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Wednesday November 9, 2016

Greetings! ,



Monty on tour at Arena UK

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## 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. 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.

## Answer

Wow, this is a challenge. Because I am dealing with a life, I know how to save it and I only hope that I can get sufficient information through that will be successful for you and your horse. We recently had a horse sent to us for one of the courses. His name was Phoenix and he was a retired racehorse with similar patterns of behavior to which you have described in your question.

Fortunately we have a video of Phoenix complete with three days of remedial work that went from 'utter disaster' to 'complete success'. The owner had been paying to tranquilize Phoenix for each farrier procedure over a two year period of time. He was dangerous and obsessed with hurting someone who tried to pick up any foot. On the last day of the video Phoenix stood with no line on.

At the present time I am helping several horses globally with Phoenix's video. It would be advisable to email through asking my team here in California to get you the video of Phoenix as well as the [Dually halter and long line](#) that was part of the training process. In the meantime it is my suggestion that you go on my Equus Online University and view as many videos as possible about the Dually halter.

This was the tool I used to create a series of reactions to his behavior that were negative when he broke the rules, and positive when he cooperated. Without violence or medication, one can step back from the remedial behavior, smile, let him express his negativity, correct him with the Dually halter and then reward him with no pressure on the line and watch him improve.

Learning to fit and use the Dually halter is absolutely critical to solving this problem. There is no need for violence or medication in the application of the principles that I have used globally on so many horses that express this negative behavior. In this case, the reason is quite clear. It is important to realize that horses simply don't forget. Your horse still believes the pain is coming.

In this video you will see me using an artificial arm, with a rigid "thumb." This will allow you to pick up a foot with far less potential danger to the handler. In these cases please understand that safety is the primary issue. Injured farriers, veterinarians or owners will not be happy and are far more likely to express anger than those that are not feeling pain. Humans react to pain also.

Sincerely,



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

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This online video lesson shows how to train your horse to stand still for the farrier. 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.



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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** November 12: Your Horse Live. [Click here](#) to get your tickets online.

[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)



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## MEET MONTY'S TEAM AT EQUINE AFFAIRE

Equine Affaire Booth Specials, November 10 to 13, 2016  
EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION W. SPRINGFIELD, MA  
<http://equineaffaire.com/events/massachusetts/>



Come see us at booth # 2918 located in the Mallary. Free DVDs! We are giving away a DVD when you sign-up or renew of the [Equus Online Uni](#) subscriptions. Come and sign a big card to Monty, too!

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## MONTY'S ENTRIES AT THE EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL (NYC)

The EQUUS Film Festival, November 17 to 20, 2016, at the Village East Cinema in New York City, is the first event of its kind dedicated to equestrian-themed film, fine art and authors.

See more on page 26 here:

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## COURSES AT THE LEARNING CENTER

November 26 to 27, 2016	<a href="#">Horsemanship 101</a>
November 28 to December 1, 2016	<a href="#">Join-Up Course</a>
December 2 to 3, 2016	<a href="#">Long Lining Course</a>
December 9 to 11, 2016	<a href="#">Horse Sense &amp; Healing</a>

[MORE COURSE INFO HERE](#)

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



Hi Mr. Roberts,

My name is Kety and I am from Italy. I have watched your work for years and very much enjoy your methods. I have always had a passion for ethology studies and for working with animals with no violence. Just with knowledge and communication it has always been in my mind. Raising Czechoslovakian wolf dogs tested my patience, manners and my perceptiveness.

I have read your books years ago but I was afraid to write you but now I am planning on attending one of your upcoming courses. You have already taught me a lot about your world with horses and I am very excited to learn more. I wanted to write this letter because for one I wanted to thank you for showing everyone a great method and also to find out more about becoming someone who can work as you do. My true enjoyment is with animals and I want to learn all I can. After many years of looking, your knowledge is hands down the best I can find. Thank you again for what you have already done for me and many others.

Sincerely,  
Kety Ferretti

Dear Kety,

Thank you very much for your correspondence. It is a joy to hear of your acceptance of my concepts. It is exciting for me to realize that you are taking your time and energy to come on one of my courses. I hope you find the course and our part of the world to be enjoyable for you. Please keep me updated on how all of this is working out for you.

Sincerely,



## 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

I'm looking for some advice. My brother recently bought a horse. We have never owned a horse before, let alone worked with one. He started with Join-Up with her. He got to where he could put a saddle on her back and ride her, then he was gone for two and a half weeks. I was supposed to keep working with her while he was gone along with my other brother. We were going through Clinton Anderson's book, just doing ground work. She was doing very well until we got to "lunging for respect".

