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**Wednesday August 17, 2016**

Greetings! ,

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

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### **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 teach a horse, like Shy Boy for example, to ignore the cues by using the language of Equus incorrectly?

### **Answer**

It is a greater worry with me that a student would conduct Join-Up® sessions over and over again without observing closely whether or not they are working. It is **not** a strong consideration with me that a novice can harm a horse with incorrect motions. The horse still knows his language and simply waits for us to get it right.

You need only to achieve 4 to 10 Join-Ups with a horse, more than that could become annoying to a horse, much like a too often repeated story. After these few Join-Ups, one should aim to live by the principles of Join-Up. The principles are found in the language of Equus, which is gestural.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monty', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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

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This online video lesson focuses on how to train a horse to stand still for bathing. 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.



Reminder: In the UK, Equus Online students get free early entry with their paid tickets and student IDs, which can be found inside their Equus Online profiles. For tour dates, go here:

[http://www.montyroberts.com/ab\\_about\\_monty\\_calendar/see-monty/](http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/)

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## 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

[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

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

Hello,  
My name is Łukasz Łanecki. I come from Poland.  
I'm writing this e-mail because I would like to thank you for everything you have done to help people learn how to understand the horses. It shows me the way how to understand the horses.  
All the best,  
Lukasz



### **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**

Dear Monty,

I know people who say they find out a lot about horses' temperaments and personalities by "reading" their facial features. They say that things like swirls, eye shape, or Roman nose versus dished face can tell you if a horse is naturally sensitive, exceptionally intelligent, likely to be stubborn or hardy, and so on. Do you think this is true? Can you actually "read" a horse's face to discover things about its personality and needs?

Your grateful online student,  
Aiyana

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## **HORSEMANSHIP RADIO**



Ever wondered what your horse thinks of you? Today we hear why so many talented trainers from around the world want to learn how to understand horses. Denise Heinlein, Head Instructor at the International Learning Center in California, gathers an amazing group of young trainers to assist Monty Roberts with the extreme courses upcoming at Flag Is Up Farms. Jamie Jennings shares Monty's description of a pocket knife designed for the horseman.

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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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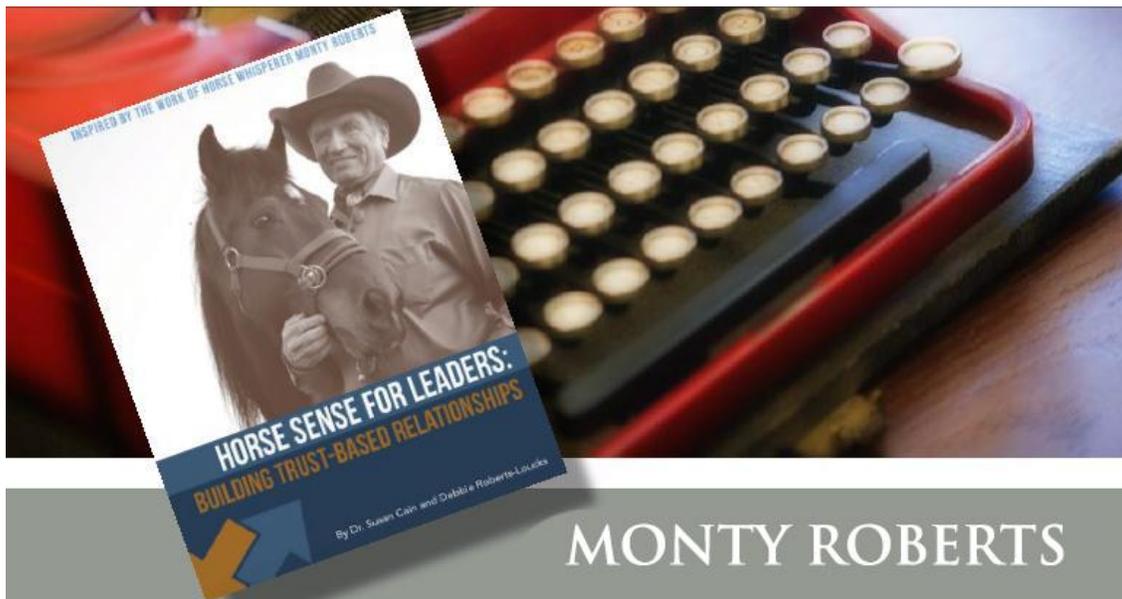
## GIVING BACK TO VETERANS



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, rescue horses, 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](#).

"Are leaders born or made? Follow the life of New York Times Best Selling Author and Horse Whisperer, Monty Roberts in the book *Horse Sense for Leaders*. Discover how Monty's life events shape his leadership style. Then, take our Trust Based Leadership Assessment to find out your own leadership style, and how to capitalize on your own



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