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**Wednesday January 4, 2017**

Greetings! ,

Happy New Year!

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### **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?

### **Answer**

Thank you for your kind words. I have done Join-Up® with donkeys before. They are so intelligent that they are extremely difficult but once a donkey has joined up with you, he is a friend for life, if treated fairly. Often people act out with laughter and/or aggressive moves thinking they're having fun with a donkey when, in actual fact, it is offensive to the animal.

I am a great fan of donkeys and mules. They have incredible minds that exceed virtually all of our horses. My position is that donkeys are more intelligent than horses, especially in the areas of self-preservation. They have less of a flight mechanism and usually assess first where horses will flee and then assess. They have a reputation for being stubborn but I have always taken the position that they are smarter than the people who are trying to make them do something.

Sincerely,

Monty

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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

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\*\*](#)

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## **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\*\*](#)

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



Hello, I'm Roxanne Martin. I just wanted to say everything you do for horses and riders is amazing. I used your methods on an abused race horse and he is now very calm. He's not pacing in his stalls anymore and he's able to be just a horse, no halter or lead, and come to me with no hesitation. I just wanted to say thank you so much for teaching others the right way to be with a horse. Thank you so much. You are my inspiration.  
Roxy Martin



**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 recently saw footage of a demo you did riding a Western horse where you removed the bridle to show he would yawn and that you believe this is a sign of the horse being relaxed and that they wouldn't do so with high adrenaline.

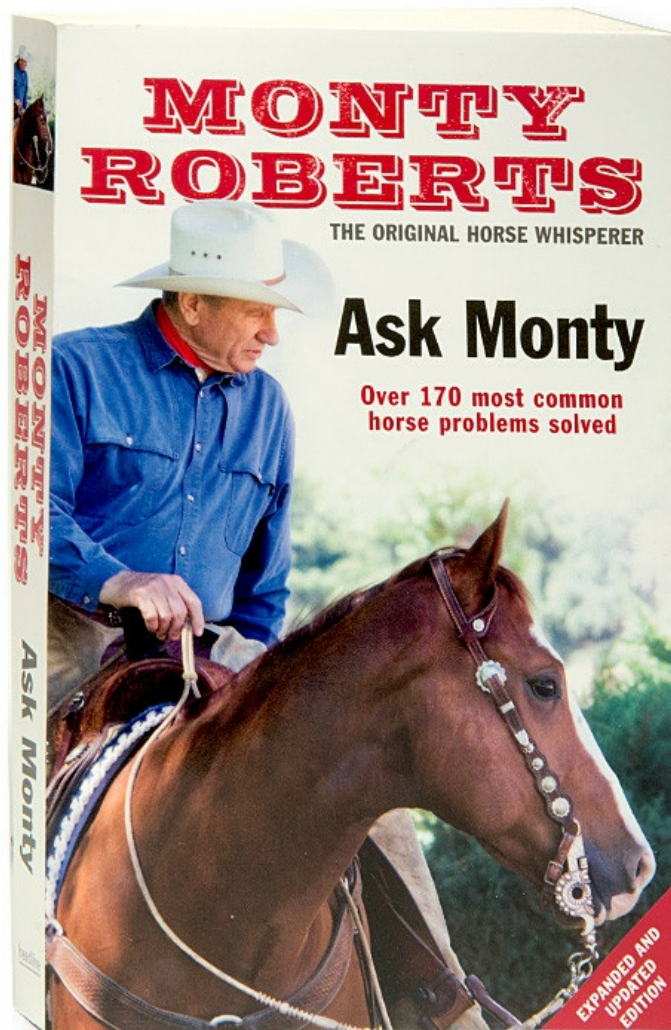
I have a horse who (when I bought him at 9 years of age) had a blind wolf tooth on one side which was slightly further forward than normal position, and I therefore assume would have interfered with the bit at some point. The curious thing is that having had the tooth removed the horse now yawns repeatedly and very expressively before and after I put the bridle/bit on. I am curious why the horse yawns before being bitted as well as after? Initially I worried that the yawning was a sign of stress/worry or similar but it makes sense about the adrenaline when you said people do not yawn on TV.

