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Greetings! ,

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Question

Hi Monty,

Firstly I must say how much I love your methods. Without a Dually Halter I don't think I would have achieved so much with my ex-racehorse that I am retraining for dressage (and jumping, and hacking out).

However we do have an issue with loading on my horsebox. Lucy pretends she can't step onto the ramp. She plants, changes the subject (oh, look at that tree over there, that's an interesting sky etc etc!) It is very difficult to get her unstuck.

Stick with bags lifted behind her worked for a while, then running the bags over her rump and down her back legs worked. Then tickling her chest worked. A couple of times holding the stick and bags behind her and guiding her to the ramp (and up) has worked. I always use a Dually Halter and a 20 foot line. Sometimes simple pressure and release works. Sometimes walking her in a circle gets her energy up sufficiently that she then almost leads me up the ramp.

I've tried leading her over poles, small logs, halting, backing up, all to get her engaged. This works some times but not always.

When she is ready to load there is no stopping her, but until she is ready it is like leading her through glue! She jumps onto the ramp and then canters up it. She can't step on and walk.

Once I've got her on the first time, loading after that is easy (on that day). But she always jumps onto the ramp and canters up. However, the next time we are back to square one.

I've tried practicing every day, I've tried only loading her when we're going anywhere. Sometimes she has several good sessions loading and I think we've got it sorted, other times it almost seems to make it worse.

She travels really well - I have to take extra hay rations as I can guarantee that most of her hay will be gone by the time we arrive for competition or training. Often she will refuse to come off the lorry, enjoying the views from up high!

I would like to try somehow raising the ramp so it's not so steep, but am unsure how to do that as it needs to be very strong to take the weight of the ramp, but then would also need to be moveable so I can move it out of the way so I can move the lorry when we get back home. And the step up needs to be reduced. It's not that much - my other horses manage, but not Lucy!

Interestingly my other mare will only load for me - she was harshly treated before I got her eleven years ago and she really only trusts me. My gelding was terrified, but using

pressure and release, leading forwards, backing up he will now load and travels well.

Any suggestions would be gratefully received.

Thank you very much
Angela Bishop
Norfolk
Great Britain

Answer

Dear Angela,

I have read your question with great interest. It moves me to want to be there to see exactly what you are doing and the responses of your horse. Years of experience have trained me to process the human word and I have gotten pretty good at determining potential problems that are only inferred by the words I read. Having logged each of your sentences it is my opinion that you have not successfully trained the horse to the [Dually Halter](#).

I have trained thousands of horses to the Dually and I know what they do when I get it right. Your question tells me that your horse is not respecting the Dually. Please study the use of the Dually, your timing, and be firm in your positive consequences and the negative consequences communicated to your horse.

In addition I feel that there has not been enough loading on and off. It is my opinion for a sustained period of time your horse should be loaded and allowed to eat a handful of sweet feed from the manger and then unloaded. Every horse will eventually learn to walk in calmly and exit calmly if they are indeed familiar with the routine you create.

I don't know your trailer but I would prefer unloading through the front if at all possible. It is my opinion that the respect for the Dually Halter is the primary issue in this case. Create a resolution within yourself until there is perfection in your horse's response to the Dually.

Sincerely,



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.

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- Brazil** March 11 to 12: [Near Sao Paulo](#)
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- England** March 25: Kingston Maurward College with MARTIN CLUNES, Dorchester, Dorset, UK
- Germany** March 31: Monty Roberts Germany Tour in Munich
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- Germany** April 9: Monty Roberts Germany Tour in Redefin
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- Germany** April 22: Monty Roberts Germany Tour in Alsfeld
- Hungary** April 30: More information to come soon!
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ONLINE REVIEW: MONTY'S DUALLY HALTER

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MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE



I had 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

Hi Monty,

I would like to start by thanking you for everything you have taught me! I have been on your Equus Online University for 4 months now and have completed over 430 lessons and I love it. My partnerships with my horses are flourishing and I am seeing improvements everywhere! Thank you again!

