

Wednesday October 12, 2016

Greetings! ,



Does Monty work with horses that refuse to load up? Find out in this week's question and answer column below.

Question

Good Afternoon Mr Roberts,

I can imagine you get inundated with emails everyday with people who have issues with their horses but I do hope you take the time to read this.

My name is Hope and I am from a little village in North Wales (little village but a long name: Garndolbenmaen). Around 5 years ago I purchased a Thoroughbred Mare named Orphan Annie. Her name was a result of her mother sadly passing away whilst giving birth to Annie. She was originally bred to race but never made a career out of it. Her first year with us included putting weight on her, treating the rain scaled and getting her to trust us. She was a nightmare to lead into the field and had many times pinned either my mum or I in the corner of a stable and once broke my mothers ribs and foot. I, however, was determined to get her broken in and rideable. It may have taken us a few years but now we can enjoy taking her for a ride and lead her into a field without any issues (although we are still a little cautious of her!). However, there is an issue with getting her into a trailer which is a shame as this little Mare has a lot of potential to do well.

I have tried many techniques including the following:

Rope behind her

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Halters

Food

Blindfolding

Fencing on either side of the ramp

A new, larger trailer with more windows to allow more light in

Leaving the trailer in a field with her

Patrician out

Our other horse in the trailer

As you can see I have tried many things but I can't seem to get her in. She is happy to get her feet on the ramp and stand there but as soon as you put a little pressure from the front or back she will either rear up or pull back off the ramp and we have to start the process again. When we do finally get her in she is relaxed and travels well but the daunting fear of having to get her back in to go home looms over us which means we no longer take her to places. She shows no fear and when I have worked with her and the trailer will lick and chew. I have stood in my trailer crying and begging for her to get in but nothing seems to work and I am now running out of options. Is she being stubborn or is there a fear behind all of this that I haven't noticed?

Mr Roberts, I have always admired the work you do (so much so I read your autobiography when I was in school while all the other girls were reading chick flicks), I have been to your shows and cried every time you joined up with a horse, I have your autograph and have followed your instructions from your books. I want my Mare to trust me and get into the trailer so I can take her to lessons and competitions and show her off to the rest of the world. If you ever find yourself in the UK or near Wales would you please kindly consider visiting me and showing me how I can overcome this?

I look forward to your reply.

Kind Regards

Hope

Answer

Dear Hope,

Your name intrigues me and I believe that you send your letter through in the true hope that I can help you. If you only knew how many letters I get that are similar to yours you would be shocked. Please remember that I have now done over 2,800 non-loaders in front of public audiences without a failure.

You are clearly misunderstanding some of my recommendations. I think it's time that we specifically deal with these problems one-on-one. I will be at Myerscough College near Preston on the 15th and then Hartpury College, Gloucester on the 21st October. It would be my pleasure to help you on one of these evenings.

If it's possible to bring your horse remember that I tell each owner that if I can't load the horse then I am obligated to ride it home for you. I will not only load your horse, but I will cause your horse to load herself. Please give me a chance to help you through this situation. It will be my pleasure to get her right.

On the [Intelligent Horsemanship website](#) you will find a form to apply to bring your horse to a demonstration. Please complete this form indicating that you have been in contact with me. If you cannot bring your horse, I look forward to meeting you at one of my demonstrations where you will see my methods in action. No force, no food, no blindfolding, just pure communication.

