



Wednesday June 29, 2016

Greetings! ,

This week, Monty answers a question about Join-Up as an effective and gentle horse training method.

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?

Answer

Whatever discipline one considers, there will be critics especially in this day and age of computer sciences. They will often sound like a mighty army while they may be a small group of totally uninformed human beings. I could write a book on the misconceptions of people regarding aspects of communication between human and horse. Please let me advise you that I simply do my work and the horses or the humans respond to it.

Sincerely,
Monty

[The Man Who Listens to Horses](#)

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



This online video lesson focuses on riding your horse forward through lead changes. 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

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

Hi Monty! I did it...managed to get on a horse, and even had my first shot at a rising trot! I was scared but tried to relax into it as we went. Been a good start anyway...and great to take a leap outside my comfort zone. The horses will help me to learn to control my emotions...fingers crossed. Thank you for the inspiration!

Iona Stephens



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

Has the method of Mr. Roberts ever been evaluated? If so, when and by whom? How and where?

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.

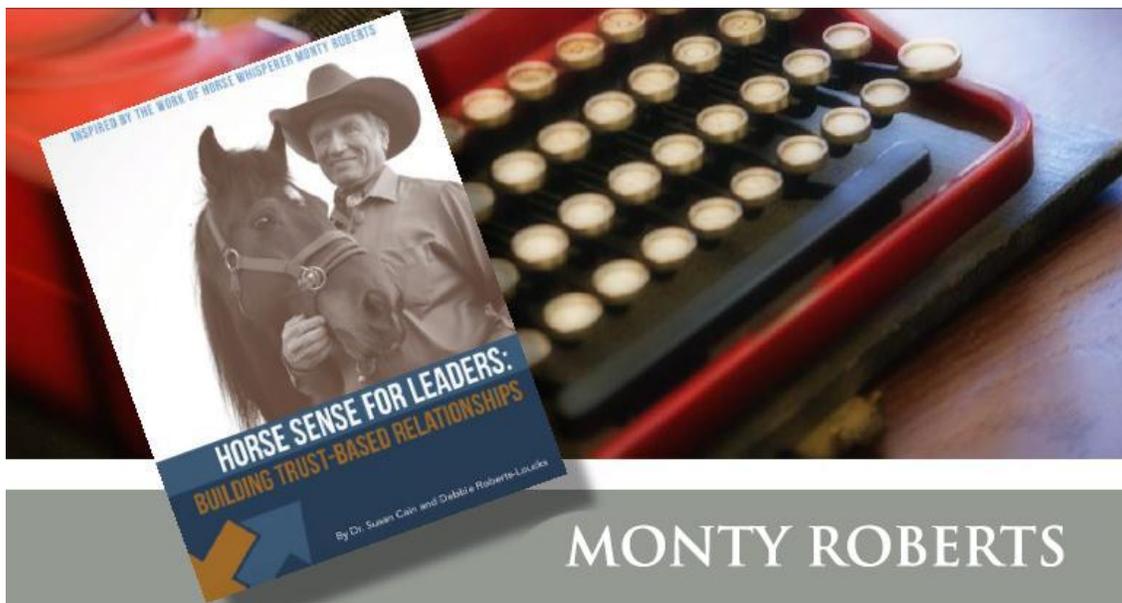
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HORSE SENSE FOR LEADERS



MONTY ROBERTS

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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