



Wednesday June 7, 2017

Greetings! ,



Don't miss this great event! It's the First Global Edition of Sunset Polo at Cowdray House, in West Sussex, UK, on June 20. There will be equestrian displays of the highest caliber, world class food, a magical venue on a British Midsummer's night and all for great causes. This is one date that must not be missed this summer.

Question

Dear Monty,

Thank you for all you've given to the horse world. I have watched every video and read your books and have gained more understanding of horses in the last two years than in the previous 30. I still have a long way to go and still struggle with a few problem horses. I bring in rescue unwanted horses all the time and do my best to turn them into good riding horses so they can find good homes. My 13-year-old daughter does this with me and does great from Join-Up to under saddle.

My question is how critical are the signs for Join-Up? I have done Join-Up with over 50 horses and every one seems to be a little different. Some that were all but wild when I got them seemed to have read your book and did a textbook Join-Up. I have a mustang that at first tried to turn on me, rearing up and striking. I was able to drive her away and within minutes was doing a textbook Join-Up.

Where I have doubts is when I don't get clear signs. One may have smaller circle with licking and chewing but doesn't lower head. Another may not lick and chew, etc. If the end result is that they come to you, and Join-Up and Follow-Up, is that okay?

Thank you, from the great state of Wisconsin,
Rick

P.S. did you know that even though Wisconsin is the dairy state, there are more horses than cattle?

Answer

Dear Rick,

Thank you for your question, but I also thank you for the information about Wisconsin having more horses than cows. I should have known that, but I didn't.

With regard to the communication system of Equus, it is absolutely true, just like humans, every horse has a unique personality. I have often said if you numbered the gestures of a Join-Up one, two, three and four, it generally happens that one, the ear, is number one. Often number two is making a smaller circle and then three is, most of the time, licking and chewing. Dropping the head is most often the last of the four gestures.

Then, I go on to say that this is a conversation. Some people say, "hello." Some people say, "hi ya," while the young ones would say, "what's up?" In a human conversation, certain elements are left out and others are emphasized. If you are getting a good Join-Up, you have succeeded in the goal we have set for your horse. The more horses you work with, the more likely you are to be able to encourage each of the four gestures. Remember, the order of the gestures can change as well. It is a conversation, not a script.

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



In this online video series, you'll see Monty training horses to come off pressure. 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

- UK** June 20: [First Global Edition of Sunset Polo](#) at Cowdray House, in West Sussex
- AUSTRIA** July 2: Spanish Riding School
- USA** July 10 to 21: [Gentling Wild Horses](#) California
- USA** July 28 to 30: [Horse Sense and Healing](#) in California
- USA** July 31 to August 4: [Monty's Special Training](#)
- USA** September 8 to 10: [Horse Sense and Healing](#) in California
- USA** December 8 to 10: [Horse Sense and Healing](#) in California



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June 24 to 25, 2017

Kids' Course

July 2 and 3, 2017

Kids' Course

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ONLINE REVIEW: MONTY'S SNAFFLE BIT

"I bought this bit as it is a gentle bit with copper to assist with salivation for my new horse. I am currently training my Western bitted horse into a gentler bit. This bit fits him perfectly and he accepts it without any objection. I look forward to many years with this bit."

~ Marti J., Verified Buyer



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



I love everything about your teaching method; not only does that work on horses, it seems to work well with children who are troubled and difficult to be around. It seems to lead them in the right direction. If you do not give up, you will succeed is what I get out of the message. Keep up the good work, and we are blessed to have someone like you to do things we don't understand in the best way possible. You make it so simple that someone with learning disabilities, such as me, can understand.

I thank you and God bless,
Keith R.

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

Let me begin by saying that we feel very fortunate to have "discovered" a video of you doing a demonstration of a dealing with a horse which was reluctant to load in a trailer

several years ago. Since then we have read your books, watched your videos, and purchased a Dually halter. We are subscribers to you weekly online newsletter. We have recommended your non-violent methods to scores of horse owners. Thank you for your life-long commitment.

