



Wednesday November 2, 2016

Greetings! ,



Follow-Up by Anita W. Hopcia - Professional Photography

Question

Dear Monty,

I want to thank you for your training techniques, they may have saved my little mustang mare's life. I bought her three years ago as a wild, untouched, BLM mustang. Through your techniques I was able to gentle her, gain her trust and help her overcome her fears. Two nights ago we had a terrible lightning storm with two strikes

directly over and behind our house. The next morning I found my little mare severely wounded when she tried to run through the fence.

I haven't mastered the technique of teaching her to get in a trailer but I got her, a couple of years ago, to get in the trailer to eat, but I only did that for about a week. Needless to say I needed to get her to a vet asap. With the help of my husband and a good neighbor she loaded and we got her treated. She's never been off the farm and I worried the stress of being injured, going to an unfamiliar place and having medical treatment would be too much for her but we had no choice.

She was such a trooper and so well behaved even when she wasn't sedated. I couldn't believe how brave and trusting she was! She required shaving, wound probing, a drain tube in her head, several shots but not once did she put up a fuss! After the vet was done, we needed to get her loaded again. She resisted only for a minute until the vet walked up behind her and gave her a gentle push and she stepped right in!

Thank you for all that you taught me and I was able to teach her, she's such an awesome little horse! Keep up the good work, you're such an inspiration to us, we love you and your work!

Kleinne Ponath
Utah, USA

Answer

Dear Kleinne,

I suppose it is most appropriate to answer this email with three words. Congratulations, congratulations and congratulations. To compare your story with some of them that I receive is just an outright joy that causes me to keep working hard and trying to get the world to realize that violence is never the answer. You have become a new hero for me and I would love to have permission to reprint your email of endorsement.

On this day I have answered several questions regarding horses that have suffered the acts of violent training. Unfortunately some people still think that it is a necessary part of dealing with these wonderful animals. You have obviously taken the time to learn the concepts of violence-free training and it has ultimately given you a great reward. It is hard to thank you enough for your months of work and for your success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monty", enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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UK

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MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE



From Monty's Living Legend Tour (UK)

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Did the mounting exercise with my boy who has been swinging his bottom out for 12 years with me when I go to get on and he stood still waiting for me to get on but is still walking off when mounted so some more work to do but massive progress.

Lorraine Brown

Inspirational... hoping to use the techniques on a difficult Andalusian mare after she has foaled and on the foals to ensure they have a good start to their education :)

Louise Christina

First time I've been to a demo and really enjoyed it! Thanks :D

Beccy Jones



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

I have a five-year-old Thoroughbred who is a darling. She recently had a leg injury which required intensive treatment a leg cast for seven days and then skin grafts. She is now all healed apart from she refuses to lift the left hind (injury was on the right hind).

She appears to be sound in the field I can touch it etc. She will occasionally rest the right hind so is able to weight bear through that leg. She will lift a couple of inches with difficulty then immediately slam it back down. No problem previously still under vet so pain has been excluded.

The problem is we are unable to trim her feet safely let alone pick it out. Tried to persistently work on it unsuccessfully to the point we are considering she may need put to sleep if basic care cannot be given safely.

I don't know where else to turn for advice as the vets and farrier are also at a loss.

Gillian Caldwell



ONLINE REVIEW: DUALLY HALTER

Dear Monty Roberts:

I saw the review regarding the Dually Halter. I did want to concur with the writer about this halter. I have an 23 year old Arabian mare who disliked the new veterinarian I was using after I moved. For some reason my mare would pin her ears when the veterinarian came near her. She would not cooperate when she had her inoculations (the veterinarian I used prior to this seemed to get along with this mare).

Her other issue was to walk past me when I was leading her even when I made her back up and not pass me. She would comply keeping in her space, but once out of the round pen or the next day, she would return to the same behaviors. So I purchased a Dually halter to try it.

