUCING VIOLENCE THROUGH WORKSHOPS WITH HORSES

by Join-Up International in Antigua Guatemala



Lead-Up International is a program based around workshops with horses in which youth at risk are introduced to calm and humane ways of interacting with horses. Participants discover non-violence for themselves and develop a new sense of peaceful leadership. Read more... <http://tinyurl.com/nfex8ub>



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Sincerely,
Monty Roberts

