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**Wednesday June 22, 2016**

Greetings! ,

This week, Monty answers a question about communicating with horses.

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## **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?

## **Answer**

As a German citizen, it is likely that you have been affected by the writings of Karl May. I have been told that Mr. May wrote about the native North Americans who communicated with horses. I was told by respected individuals in the publishing industry that Karl May wrote his books while in prison in Germany. I have been advised that he died in prison and his mother had his books published with Mr. May never being in America.

In addition let me advise you that I have worked for years with a man called John Grinder. He is a co-founder of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP). Mr. Grinder has advised me not to use the word "language" when referring to communication between human and horse. He reminds me that language tends to refer to the spoken word with syntax. That is not what I do, but in fact I use gestures that clearly evoke predictable responses from the horses.

Sincerely,  
Monty

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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 Dually Dance. 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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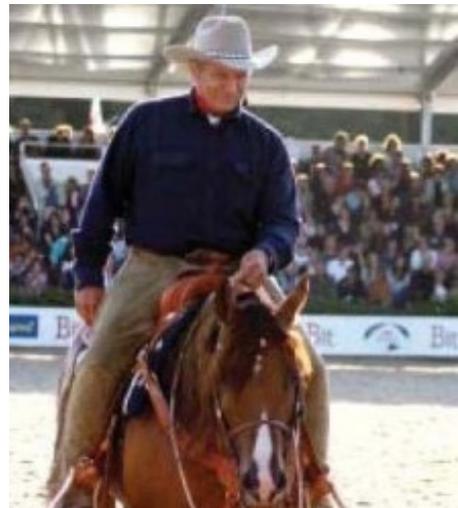
### UPCOMING EVENTS

Galloping the Globe with Monty Roberts. 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**

Hey there, saw you on Carte Blanche and was inspired to see, read and listen some more. I almost got up in my living room and clapped and cheered. You are amazing. The world needs many more like you. Personally, I am a bit scared of riding horses, I always say that I have never met a horse that looks like it wants a rider. But I always seek them out to pet them and try to connect. I look forward to reading and watching your work. Perhaps I will overcome my fear. Thank you for your life's work.

Sue Human

Port Elizabeth, South Africa.



## **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

I only want to support the good treatment of animals, but I am a novice horseman and need to know why your method is sometimes discussed as not being gentle. I don't mean to provoke you, but I want to know why people would say this if it wasn't true. Are there even more gentle developments of those methods?

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## HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Tessa Horan is developing pathways between Monty's methods and classical dressage through non-violent communication. Monty Roberts Instructors Anna and Szabi have partnered to raise great working horses in Hungary. And meet a five-year-old girl who traveled 175 miles horseback on a Kunfako horse.

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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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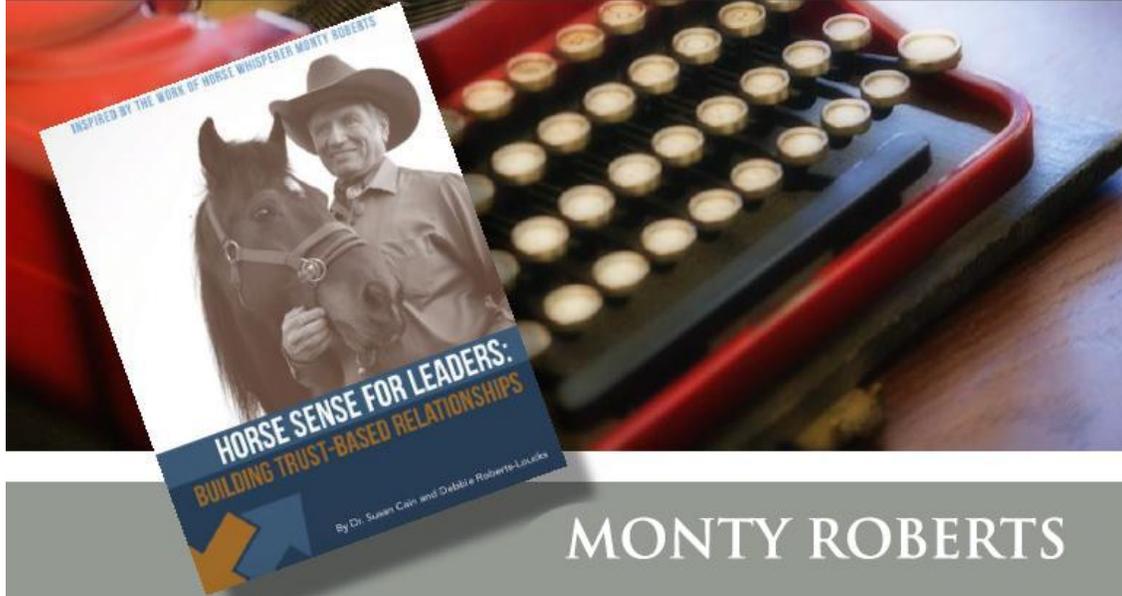
## GIVING BACK TO VETERANS



Help support our war veterans and first responders by using [Our Link](#) to shop on Amazon Smile. Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of your purchase price to Monty's non-profit, Join-Up International. Through Join-Up International Monty is able to provide free clinics for war veterans, rescues horse, and more. You can also make a donation directly to Join-Up International [Here](#).

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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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