



Wednesday February 15, 2017

Greetings! ,

Don't miss our launch party supporting non-violence this week! Hosted by Monty on Saturday February 18 at [Flag Is Up Farms](#) in Solvang, California, from 6 to 10 pm with a demonstration by Monty Roberts.

More info here:

<https://montyrobertsshop.com/collections/courses/products/courses-an-unforgettable-evening-with-join-up>



Question

I need help with my 13-month-old foal. His hormones are taking over and he can get aggressive. How do I handle it? I block him and tell him back, but once he's decided to

shake his head around and wants to bite nothing is stopping him. ~ Ricky

Answer

Dear Ricky,

First let me say that your 13-month-old yearling is only doing what is natural. Age 13 months for the horse is very similar to 13 years for the adolescent human. If your young horse is an orphan, it tends to increase the potential for this behavior. If your young horse has been loved and coddled and treated like a human child, it also increases the potential for aggressive behavior.

A further example of exacerbating this problem is if your young horse has been fed from the hand, this is the outcome. Your question immediately causes me to suspect that one or more of these negative habits has trained your horse to bite. I don't know whether castration has been completed or considered but it should be instantaneous. If any one of the negative human habits has taken place with this youngster then we can state categorically that he is trained to bite.

These negative behavior patterns will persist and worsen unless you first take immediate actions to eliminate them. Then study the methods I use to create good ground manners and eventually you might just have a chance to reorganize the patterns of this youngster so that he will eventually be a pleasure to work with.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY
THIS WEEK'S EPISODE



This online video series shows how to create a partnership with your horse. 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.





ONLINE REVIEW: MONTY'S DUALY HALTER

"I received my Dually halter in the mail just a few days after I ordered it. I tried it on a horse that is head shy and fights the bit and she accepted the Dually very well. We had one of the most relaxed rides ever. The Dually halter is a great product."
Online reviewer on 1/8/2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monty is home at his beautiful horse training facility in California!

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.



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| USA | February 18: International Launch Party Supporting Non-Violence at Flag Is Up Farms |
| Brazil | March 11 to 12: Near Sao Paulo |
| Scotland | March 18: Ingliston Country Club, Ingliston Estate, Bishopton, |

England	Renfrewshire, Scotland, UK March 25: Kingston Maurward College with MARTIN CLUNES, Dorchester, Dorset, UK
Germany	March 31: Monty Roberts Germany Tour in Munich
Germany	April 7: Monty Roberts Germany Tour in Elmshorn
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 20 to 23, 2017	<u>Join-Up Course</u>
February 24 to 25, 2017	<u>Long Lining Course</u>
March 6 to 17, 2017	<u>Introductory Certification Course</u>
March 27 to 31, 2017	<u>Introductory Exam</u>

[**MORE COURSE INFO HERE**](#)

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



I have not read a book for years but my sister found Monty's book [The Man Who Listens to Horses](#) and I'm now 3/4 finished reading it. I cannot believe your life story, no wonder you have written this book. My life has been so simple, but we still have things in common. My first horse was a mare called Flicka. I wish you only happiness.
Ron Andrews

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

Mare chews on reins or slobber straps: My seven-year-old mare is obnoxiously obsessive about trying to chew on the leather slobber straps or reins. I have to unclip the reins just to get the loose ring snaffle in her mouth as she is so bad. Can't use mecate reins that are so popular without slobber straps. She is an anglo Arab mare very Thoroughbred looking except for her Arabian teacup muzzle. I used your heavier bits successfully on my quarter horses but she relaxes with a bit that is lighter weight. Any

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Monty Roberts on John Brazil, Jr., an important "influencer for good" in the equestrian community. Heather Moffett of The Online Riding School. Jamie Massey Jennings reads Ask Monty about reporting abuse.

[EPISODE 81 | LISTEN HERE](#)



FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

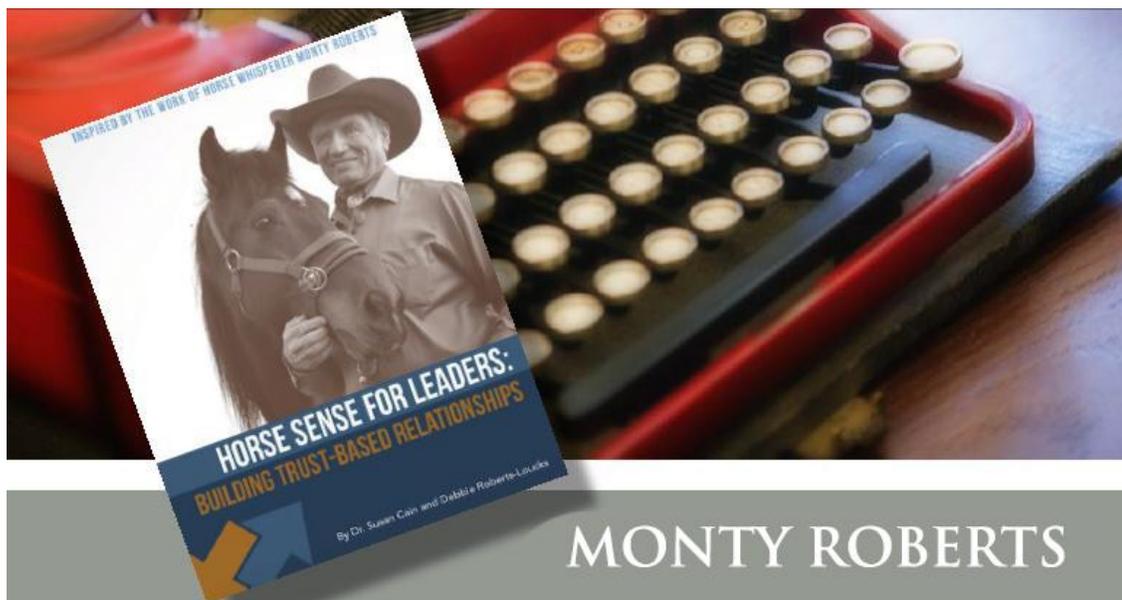


Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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



*February 10 to 12 and May 19 to 21 are Monty's next Horse Sense and Healing workshops. 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](#).

Paperback \$9.99 <http://amzn.to/1jqmgBc>

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

"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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