



Wednesday November 16, 2016

Greetings! ,



Your Horse Live was a fabulous event in England. The horses were amazing. Charlotte Dujardin, Olympic Gold winner, with her horse Valegro, and other greats were there.

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!

Answer

You have presented me with a scenario which is extremely difficult for me to process. You have begun the training with your horse using someone else's concepts. The person that you have chosen openly promotes violence to horses and to people too. He has a YouTube presentation where he visibly uses violence in the training of the horse and advocates for it in an interview format as well.

Since my body of work has as its main thread "violence is never the answer," you are asking me to deal with a horse that has clearly been trained by methods that are poles apart. I am happy to invite you to enter the world of horse training in the absence of violence but each person dealing with this horse would have to be agreeable to completely changing their behavior and attitude.

It is interesting that I read the words, "lunging for respect." My father often used the word respect when he was beating me for some action that I had inadvertently done. I recall one of my teachers later asking me how to spell the word respect. I spelled it for her, and then she advised me that in the world of my father, respect was spelled F E A R. It suddenly made sense to me.

It is clear that the actions that you took to lunge this horse created anger and not cooperation. The teacher of these methods I'm sure would say, "you didn't hit hard enough or often enough to accomplish your goal." The goal in this case is to use pain and violence to achieve submission and compliance. My world is built around causing the horse to want to do it, not forcing the horse to do it.

You ask, "is the horse ruined?" The answer is I don't know. I haven't seen the action taken nor have I seen the horse's response. I would also ask, "ruined for who?" I feel confident that I could cause the horse to cooperate and become a partner. The question is, can your group of people accomplish the same thing. I don't know the answer to that, because I have too little information on them.

There is no doubt in my mind that the original mentor suggesting the violence could take this horse, beat it into submission, and cause it to be subservient and compliant. If that is what you want, then I am the wrong person to come to. If you want to completely change your attitude toward training horses, then you have come to the right person. I will help in any way I can.

There is a massive amount of information available to you regarding my concepts. I have a textbook, "[From My Hands To Yours](#)." I have eight books incorporating my

principles. I have an [Online University](#) with over 400 lessons, and we have 82 certified instructors globally, each of whom are listed on my website. You represent the target of my existence, I want this world to be better for horses and for people too.

You are welcome to continue to dialogue with me, contact an instructor near you, read my books, or even attend courses here on my farm in California. It is your call. We are here to help if you find that you're ready to go in our direction.

Sincerely,



MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE



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.

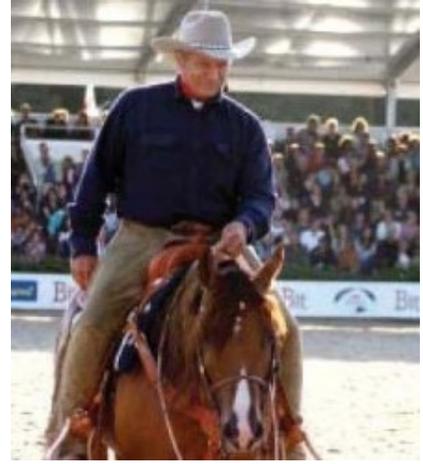


UPCOMING EVENTS

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

USA November 28: [Horsemanship Radio Show](#)
at 1 pm (EST) with Martin Clunes and other
special guests

USA December 9 to 11: Horse Sense & Healing
at Flag Is Up Farms



[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

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	Horsemanship 101
November 28 to December 1, 2016	Join-Up Course
December 2 to 3, 2016	Long Lining Course
December 9 to 11, 2016	Horse Sense & Healing

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MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE



Monty,

I hope all is well with you and all your family including the horses (of course). I finally got time to read your Nov 2 newsletter and was quite touched by Kleinne Ponath's story about her injured Mustang mare. Obviously she paid attention to your teaching and it paid off for her in "spades." That story actually brought a tear to my eyes it was so touching. Your response to her was perfect (congratulations indeed!), and you must feel doubly proud: first for what she has accomplished, and second, to have someone follow your teaching and to hear of the payoff they received as a result.

I've seen you perform join-up a few times, and each time was emotional for me because as one who loves to ride and has worked with horses quite a bit (but have never owned one) I have experienced the awesome, unspoken connection with the horse and those of us who care so much for them. They are such wonderful animals. I hope there are many more people out there like Kleinne.