My wife and I coach a Special Olympics equestrian team. The team has a small herd of five horses, all living in the same paddock. We have three mares and two geldings. As is their nature, they have established a specific hierarchy, with one of the mares on the top. This mare was one of the last horses to join the herd and did not make her move to climb the ladder until one of the other mares suffered a brief period of lameness.

Since ascending to the top, she has managed to completely change the behaviors of the other horses, with a negative impact on the their suitability for our special riders. Several of them are now overly guarded of their backsides. They either turn to face horses coming from behind or kick at unknown horses approaching. In our practices, they often shy away from the top mare.

At a recent competition, we were advised by the safety steward that we might have to put a "kicker" ribbon on our previously "most dependable" mare. We understand that there is little we can do to change the natural dynamics, but wonder if removing the offending mare is our only option to regaining dependable behavior from the others. Any advice will be greatly appreciated.

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO

NIC ROLDAN'S INAUGURAL U.K.
SUNSET POLO
 & GATSBY PARTY
 TUESDAY JUNE 20 • 5:00 - 11:00 PM
 COWDRAY HOUSE • MIDHURST, WEST SUSSEX

TO RAISE AWARENESS & FUNDS FOR BROOKE







WWW.NICROLDAN.COM/EVENTS

When great horsemen from across the disciplines get together to have some fun, wonderful things happen. Nic Roldan's inaugural UK Sunset Polo will take place June 20 at the ancestral home of British Polo: Cowdray House in West Sussex to raise needed funds to help horses, kids and military veterans.

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FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

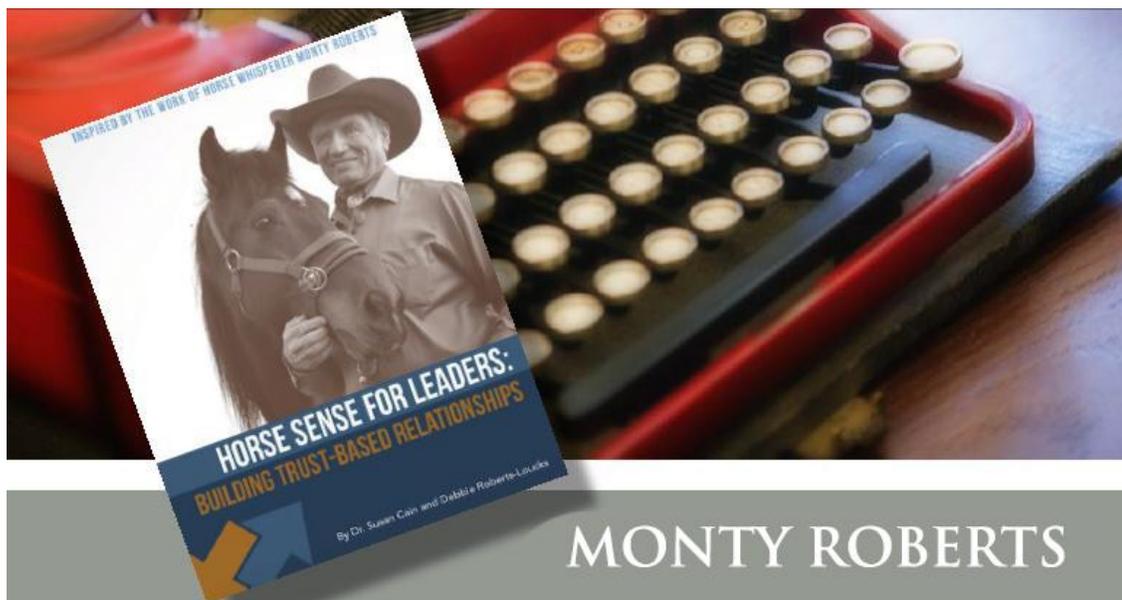


Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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



May 19 to 21 is Monty's next Horse Sense and Healing workshop. For more information, go to: <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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