Sincerely,



MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE

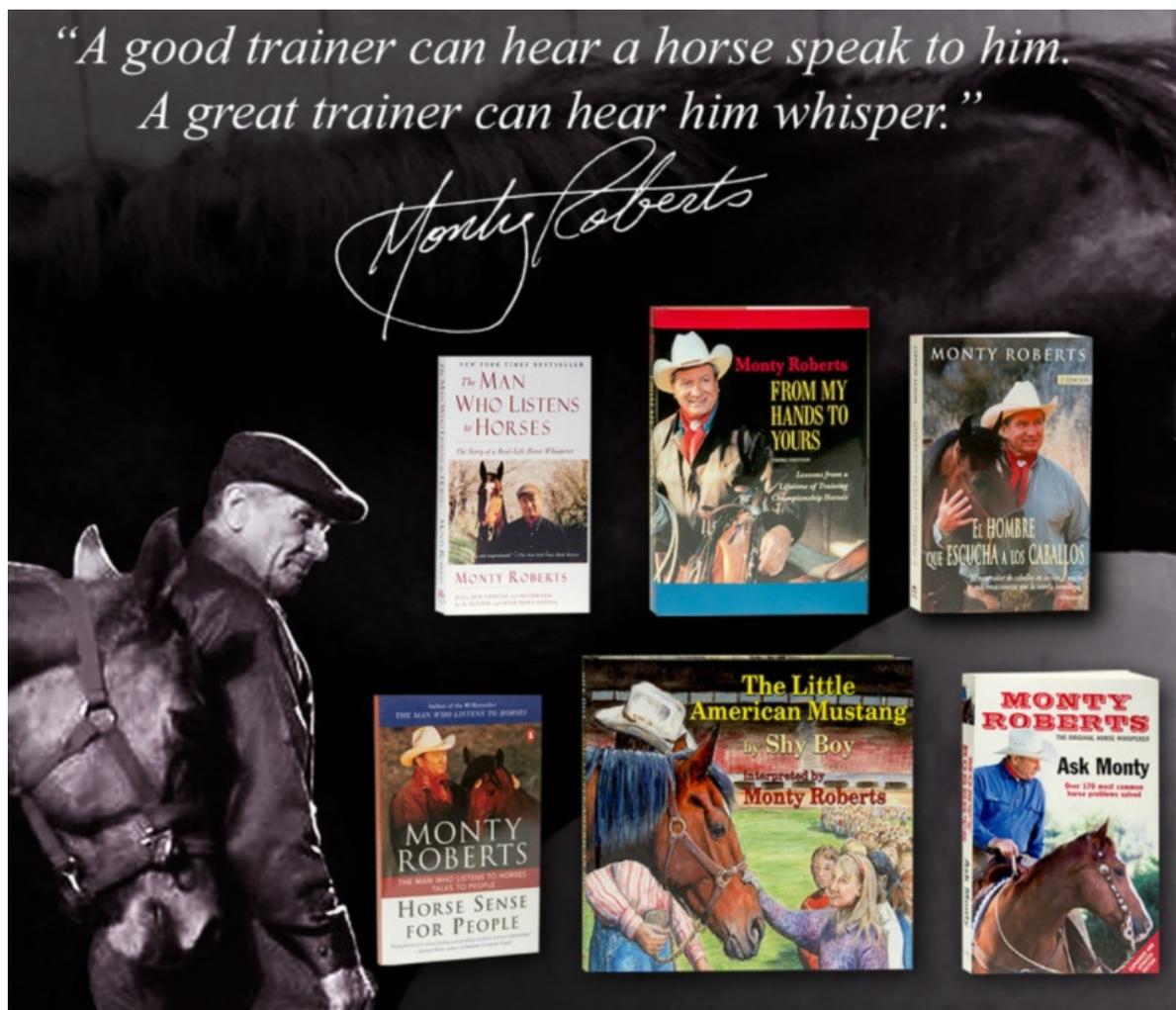


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http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/



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Catherine J.

Verified Buyer 01/20/2016



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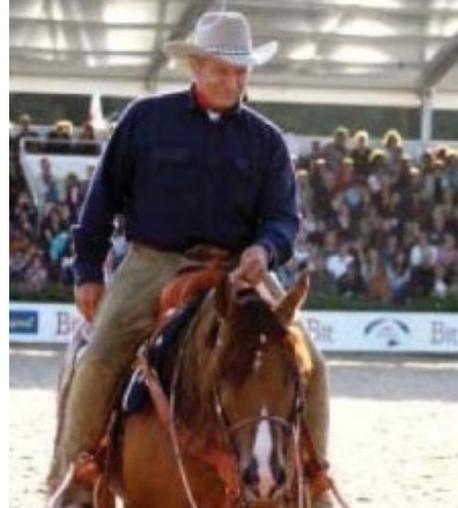
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Galloping the Globe with Monty Roberts. Monty is preparing to leave for his next tour of the UK.

