



Wednesday December 28, 2016

Greetings! ,



FOR CENTURIES, HUMANS HAVE SAID TO HORSES, 'YOU DO WHAT I TELL YOU OR I'LL HURT YOU.' HUMANS STILL SAY THAT TO EACH OTHER -- STILL THREATEN, FORCE AND INTIMIDATE. I'M CONVINCED THAT MY DISCOVERIES WITH HORSES HAVE VALUE IN THE WORKPLACE, IN THE EDUCATIONAL AND PENAL SYSTEMS, AND IN THE RAISING OF CHILDREN. AT HEART, I'M SAYING THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS THE RIGHT TO SAY 'YOU MUST' TO AN ANIMAL -- OR TO ANOTHER HUMAN.

-MONTY ROBERTS

The act of training horses has been viewed as a leadership role, directed at achieving submission. This allowed trainers to experience a certain level of cooperation with their horses, but seldom created a horse that was a happy and willing worker. Through my concepts I ask that the horse person first establish trust and then execute leadership without violence, pain or coercion.

Question

I hope you could help as I have a very nervous, untrusting horse. He's a 15.2hh colored Trotter cross I have gained after the last year total trust with him and he is actually completely different from when we first met. When he feels threatened or scared he tends to hide behind me. I've got him to the stage now where I can lunge with full tack and no problem, I have also stood on a mounting block and leaned over his back but I am now at the stage where I feel a little nervous to completely sit on his back.

As I don't want to ruin or destroy all the trust that we have gained with it goes potentially wrong and never be able to feel the love, trust and bond that we currently have as he is very special to me. Even though I have previously owned many horses, he has definitely stolen my heart for some strange reason.

I have photographs showing severe neglect where he was obviously starved and apparently beaten for a year or two of his life which made him mentally scarred, please can you help? As I would love nothing more than to enjoy beach rides and the rest of his life peacefully I have noticed that you are in Guildford, Surrey, England in October which is very close to where we live and wondered if he could either be a potential candidate as an example for your show but also solving this issue.

Answer

Allow me to say that you and your horse represent the absolute "bull's eye" where my career is concerned. It is my obsession to help owners such as yourself and horses such as the one you have described. Without blaming you for anything, let me say that far too high a percentage of owners with great similarity to you make mistakes in the area that you are about to enter. The results of their errors can certainly cause serious problems. Virtually always the horse is the one who receives the criticism.

Let me answer in a very positive way that I would enjoy seeing your horse and meeting you on my upcoming March tour in England. If there is an opportunity to use your horse in the demonstration, I will do so. If your horse proves inappropriate for the demonstration itself I will promise to set up a work session to assist you and your horse in the hours preceding the arrival of the public. Please understand that your very situation is critically important to me and know that if your horse could speak it would be important to her too.

If it is possible for you to come with your horse, please apply using the form on the Intelligent Horsemanship website, indicating that you have spoken with me.

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.



MONTY'S HOLIDAY SPECIALS!

Monty Roberts' NEW packages and a Join-Up Kit cover a range of natural horsemanship subjects fundamental to working with horses. Whether you are just learning to Join-Up with a horse or you want to overcome training and riding challenges and achieve breakthrough results, Monty has your answers. "The Man Who Listens to Horses" has prepared gifts that include his Dually Training Halter and Equus Online videos. New this year are specially packaged charms, each depicting the cover of one of Monty's books (see below).

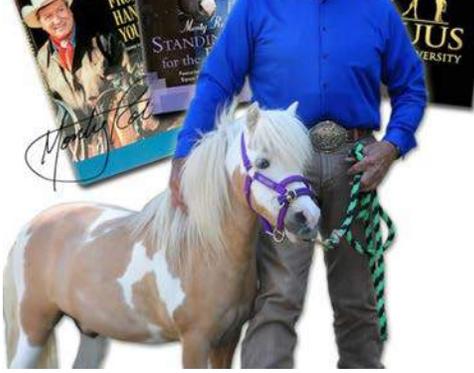
Go to <https://montyrobertsshop.com/collections/packages> to see all of [Monty's Holiday Specials!](#)

THE JOIN-UP KIT GIFT SET

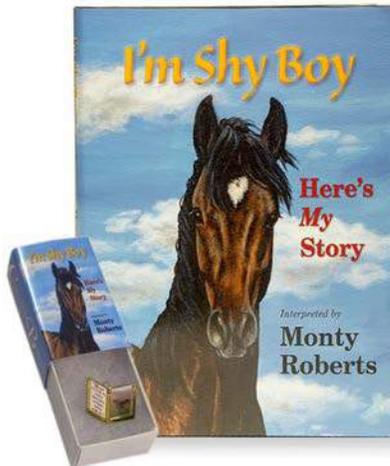
Monty's Join-Up Kit is in! It has all the tools you need to get started on the journey to Join-Up, including a Dually Halter

