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**Wednesday August 3, 2016**

Greetings! ,

This week, Monty answers a question about the characteristics all horses share.

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### **Question**

What would you say is the most pronounced characteristic of a horse's personality, if you were to generalize? (The single thing that humans should keep in mind when dealing with horses)

### **Answer**

The word "flight" comes to mind immediately upon hearing this question. Every horse owner should be mindful that the horses action or "misbehavior" may be fear based and not an act of defiance.

Horses do not want violence in their life. They devour no other animal, live as hyper-vigilant flight animals with only two goals in life. The only goals a horse can have is to survive, and to reproduce. They are extremely uncomplicated and would much prefer to have a partnership than to be demanded from.

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 body language that you can use to communicate with your horse. 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 back in California to lead summer clinics and training programs at his spectacular Flag Is Up Farms.

### USA

August 22-September 2: Gentling Wild Horses  
September 9: Horse Sense for Leaders  
September 10: Night of Inspiration  
September 24-25: Riding with Respect



[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

# Golden Jubilee Summer Offer

To Celebrate the 50th year of Flag Is Up Farms, we offer you as much valuable instruction as possible with this comprehensive course package at a special Jubilee price. We invite you to come benefit from a lifetime of knowledge that Monty and his team have to share.



## The "Hands-On" Package

3 Courses: Join-Up, Long Lining and Gentling Wild Horses

Tuition \$3,500 • a \$5,100 value

Experience communication with horses in their silent language of gestures during the **Join-Up Course**. Follow up in the **Long Lining Course**, learning how to use the lines safely and with dexterity. Then join Monty and his team for our 2 week **Gentling Wild Horses Course**, working directly with unhandled horses. Every effort is made to ensure your safety through careful consideration of your horse handling skills.

**August 8 - 13 and August 22 through September 2, 2016** (one week apart)



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

Monty,  
I am by no means an expert, I am just a backyard horseman (woman).  
But I truly have valued your training in the past and hope I can pass it on to my kids  
and grandkids.  
The world between humans and horses is a better place because of you.  
Karen L. Scott



## **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

Have you found that people in different countries and cultures have different or interesting ways of dealing with horses? Or is there a "universal horse language?"

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## HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Desiree Smith-Johnson has been a successful three-day eventer, galloped race horses, been a model and also owns Smooth Stride Riding Jeans with her husband Eric. Lee and Hallie Hanssen are trainers, agents, breeders and competitors at the highest levels on Barrel Futurity Horses talk about their program for success. Jamie Jennings reads Monty's Tip about fear of clippers.

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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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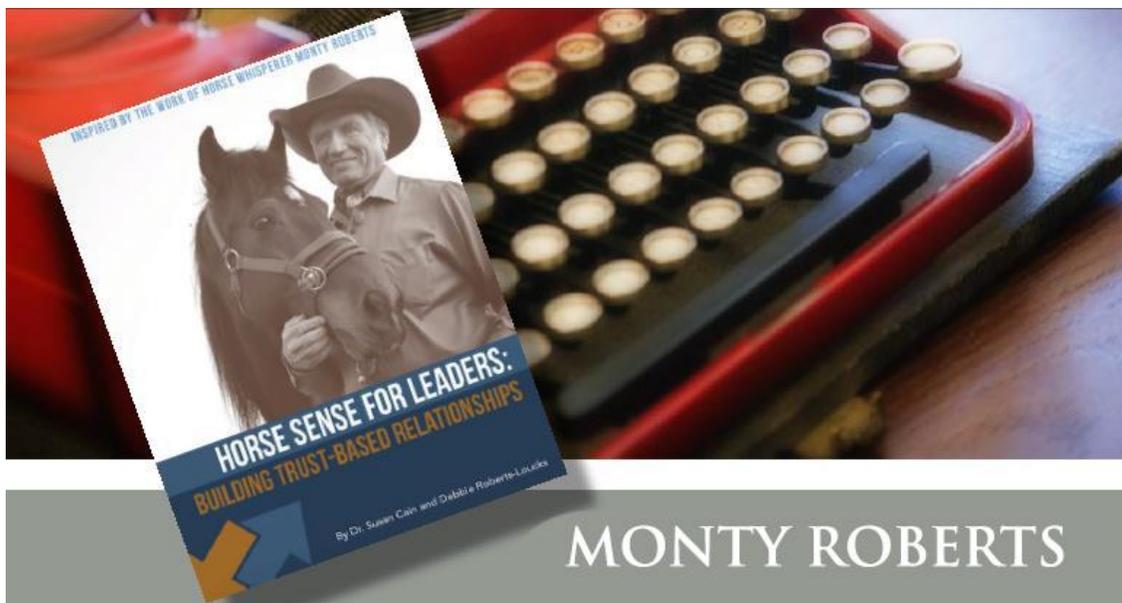
## GIVING BACK TO VETERANS



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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