God Bless,

Jim

P.S. Your methods work well with juvenile delinquents and young "gang bangers" also.



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!

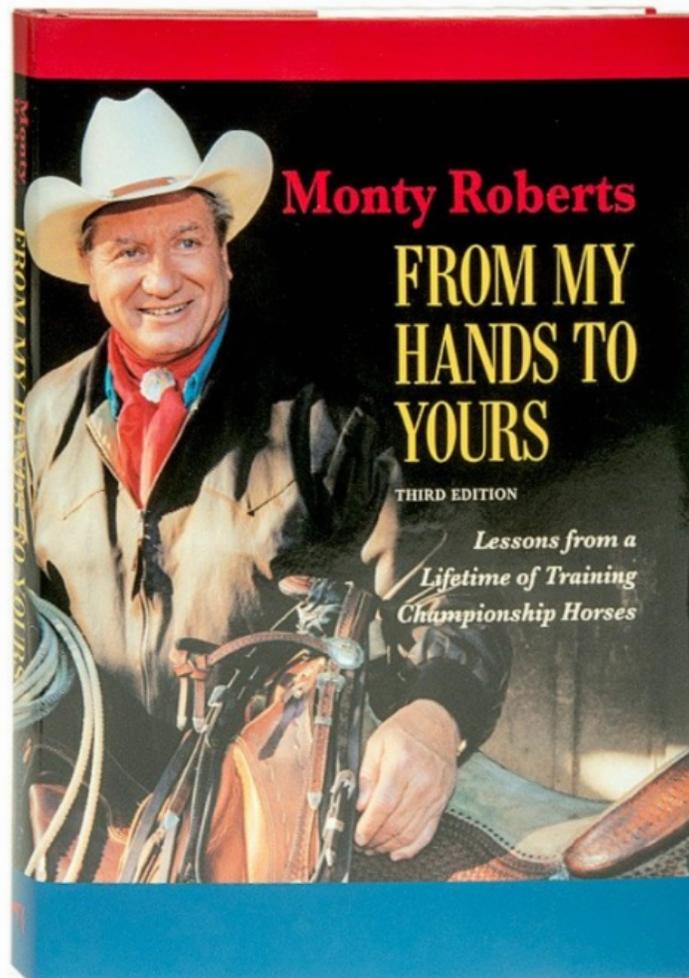
~ Monty

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

Good afternoon,

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.

Thanks for your help,
Teddi Drane



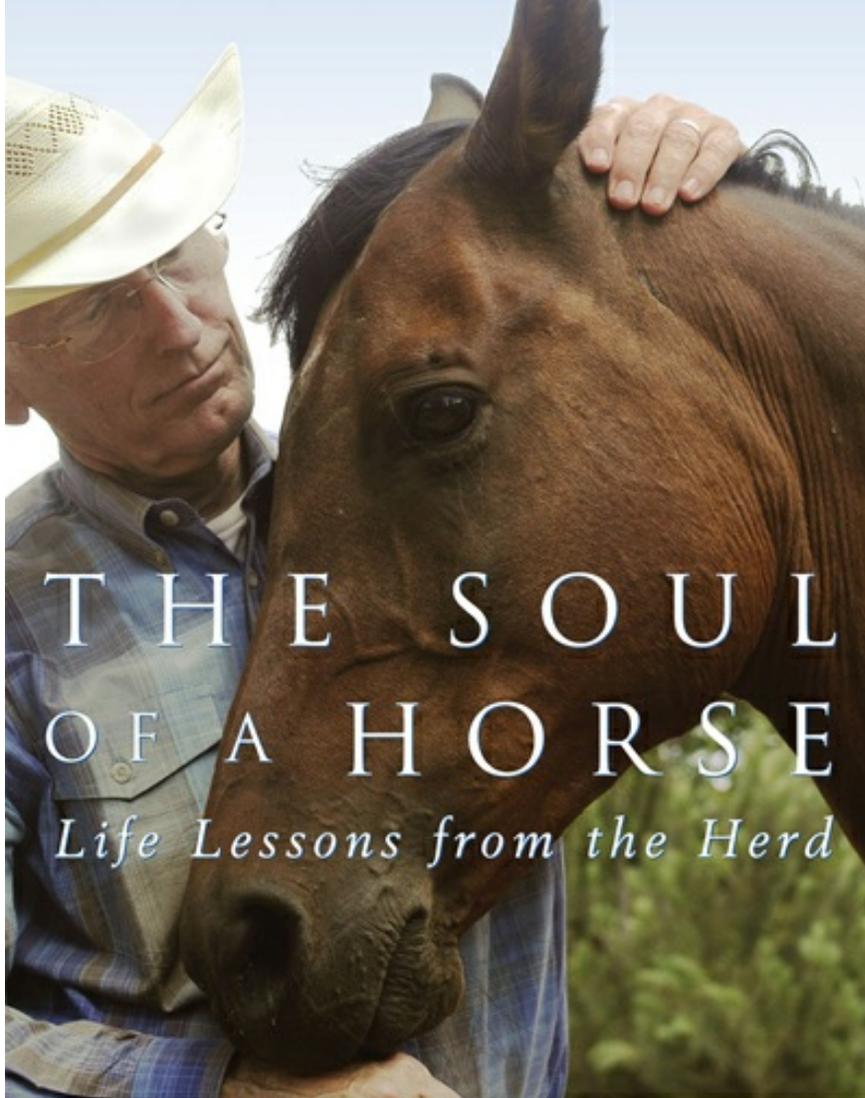
ONLINE REVIEW: FROM MY HANDS TO YOURS TEXTBOOK

