



Wednesday September 7, 2016

Greetings! ,

This week, Monty answers a question about gentling wild or untouched horses.



Above: Students in a recent Gentling Wild Horses Course receive their rosettes from Monty Roberts after participating for 10 days at the Monty Roberts International Learning Center at Flag Is Up Farms.

Question

I live in mainland Greece and rescued a mare and foal in February this year. They are a breed of horse called Thessalian and I think the foal is an Aravani (pacer). They were both in very bad condition but have improved greatly since they have food and water. The foal is now 8 months old and I can easily halter her and also pick up her feet. The mare has an old injury of a broken pelvis, which the vet thinks was from a rope injury whilst she was hobbled. It must have been left untreated and has healed badly.

However, I have two questions please.

1) Would it be helpful to the mare to do some gentle schooling as I cannot ride her? If so, what would you suggest that I do?

2) I would eventually like to ride the foal and I don't want to build up any problems in the future by being too hands on now. What is your advice with regard to working or interacting with the foal over the next few years before she's started?

Answer

Thank you for your question. It is so appropriate for me right now because I am on the course called [Gentling Wild Horses](#). Along with this live course with real, live horses I might suggest to you that my textbook [From My Hands to Yours](#) is loaded with ideas involving the Gentling Process. The [Dually Halter](#) has a prominent chapter in this book and is a mainstay in the process of leading and handling. I just completed teaching courses where we had three extremely wild, untouched horses that advanced to being led and allowing their feet to be picked up in three days of about 30 minutes per day.

In these three days Join-Up and Follow-Up was achieved and each horse allowed for haltering and leading. In addition to the book, the [Equus Online University](#) is loaded with videos that actually show many of the procedures we consider extremely helpful with the very questions you pose. These elements are impossible to just simply write out in answer form as they are procedural in nature and not conducive to a few words to answer the questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Monty', enclosed within a large, stylized loop.

MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY
THIS WEEK'S EPISODE



This online video lesson shows Monty evaluating a horse who's afraid of clippers. 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/



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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

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



I don't know anything empirical about talking to horses - or other animals. But I know from my experience of my horse, and my dogs, that we talk. They, mostly in energy and body language, but it's unmistakable-they are communicating with me. Me?

I sometimes have to rely on words. In the best moments there is a Gestalt-an animal and I are mentally in sync-not necessarily in agreement, but in sync. Agreement grows with trust. To be in agreement, alignment, with an animal means, to me, that we have reached an understanding, chosen, not forced on either one.

It reminds me of Shy Boy coming back. He knew, and Monty knew. You both chose. A dream of my life is to meet you and your team, Mr. Roberts, and to meet Shy Boy. I appreciate all you have done for horses and humans, and all I could learn from you just in one meeting. I hope to get to Flag Is Up Farms one day!



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

A halter with knots in it seems like a humane way to discipline horses. What is your opinion of knotted halters?

Ken

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Priscilla Presley speaks about riding horses at Graceland and how much they meant to Elvis Presley and her. She shares her hopes for passing laws to better protect the Tennessee Walking horse breed. Keith Dane, Senior Adviser on equine protection tells us how we can help. Listen in and hear how Elvis surprised Priscilla with a horse for Christmas.

[**SPECIAL EPISODE | LISTEN HERE**](#)



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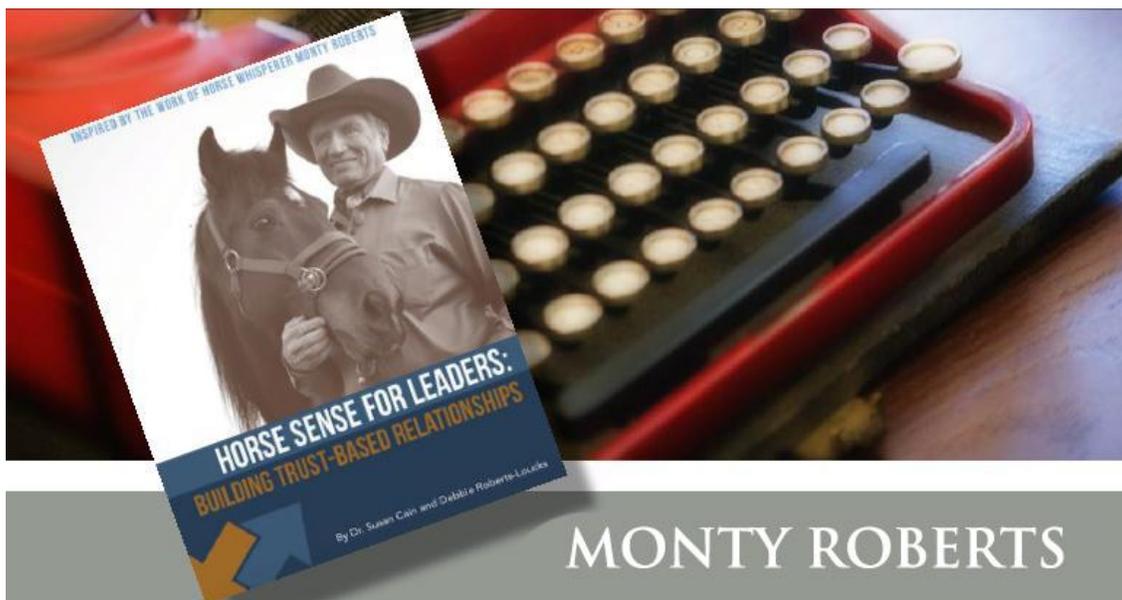
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HORSE SENSE FOR LEADERS



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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