I adopted two ponies from RSPCA in June last year, they have been growing and recovering from a harsh start to life. They were a part of a herd of over 50 horses on a property where there was not enough feed and no running water - the owners were carting water in for them using buckets.. safe to say they were never going to keep up with that... The ponies were extremely underweight! I don't believe they were ever physically abused but they just weren't looked after properly. They are two complete opposites! The filly is extremely friendly and always first to see you and follows you everywhere! The gelding is very stand offish and until the last week was VERY hard to catch.

Four days ago we had a huge turn around and he is finally catching me! I watched your video on 'Join-Up with Polo' and 'The hard to catch horse' and I believe the trick of leaving the pellets at the rail so when he is tied up and getting a brush he finds them, was a huge help!

In mid December I hopped on him for the first time as his first rider. He took it well and I have been happy with his progress, he had a week break over xmas and new years as we were away and I got back on him last week, he was concerned so I didn't push it and got off him when he was relaxed and asked my husband to come out and lead me around again the next day while he got his confidence back. We did that the next day and he felt much better. The day after that I had my husband there again just to start me off and he was fine this time however he started swinging around and going to bite my left leg or stirrup.

He can occasionally look like he is going to bite me when being lead - opens his mouth and moves mouth towards me, but he has never done it while I was in the saddle. I don't feed him out of my hand and I ensure his pellets are sitting there when he gets them at the rail. I also noticed that on the ground he was doing this more often after this ride. The day after he was exactly the same! I checked over his left (near) side as that is the only side he does it to and there are no out of place sensitivities. I have tried tapping with my right leg while in the saddle to distract him but it didn't seem to make a difference. I also tried stopping him and backing him up but no change there either. On the ground I also tried the leg tap or coronet band pressure but he only ever seems to do it when I am walking away.

I do see him play bite with a gelding in his paddock a lot and I am wondering is he getting more comfortable with me and maybe trying to play? The older gelding that he plays with bit a friend of mine a couple weeks back and has never bitten before or since and no other horse bites on the property.

I have been squaring my shoulders and sending him away through my body language if he does it while I am on the ground when he doesn't have his halter on or when he does have his halter I school him if he does it but I'm not yet seeing a difference.

Am I on the right track or do you have any tips to help! Should I maybe separate the two playing geldings?

The filly is progressing really well and has no issues with biting or anything for that matter!

Thank you again for all you do! Your [Equus Online University](#) is amazing and I thank you for making it so affordable!

Desiree Sanderson



Cavallo's Carole Herder give us some pointers how listening to our horses improves ourselves. Professional Reiner from an early age, Lisa Coulter shares where horses have lead her heart. Jamie Jennings reads from Ask Monty about Foal Imprinting.

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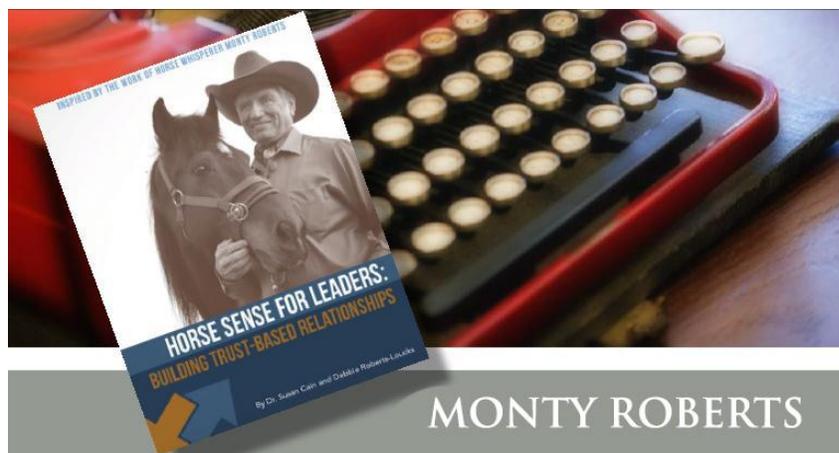
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