"Every time I pick up this book [[From My Hands to Yours by Monty Roberts](#)] to read and study another chapter, I find something to help me teach or approach my horse in a positive way."

Catherine J.
Verified Buyer
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HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

Joe Camp, creator and director of the Benji movies and author of *The Soul of the Horse* talks about how much we can learn from horses. Julie Driver inspires us with the story of how she is bringing Pilates to the equestrian community while keeping her life balanced too. Jamie Jennings reads Monty's answer for a one-sided horse.



THE SOUL
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Life Lessons from the Herd

JOE CAMP

WITH A FOREWORD BY MONTY ROBERTS
author of the New York Times bestseller The Man Who Listens to Horses

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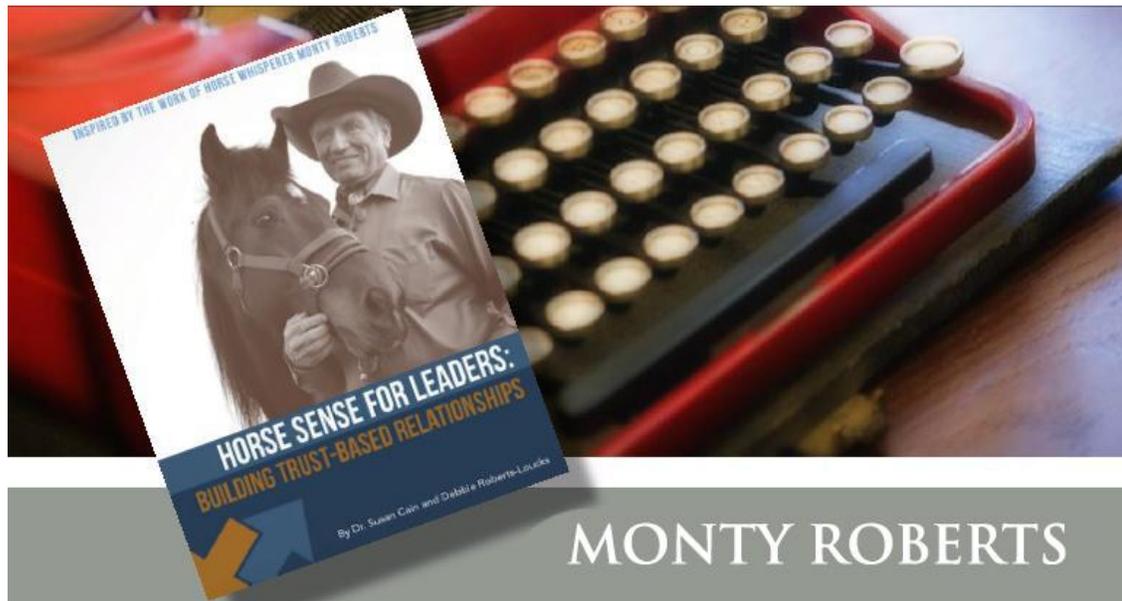
Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect. 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](#)



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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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