(your choice of size), Monty's latest DVD "Standing Still for the Farrier," and Monty's autographed textbook, plus a six-month membership to Monty's Equus Online University to keep learning fun and connect with other horse people





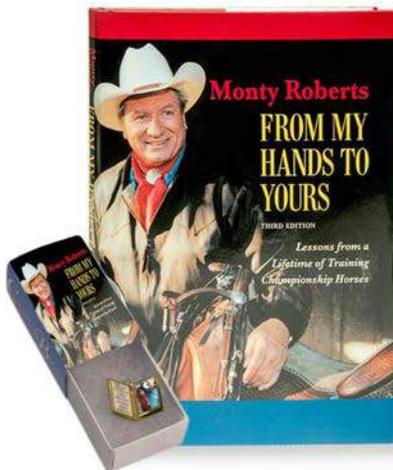
to keep learning fun and connect with other horse people on their path to force-free training. When you join Monty's Equus Online, you get a new video lesson from Monty each week, plus 24/7 online access to more than 400 archived videos for horse lovers of all levels and disciplines.



I'M SHY BOY BOOK WITH A CHARM

NEW! Inspired by Monty Roberts' famous American Mustang, Shy Boy's story is immortalized on a matching charm with the image of I'm Shy Boy, the book for horse lovers, young and old. Adopted from the BLM by Monty, Shy Boy helped raise awareness of the treasure this breed is in American history. Monty shares the story of his Join-Up with Shy Boy in the wild and their adventures as they enjoy a special bond.

Limited availability.



MONTY'S TEXTBOOK WITH A CHARM

NEW! This is the definitive guide to violence-free horse training and Monty's only textbook, now in its third edition. Recognized globally as the Man Who Listens to Horses and credited with revolutionizing the way in which we partner with and train horses, Monty Roberts is still traveling the globe to share his message that choice over force is a better way to be with horses. The book, with its matching charm of the cover, will be appreciated for the depth of detail and message of gentleness as strength.

Limited availability.

UNI GIFT SUBSCRIPTION

Give the gift of learning this holiday season! A subscription to Monty's Equus Online University makes a great gift: no shipping; no wrapping; and over 400 video lessons accessible online 24/7 on how to train a horse gently and with love. For \$60 for 6 months, you can give what I learned from horses over my lifetime. Go to:

<https://www.montyrobertsuniversity.com/giftpayments/new>



RETURNING SHOPPERS BONUS

Every order to Monty's Online Store will receive in their shipped package a bonus coupon for 15% off their next order through 12/31/2016.

CHECK OUT MONTY'S NEWEST PRODUCTS!

Charms, Belt Buckles, Crystal Cap, and Monty's "Standing Still for the Farrier" DVD.

WHAT ARE HORSE LOVERS SAYING ABOUT MONTY'S PRODUCTS?

"Every time I pick up [From My Hands to Yours](#) 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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"The [Dually Halter](#) was the best tack money can buy. Thank you, Monty, my Dandy Boy follows me now with no hesitation and has overcome so many insecure problems he had."

Maggie W.

Verified Buyer

09/25/16

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monty is home through the end of the year. You are welcome to visit [Flag Is Up Farms](#) and watch Monty's methods in action at his state-of-the-art training facility. The farm gates are open from 9 am to 5 pm daily, with no fee or reservation required.

Ticket information will be available soon to see Monty in Brazil and England in 2017.

Germany March 31: Monty Roberts Germany Tour in Munich

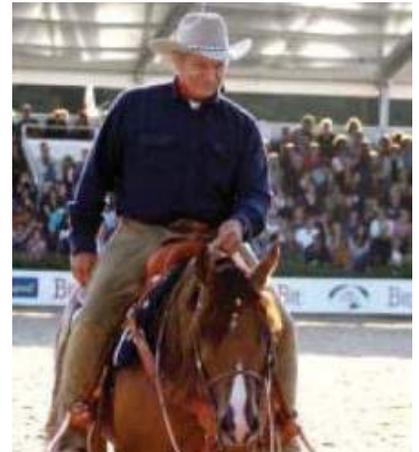
Germany April 9: Monty Roberts Germany Tour in Redefin

Germany April 20: Monty Roberts Germany Tour in Dorsten

Germany April 22: Monty Roberts Germany Tour in Alsfeld

USA July 10 to 21: Gentling Wild Horses California

USA July 31 to August 4: Monty's Special Training



[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

February 4 to 5, 2017

[Horsemanship 101](#)

February 10 to 12, 2017

[Horse Sense and Healing](#)

February 20 to 23, 2017

[Join-Up Course](#)

February 24 to 25, 2017

[Long Lining Course](#)

[MORE COURSE INFO HERE](#)



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





Dear Monty and Pat,

Thank you so much for this video. I just read in your book, [The Man Who Listens to Horses](#), about your introduction to Lomitas, for the second time. Each time I read it, my heart is warmed more and more. And then, in a beautiful touch of Grace, I receive this precious video.