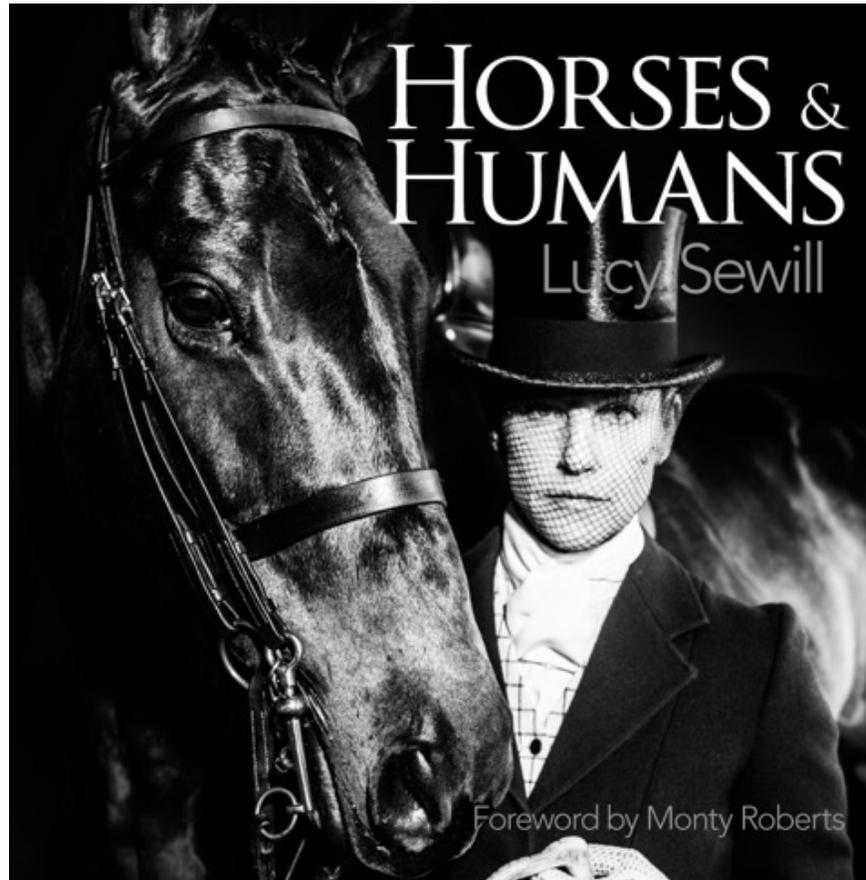
I did not do more than put it on her and her behaviors started to change. She actually stood for the veterinarian and allowed her to give the inoculations. The first time she did pin her ears, but after that she stood and allowed the veterinarian to give the injections. She also stayed in her space when leading her; although, I did have to pull on the lead rope several times to correct her when she walked ahead of me.

I also found that if something would spook her when she was being lead, she did not try to rush past me while wearing this halter. The last time the veterinarian came out this fall, she was quite impressed with the halter and my mare's changes in behavior.

Thank you for this humane training halter,

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

Award winning celebrity photographer Lucy Sewill and Monty discuss the need to eliminate cruel practices in horse handling and the beauty of the natural horse. Sylvia and Danny Wilson share how their dog training franchise has become internationally recognized and heart warming stories from their travels. Jamie Jennings reads Monty's answer to "Do you need a Round Pen?"



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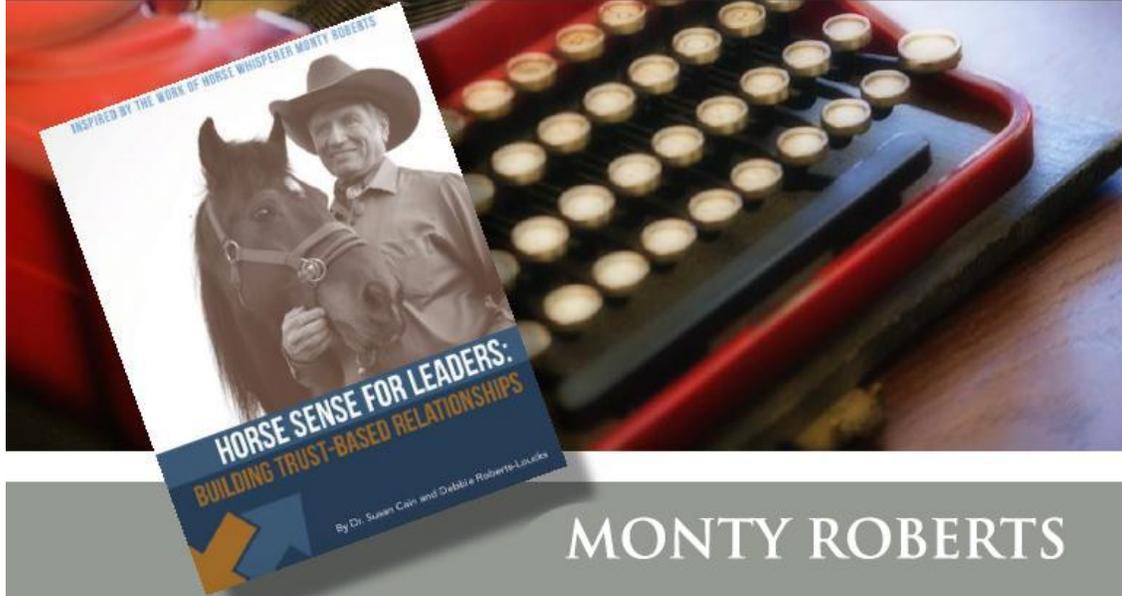


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