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Greetings! ,

This week, Monty answers a question about *The Horse Whisperer* movie.

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## Question

There are probably many trainers who claim to be the true or original horse whisperer. *The Horse Whisperer* movie is said to be not the movie about Monty Roberts' life but that of another person. That person is said to be Buck Brannaman. Can you please give us an clear answer about that?

## Answer

Please let me address this first question by telling you what actually transpired after I met Queen Elizabeth II in April 1989. Her Majesty requested that I visit 21 separate UK cities. The Queen herself set up the people to host demonstrations in these locations. During my meeting with the Queen that April, she strongly requested that a book be written about my work. I began to write [The Man Who Listens to Horses](#).

During my 21 city tour, a man came to me from the audience, at Duchy College in Cornwall, England. He introduced himself as Nicholas Evans. He said that he was impressed with the demonstration and was motivated to write a book about this experience. I did not take him seriously on that evening. About two weeks later, I received a telephone call while in California. Once more, I was visiting with Nicholas Evans.

In the next few days I was in contact with the Queen, who adamantly asked me not to get involved with a novel. She wanted a book from me, that was truthful, and accurate. I informed Mr. Evans that I was not available for endorsing or advising on a book about my work. He was clearly not happy with me and said that he would contact a man that I knew very well. This man was an American called Tom Dorrance.

Mr. Dorrance communicated with me that he had read the manuscript and was not

interested in assisting in the writing of the book nor the production of the movie. He told me at that time, that he was recommending one of his students, called Buck Brannaman, to help with this effort. Later I was to learn that Mr. Brannaman was chosen and did assist in the setting up of the scenes for the movie called *The Horse Whisperer*.

Later I was contacted by the Disney Corporation who had purchased the rights to the movie. They asked me to attach my name to the book and the movie, as an endorser of the contents. The Queen very strongly advised me against doing that, and so it didn't happen. You should note that I do not whisper to horses anyway, and the man responsible for the term, John Solomon Rarey (1827-1866), worked for the Queen's grandmother, Queen Victoria.

Sincerely,  
Monty  
[The Man Who Listens to Horses](#)

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

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This online video lesson features Monty Roberts Certified Instructors Denise Heinlein and Jenny Ahlroth demonstrating the third step of Dually Halter training with two young horses. 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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Galloping the Globe with Monty Roberts. Monty is on his way back to California to lead summer clinics and training programs at his spectacular Flag Is Up Farms.

USA

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

[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)



### MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE

I just wanted to send a big thanks for making such great pod-casts with Horsemanship Radio!

I live in the south of Sweden and listen to your shows when driving to the stable. It such a great and inspiring start before working with my Icelandic Horse and I learn a lot. Swedes are often not as generous with their knowledge so I'm very happy to be able to learn from u guys. Keep up your good work!

p.s. Yesterday we did our first Join-Up and it went great.  
Greetings from a sunny Sweden,  
Paulina



## **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!

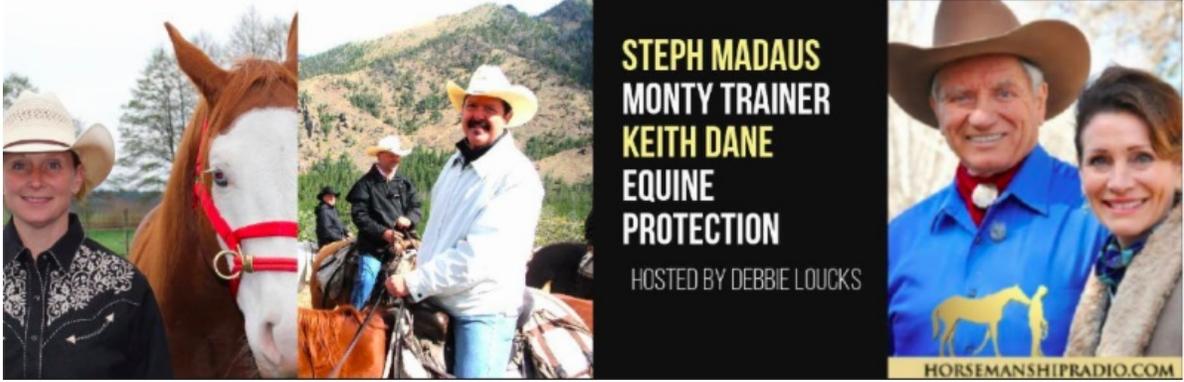
~ Monty

## **NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION**

Mr. Roberts' method is said to rely on body language. Is that true? From Indians, e.g. Lakota, it is said that they can communicate with horses in a different way, with spoken language. But there are no empirical proofs for that. I think that I was able to experience that twice in my life. But that is no proof, I just wanted to mention it. Maybe this is nothing special at all and many owners of animals "talk" with their animals, who don't answer in German or English but in their own way. What exactly can Mr. Roberts tell us about human-animal communications? Are there empirical findings about that? They can be scientific, psychological or statistic?

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## **HORSEMANSHIP RADIO**



Steph Madaus started in show jumping but became interested in Western Reining while studying Join-Up with Monty Roberts in California. She returned home to Germany and never dreamed she would live a fairy tale to train a European Champion, Shine My Gun. Also, Keith Dane updates us on equine protection. Monty's Tip answers a question about the tongue over the bit.

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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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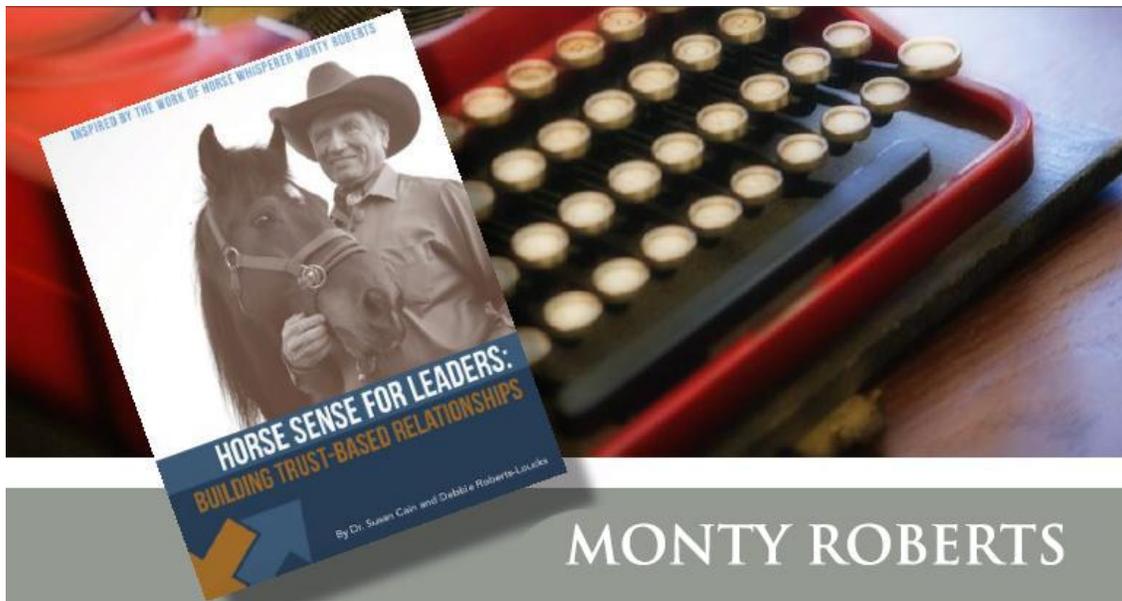
## GIVING BACK TO VETERANS



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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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