I have loved horses from a distance (due to lack of opportunity, mostly) since I was about seven years old. I am one of those gals who studied everything she could about them in the encyclopedias, and any other book she came across for a large part of her child-hood. Don't laugh but it even went so far as: one Christmas, my youngest (elder to me) brother gave me an old used Western saddle and I took it on all of our camping vacations and rode every tree branch, etc. I could find dreaming of my horse(mostly, Palomino) that I might own someday.

Well, the dream still lives in my heart and two sons, a husband whom I loved 40 years, cared for and then, laid to rest 10 years ago, and about 52 years of music and helping kids and adults with neurological problems as a physical therapist, I am returning to see if what is left of me is still enough to befriend and perhaps even invite a horse or two into my little 36 acres of Texas ranch land. I understand and cherish your philosophy and beliefs very much, and I hope that someday, I can get up there to northern California to enjoy it in person. If not, please know that one more Texas gal is there with you in heart and soul. So once again, Thank You!

With Sincere Gratitude,
Jane Wilhelm

English: https://youtu.be/xW68NBi2K_U German: <https://youtu.be/LBcQ9BiX-U>





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 was at your first demo at Stoneleigh many years ago, and have so much enjoyed your Books, and Demos ever since, I wear your baseball hat walking with my dog and playing with my horses. It has all been the most wonderful journey with you, MANY, MANY, THANKS, from me and my fantastic horses, and all the other horses that have benefited from your life's work. We have someone working in our recently planted woodland at the moment, logging with his 2 horses and he has booked to attend your Demo, here in England on November 5th, he can't wait. My question is can you do Join-Up with donkeys?





ONLINE REVIEW: MONTY'S DUAL HALTER

"The Dually halter was magic when we were training my daughter's horse to trailer!" ~ Ellen Attridge

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

Boyd Martin moved from Australia to become the best Eventer possible and is an example of the well rounded champion. Debbie McDonald shares her story of her career in show jumping and dressage. Jamie Jennings shares Monty's Tip for Head Bobbing.





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FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS



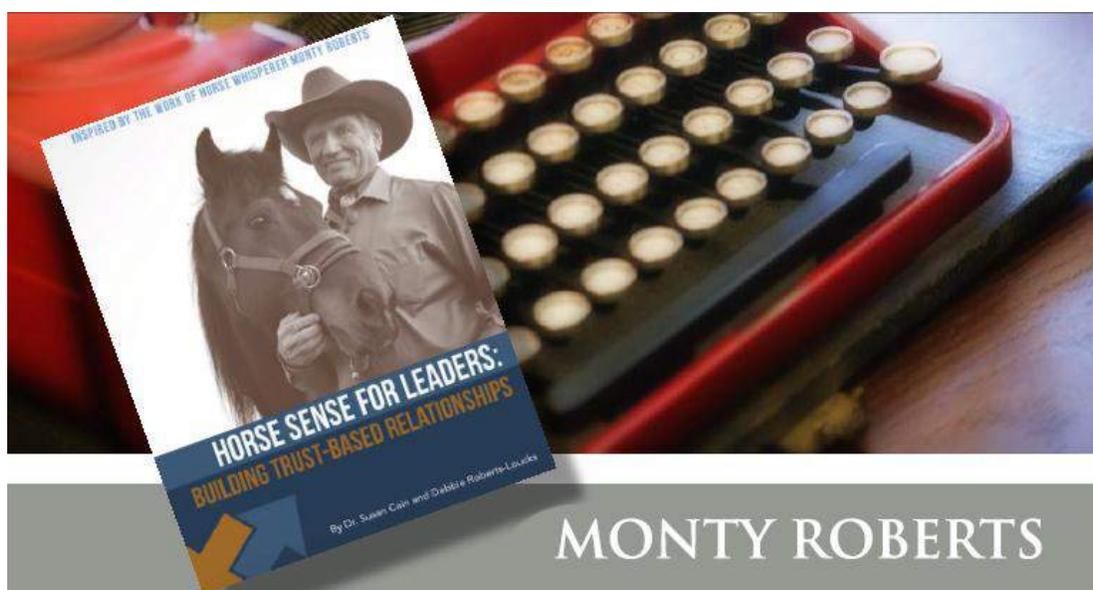


Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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

WINNER AT THE EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL: Best Equine Educational Training - Human Susan Cain, EdD, LCSW - Horse Sense for Leaders: Building Trust-Based Relationships By Dr. Susan Cain and Debbie Roberts-Loucks, foreword by Monty Roberts <http://tinyurl.com/johxoh6>

"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.

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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: <http://www.montyroberts.com/certified-instructors-page/>



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