

Wednesday March 15, 2017

Greetings! ,

The horses and people were amazing at the MREM ranch this past week. A big thank you to Eduardo Moreira, his team and my team for a professional success again in Brazil. We let the horses do the talking!



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 four 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 Christmas 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

Answer

Dear Desiree,

After reading the scenario you have so clearly described, I have to say that you are extremely unusual. There is virtually always a clear mistake that people are making or the absence of one of the procedures I recommend. In your case, it appears to me as I read it, that you are doing everything I have outlined.

Obviously I am not there with you when these things happen and perhaps, if I were to be there, I might see additional procedures you could use. But, as this is outlined, you are doing the right things. Since the horses I have worked with that expressed the same behavior you have described have all improved, I have to say that there is a way to do it. I just can't see it from my vantage point. Let me emphasize that schooling with the Dually Training halter to get precise cooperation is critically important.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monty", with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

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.



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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| Scotland | March 18: Ingliston Country Club, Ingliston Estate, Bishopton, Renfrewshire, Scotland, UK |
| England | 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
Hungary	April 30: More information to come soon!
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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March 6 to 17, 2017

Introductory Certification Course

March 27 to 31, 2017

Introductory Exam

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ONLINE REVIEW: MONTY'S DUALY HALTER

"Without a Dually Halter I don't think I would have achieved so much with my ex-racehorse that I am retraining for dressage, jumping, and hacking out."

MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE



I volunteer at a horse rescue, Sunshinehorses.org. Mostly our horses are retired Standardbreds. There about 100 volunteers including veterans and retired people like me, who are searching for some kind of meaning for the remainder of my life. I've been going there 3 years. I can't imagine life without the horses. They have given me a reason to be.

Shirley LaFontaine

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!

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

Good morning Monty,

I recently lost my Beautiful Arab I had owned him for 13 years and he reached a grand age of 26 I miss him terribly. I wasn't looking for another one however I found one.

Straight out of a racing yard 3 year old Ikraamm out of Champion racer Street Cry Son of Machiavellian bred in USA. Ikraamm is 15.3hh Gelding I have now had him at home for 3 weeks I have ridden him everyday out hacking, he is a very relaxed chilled out guy.

I have read ALL your books and watched many videos I wish to do Join-Up and use all your techniques with him. I do not have a round pen nor do I have an arena to do Join-Up however I am on the look out for some kind of second hand pen.

In the last week or so he has started to get very aggressive at times with usually me. Feed times he is worse but he will put his ears flat back at me and come at me with teeth or back legs he turns his backside on me if I enter the stable if I try to take his hay net or fill up his water I have to have one eye on him in case he comes at me. I have tried ignoring him or waving my hands to get him to go away but he comes back I will not hit him as some people have told me to do. What can I do ? It is getting to the point were my Dad is having to go in and get his hay net down and change his rugs. I am only 5ft1 so not very tall not that that is relevant.

When I have attempted to lunge him he turns his back end on me and tries to kick me I feel that if I took him in the round pen he would come at me teeth or legs how can I discipline him correctly without myself or him getting injured.

I realize this is most probably me that is now giving off vibes of negativity to him because I am expecting him to come at me it is extremely hard for me to not think that when he has flown at me so many times. What can I do please help as I want to stop this whilst he's young before it gets worse.

I have had so many people suggesting old school methods of disciplining him such as hitting him on the nose hitting him in the face taking a broom in the stable and tapping his leg or shoulder I don't want to do any of these as I want to do your methods I do not want to create a head shy or nervous horse.

Any advise will be hugely appreciated.

Many thanks

Hope to hear back from you.

Francesca McDaniel

ENGLAND

SUFFOLK



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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FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

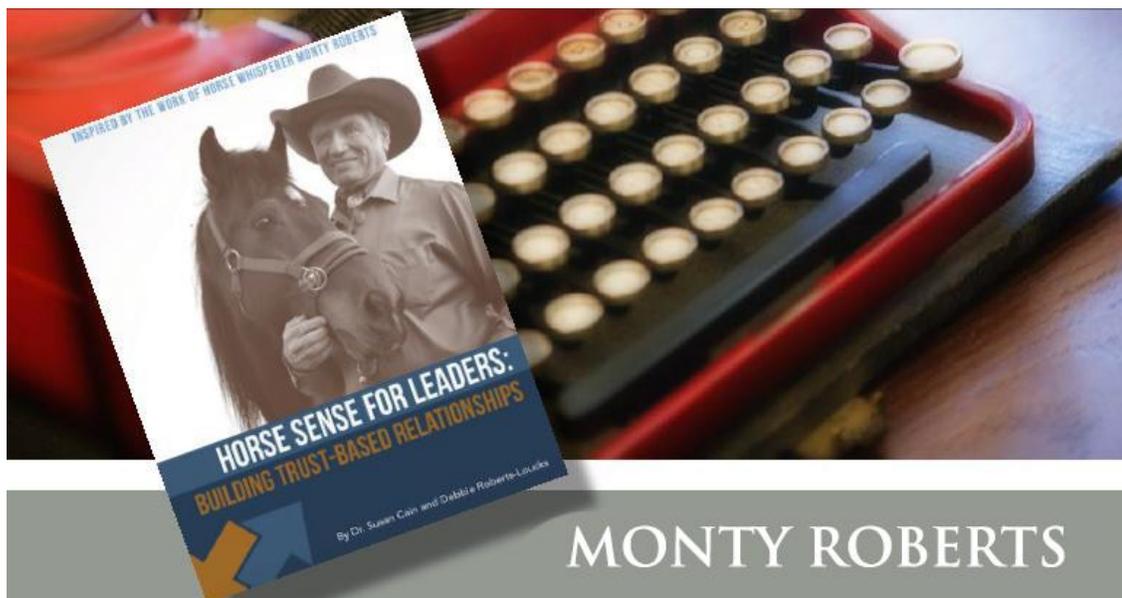


Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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



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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



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