



Wednesday August 24, 2016

Greetings! ,

This week, Monty answers a question about the facial characteristics and personality traits of horses.

Question

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, Roman nose versus dished face, etc. 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 their personality and needs?

Answer

There are many people who come to me with these theories regarding expressions, swirls and other anatomical features. I simply don't want to disagree with these individuals but I have not found any of these features to have a great deal of importance.

Personally, I have had outstanding horses with a lot of white around their eye and incredibly inept ones with beautiful white-free eyes. Further, I have never found that the swirls have told me much about a horse's personality. If one finds value in these indicators, use them. I don't think there is any harm in it in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Monty' in a cursive, flowing style.

MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE



This online video lesson focuses on how to prepare a horse to load safely and willingly. 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/

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

UK

October 15: Myerscough College
October 21: Hartpury College
October 26: Merrist Wood College
October 29: The Grange E.C.
November 3: Bishop Burton College
November 5: Arena UK

[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)



MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE



Ken's experience at the Night of Inspiration with Monty and Shy Boy (pictured above) encouraged him to adopt and gentle Monte and Ellie. This is their story.

Three years after that event, Night Of Inspiration, we acquired Monte and Ellie, from the BLM online adoption. Many setbacks in the interim, but with perseverance the adventure continues. Wild horses are simply incredible. Thank you, Monty! Thank you for what you have brought to horsemanship and humanness. You have certainly made our small world a better place for both horses and humans alike.

Respectfully,
Ken Folz



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

Dear Monty,
What can I do to help my horse become more balanced? I have had him a month and he is a nightmare to ride, not what I had in mind at all. He has changed, he is unbalanced in the school and keeps wanting to bolt and spooking when hacking? What can I do to help this? Shall I try little agility courses to build his confidence up? I'm stuck and losing confidence.
Thank you,
Natascha

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.

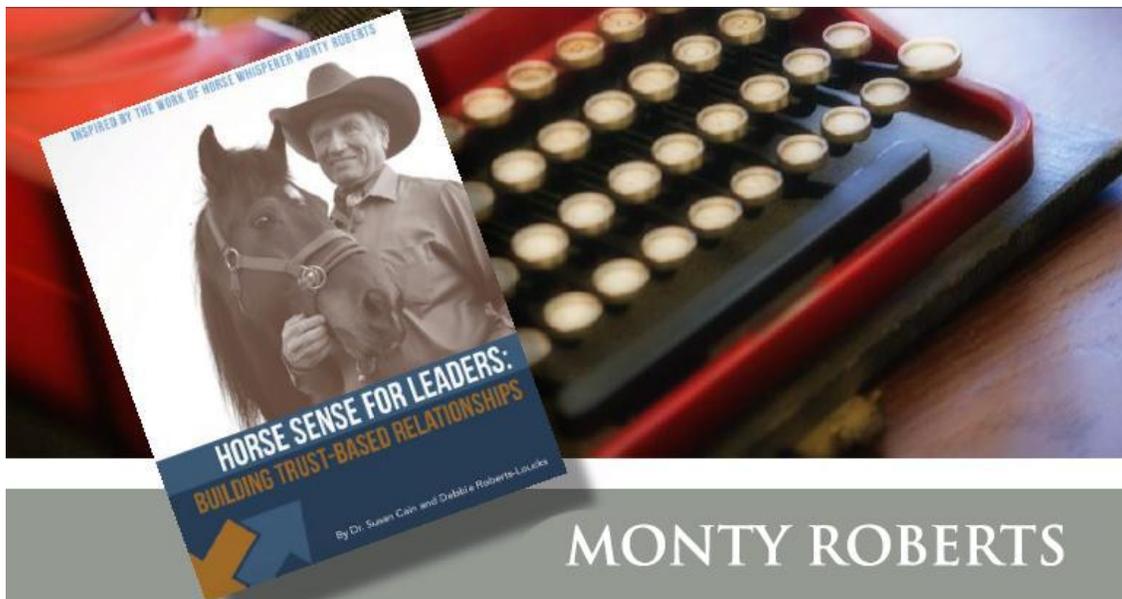
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HORSE SENSE FOR LEADERS



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](#).

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