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**Wednesday May 25, 2016**

Greetings! ,

This week, Monty answers a question about learning as an older horse trainer. Monty turned 81 years old this month, does he know everything there is to know about horses?

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### **Question**

You have been working many years with horses. Are there still challenges in your work?

### **Monty's Answer**

Certainly the answer to this question is a resounding yes. Of course there are challenges, and I now can testify that if we want to, we can learn no matter how old we are. The past month has been one of the most productive of my life in terms of learning.

Sincerely,  
Monty

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**MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY  
THIS WEEK'S EPISODE**

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This Online Lesson features a mare called Elle who didn't enjoy loading until she met Monty. Not a student yet? Click on the buttons below to Join-Up with thousands of horse lovers learning Monty's force-free and fun methods now.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Galloping the Globe with Monty Roberts. After tea with Monty in Lambourn, England, our next stop will be in South Africa. Then Monty will return to California to lead clinics and training programs at his spectacular Flag Is Up Farms.

**S. Africa**      May 28-29: Tour in Johannesburg  
                      June 4-5: Tour in Cape Town

**USA**              July 17-21: Monty's Special Training  
                          (with Portuguese translation)  
                          July 30: Night of Inspiration  
                          August 1-5: Monty's Special Training



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## **MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE**

Dear Monty,

Back in 1999, I had purchased your book "The Man Who Listens To Horses" for my Dad who had an interest in horses all his life. After he died I came across the book and of course kept it. I just finished reading it!

Just want to thank you for sharing your life story with the world that we could appreciate exactly what you have done for the horse world. It is truly an inspiring story...and also respect the fact that you were willing to share some of your more personal life both good and bad. I sense that you are a man of character who has so much to offer others.

Personally growing up I had a crazy love for horses and a couple friends who owned them which allowed me to ride. It was my favourite activity in my teen years. Had I been given the opportunity and privilege of living among horses on a ranch I know it would be my passion. However I developed severe allergies to horses and that was the end. Even now, at 62, I still feel excitement when I see a horse in full gallop in a movie or on TV or even a painting or the thought of wild horses in the desert. So your book was one that I could not put down easily.

As a young child for about 5 years my family lived in Southern California so some of the places named in your account were familiar to me.

It grieves me to think of the massive slaughter of wild horses in the past and right here in my own country of Canada the slaughter of horses for meat elsewhere. I cannot bring myself to watch the videos either but I have signed petitions etc. to govt. officials on their behalf. I'm not a fanatic but I see horses as intelligent graceful creatures who don't deserve to be on someone's dinner plate let alone in dog food!

Finally, perhaps you have heard of someone called Kim Meeder who has written books about their ranch for rescued and abused horses in Oregon, they pair a horse with a disadvantaged child...quite a service to the community! I just say this to say it is very good reading for one who loves horses.

Thank you again,  
Marion Gardiner



## **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](mailto: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**

Isn't it dangerous at your age to work with horses when they are wild and out of control?

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## **HORSEMANSHIP RADIO**



Richard Winters shares his new book "From Rider to Horseman." Richard was awarded the Western Equitarian Award for trainers in the Western riding disciplines who choose to train horses in the absence of violence. And Dr. Sue Cain has developed style assessments designed to help equestrians create breakthrough relationships with others and to help you better understand your horse. Jamie Jennings reads a Q&A from Monty's Inbox.

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## **REDUCING VIOLENCE THROUGH WORKSHOPS WITH HORSES IN ANTIGUA GUATEMALA**

Lead-Up International (Affiliate of Join-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.

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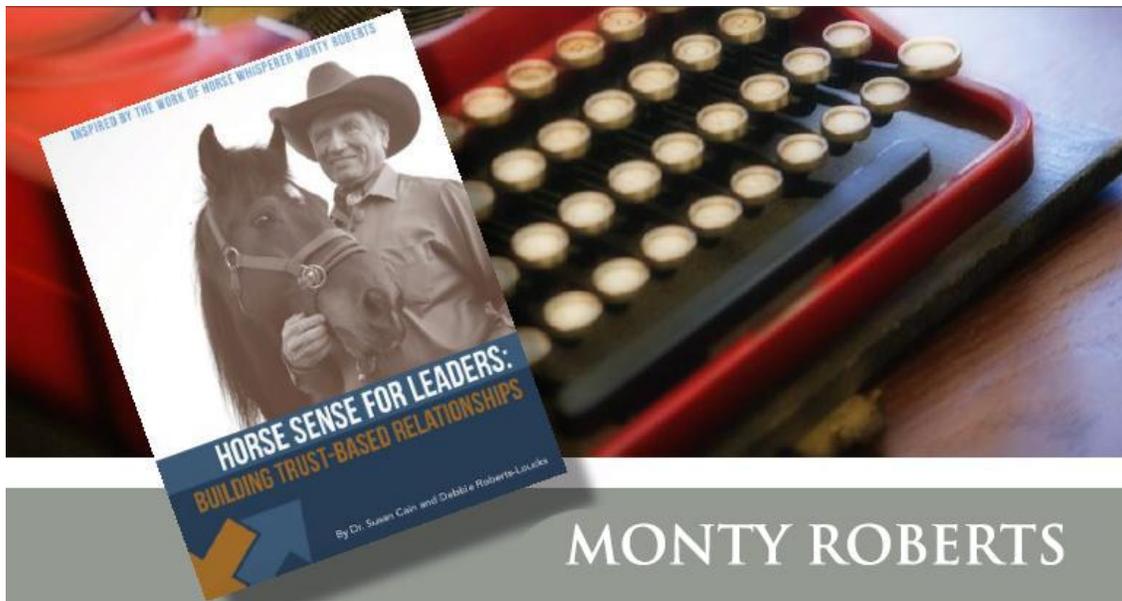
## **GIVING BACK TO VETERANS**



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## HORSE SENSE FOR LEADERS



Buying Monty's book, [Horse Sense for Leaders: Building Trust-Based Relationships](#), is another great way to support Monty in his efforts. We have a [Paperback Version](#) and a [Color Version](#). The Chief Scientific Officer for The Humane Society of the United States, Andrew Rowan, writes

"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."

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