Generally putting the Dually head collar on and off the horse does not exhibit the same behavior, only when I have the bridle ready to put on?

Thank you for your help and for everything you do for horses. I love your Equus Online Uni and have learned so much, please keep adding lessons.

Kelly Cross

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## ONLINE REVIEW: THE ASK MONTY BOOK

From a verified buyer on 11/14/15:

"The [Ask Monty](#) book is a great resource. It is fascinating to see how Monty hones in on the nature of the horse through our questions on how to handle issues with our horses. Thorough and easy to understand Monty's instructions."

Editor's note: This is a perfect companion to Monty's textbook, [From My Hands to Yours](#). Find it and other books by Monty Roberts in digital format on [Amazon.com](#)

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**HORSEMANSHIP RADIO**



A-circuit rider Ransome Rombauer chats about heading to Southern Methodist University to ride for the team, being named Brooke Junior ambassador and her secret weapon to ace the Equitation pattern. Dr. Sue Cain shares her wins in the category Equine Educational Training (Human) at the Equus Film Festival, for the book Horse Sense for Leaders. Jamie Jennings reads from Ask Monty.

### WINNERS AT THE EQUUS FILM FESTIVAL!

Best Equestrian Music Video - Mini 2016  
People's Choice. Monty Roberts Producer, Jeanine Moret Director  
<https://vimeo.com/180806470>

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>

Paperback \$9.99 <http://amzn.to/1jqmgBc>  
Color Version \$19.99 <http://amzn.to/1h31Psj>

Horse Sense for Leaders: Building Trust-Based Relationships Features New York Times  
Best-Selling Author Monty Roberts  
See all entries here: [http://nebula.wsimg.com/55b6102230313956404cdbc3d11dde9c?  
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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](#)

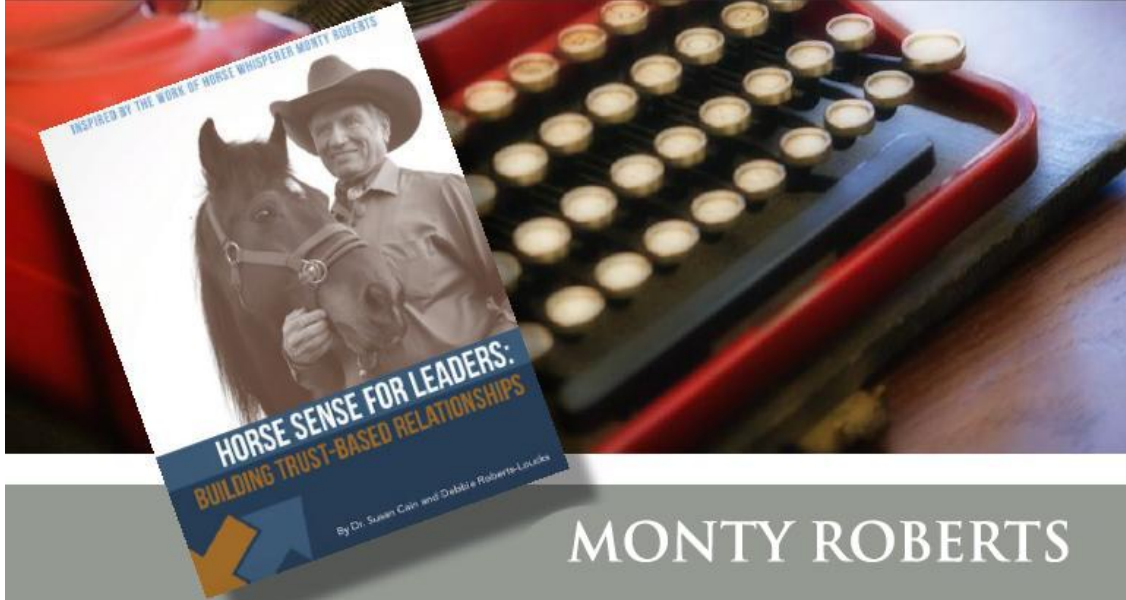


\*December 9 to 11, 2016: Monty's Horse Sense and Healing. For more information <http://www.join-up.org/horse-sense-and-healing/>

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## 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.

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

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 Forward to a Friend