About the same time she came into heat, and the neighbor's stallion started coming over. Since then she has been becoming more and more difficult to work with, though before she was a dream. Last time I did lunging with her she started kicking her feet up behind her. Then my brother returned a couple days later and when he went out with her she was horrible. She started pinning her ears back and charging at him, and running close by trying to kick him.

I didn't think we were doing that badly with her, but I'm very worried. I was told that

being around the stallion can have a really bad effect on mares. I'm hoping that keeping him away now, she will go back to her wonderful self. But part of me feels like this could be from training her incorrectly, since I'm new to the equine world as well. Is she ruined now? I was shocked that she would behave in such a way, she has been so good for months. She is a 12-year-old Thoroughbred, a granddaughter of Sir Ivor. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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### **ONLINE REVIEW: LONG LINES**

"These long lines are the best for long-lining/driving. They are easy to hold, comfortable in the hand and the perfect length."

Carol C.  
Verified Buyer  
10/26/16

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### **HORSEMANSHIP RADIO**

Bill Casner is proving racehorses don't need dangerous drugs to win, and has had a dozen starters over six years in the Kentucky Derby from Winstar Farm. He shares his beliefs with us and his support for WHOA and HB3084. Sam Huston follows in her father's footsteps building beautiful saddles with modern materials that are kind to horses. Jamie Jennings reads from Ask Monty.



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**FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**



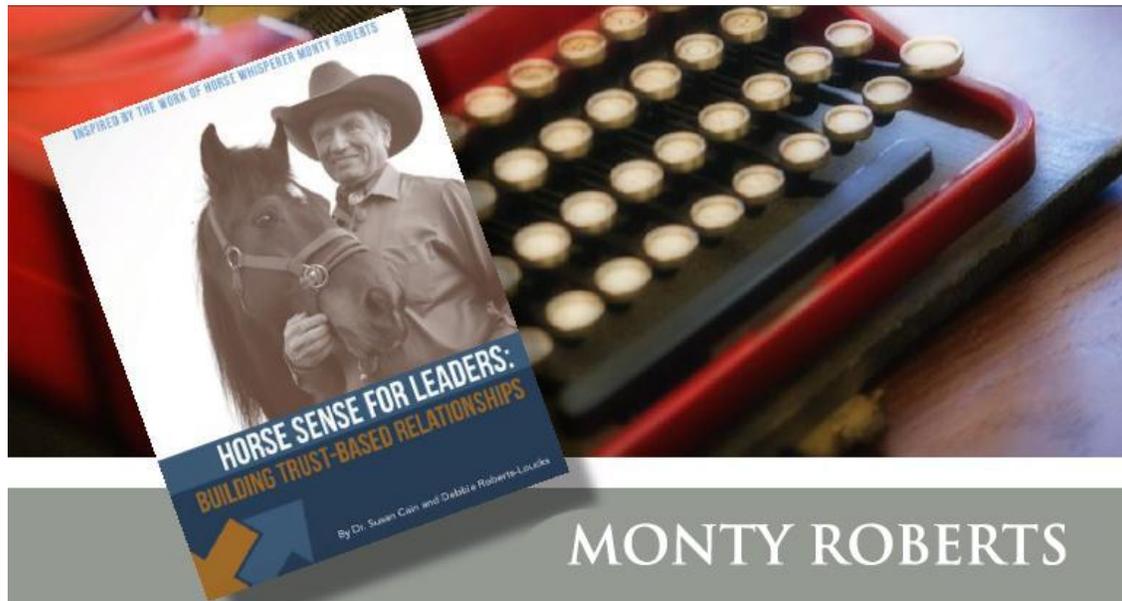
Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect. Join-Up offers everyone an effective tool to rediscover themselves through the eyes of the horse. This self-awareness exercise deals effectively with emotional trauma, anti-social behavior and withdrawal,

anger, stress, combat stress and even Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI). [READ MORE](#)



\*December 9 to 11, 2016: Monty's Horse Sense and Healing. For more information <http://www.join-up.org/horse-sense-and-healing/>

## 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 unique leadership style." ~ Dr. Susan Cain, Corporate Learning Institute



## REDUCING VIOLENCE THROUGH WORKSHOPS WITH HORSES IN ANTIGUA GUATEMALA

Lead-Up International (Affiliate of Join-Up International) is a program based on 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.

[READ MORE](#)



## FIND A MONTY ROBERTS CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

Find [a Monty Roberts Certified Instructor](#) near you. All courses offered by certified instructors give students effective tools to communicate using the horse's own natural language, forming a partnership based on trust and communication rather than dominance. Visit the certified instructor web page here:

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