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
November 12: Your Horse Live



[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

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



Dear Monty,

Many years ago we had the privilege of meeting you when you came to Calgary Alberta, Canada. Your way of working with horses changed everything we knew and did working with horses and for us was the only way to build a partnership with our horses. Several years after that meeting while working with our three year old mare she did something she had never done, she threw my husband twice within 10 minutes. This gave me a really good scare and has left me with far less confidence when it comes to riding.

Now several years later we have rescued a beautiful Appaloosa mare who is now four, we were very successful in join up and building trust. We have had several lessons with an excellent trainer who fondly refers to her as Saucy Trixie and she was given several weeks in training with his group. He has really been the only one up on her and she has done well. I have no problem doing ground work with her and we have a great connection however it is now time to progress to us riding her and to be honest I am apprehensive and anxious over that next step. How something that didn't even happen to me so many years ago has affected me this way is unsettling. What can I do to change this? If I can't get past this I am afraid I will never ride her. Any ideas or suggestions?

Thank You,
Debbie Gibson



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 recently acquired a rescue horse, who is about 12 to 14 years old. She seems to have good ground manners, and doesn't seem to be spooked by much. Since she is new to us, should we use a Join-Up session with her, or is this unnecessary at this point? I love your non-violent methods and am currently watching all of your training videos so that I can use them myself.

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

Leading National Reined Cow Horse trainer Todd Bergen tells us how he consistently trains champions who are relaxed with long careers and lifelong horsewoman Kim McCarthy talks about keeping several barns producing champions. Jamie Jennings reads Ask Monty Q&A.



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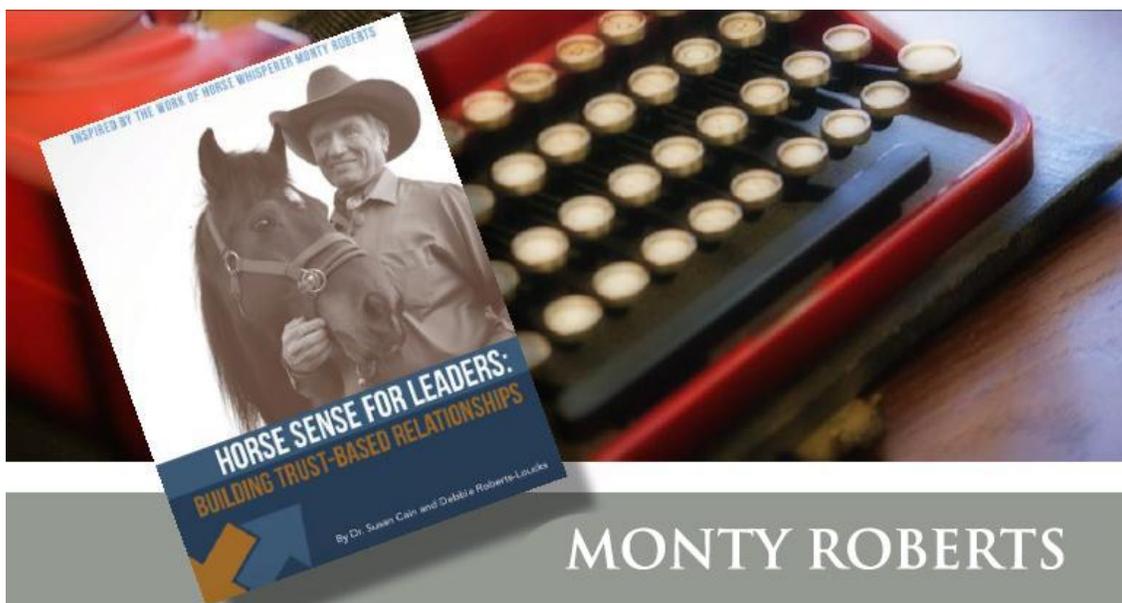
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HORSE SENSE FOR LEADERS



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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](#).

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