



Wednesday August 10, 2016

Greetings! ,

This week, Monty answers a question about the body language of horses.

Question

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

Answer

As a matter of fact, I do believe that there is a universal horse language, but I have to say that we human beings approach our horses with what seems to be millions of different ideas. As long as I see that there is no violence in the methods people use with their horses, and the results are positive and fair to the horse, then I don't think there is any harm in diversity. I have spent a lifetime interacting with horses and have quantified the gestural communication system of horses in my textbook [From My Hands to Yours](#).

Sincerely,

Monty

[The Man Who Listens to Horses](#)

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



This online video lesson focuses on why it is important to allow horses to make mistakes. 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 10: Night of Inspiration
September 24-25: Riding with Respect

October 15: Myerscough College
October 21: Hartpury College

UK

October 26: Merrist Wood College
October 29: The Grange E.C.
November 3: Bishop Burton College
November 5: Arena UK



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MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE

Dear Mr. Monty Roberts,
Thank You so very much for what you do to help the world of horses worldwide. The world is a much better place because you are here and the world of horses in general. I have all of your books, not the children book though about Shy Boy. I have loved and really enjoyed them all. I even have a couple of them signed by you. I was wondering are you going to release any more books any time soon? Are you done writing for now?

Thank You,
Cowboy Ty

Editor's Note: Monty is working on an updated autobiography since [The Man Who Listens to Horses](#) was published in 1996 and much has been accomplished since then.



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

We hear all of the time how we can dull our horses to the aids by using them incorrectly. Correct placement and timing are essential or the horse just learns to ignore our leg, hand or seat. Can we "dull" a horse to the language of Equus? Could someone take Shy Boy for example, and by using the language of Equus incorrectly, teach him to ignore the "cues?"

FROM OUR READERS

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

Answer by Stuart Randell:

The horse is an in to pressure flight animal, that thrives on gentle, violence free, consistent training with ritualistic habituation.

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.

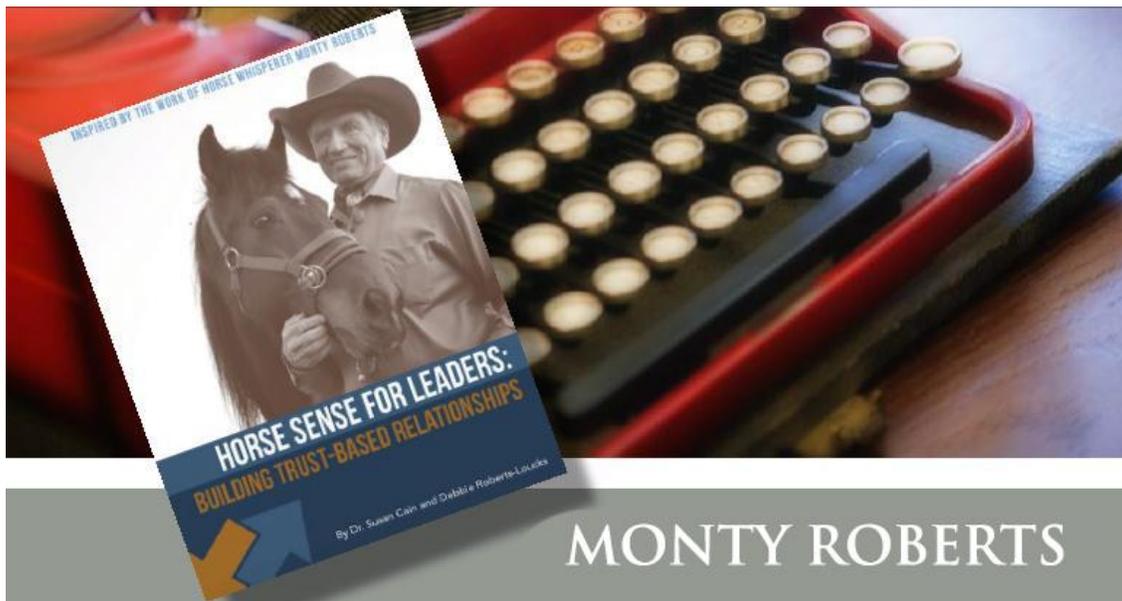
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HORSE SENSE FOR LEADERS



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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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