

Wednesday July 12, 2017

Greetings! ,



Lena Höbling | Photography

"Thank you Max Dobretsberger and Mrs. Guertler of the Spanish Riding School in Vienna for the wonderful invitation to share my concepts of Join-Up as learned from the horse. The young Lipizzaner were wonderful to meet freely walking in the Winterschule."  
~ Monty



"After being invited to the famous Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria, to demonstrate Join-Up to a filled house, I was welcomed to tour the home of the home of the Lipizzaner Breeding Facility in Piber. It's an honor to share these experiences." ~ Monty



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## Question

Our names are Kalley Hunter and Molly Walker from McMinnville High School. We are currently doing a project about gentling horses and bringing awareness to how sensitive horses are. We were wondering if you could answer a few questions we have for our project. Thank you for your time!

- Why do you think people are so rough when training horses?
- How do you develop trust with a horse?

- Why is it important to be gentle with a horse?
- How intelligent do you think horses are?

## Answer

### Why do you think people are so rough when training horses?

It is my opinion that the reason people are so rough in training horse is that about 6000 years ago humans captured and began to domesticate horses. Since we are predators, the drawings in the caves will indicate that we used violent, demanding and coercive techniques to execute what has come to be called "breaking." This is to cause the horse to submit and become willing to perform for us.

The fact is it worked, and so breaking was handed down through the generations to become the accepted way of training horses. No evidence has come to light regarding any change in those techniques until my time on the face of this earth. Circumstances surrounding my upbringing caused me to investigate, experiment and discover that one can even get horses to cooperate more in the absence of violence.

### How do you develop trust with a horse?

The short answer to this would be to be trustworthy. The horse can never trust us until we prove that they are safe doing so.

### Why is it important to be gentle with a horse?

It is important to be gentle to a horse for the above reasons, namely to gain their trust.

### How intelligent do you think horses are?

The intelligence of horses exists in a very narrow range. They only have two goals in life. One is to reproduce and the other is to survive. In that very narrow range, I take the position that they are much more intelligent than human beings. Look what we do to one another. Watch the critical mistakes that we make, mostly in the areas of ego and greed, and you will see that horses are extremely intelligent where they need to be.

Sincerely,



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**MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY**  
**THIS WEEK'S EPISODE**

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In this online video series, Monty Roberts Certified Instructor Martina Höbling demonstrates how to have fun with horse agility. 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

- USA** July 10 to 21: [Gentling Wild Horses](#) California
- USA** July 28 to 30: [Horse Sense and Healing](#) in California
- USA** August 3, 2017: [Monty and Shy Boy's 20th Celebration Event](#)
- USA** July 31 to August 4: [Monty's Special Training](#)
- USA** September 8 to 10: [Horse Sense and Healing](#) in California
- USA** September 15 to 16: [Equus International Film Festival](#)
- UK** October: Monty Tours United Kingdom
- USA** December 8 to 10: [Horse Sense and Healing](#) in California



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## THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

August 5 to 6, 2017

[Horsemanship 101](#)

August 7 to 10, 2017

[Join-Up Course](#)

August 11 to 12, 2017

[Long Lining Course](#)

August 21 to September 1, 2017

[Introductory Certification Course](#)

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### MONTY AND SHY BOY'S CELEBRATION

Shy Boy is the first mustang in history to have proved that Join-Up works in the wild. This year, on the evening of August 3, Monty and Shy Boy celebrate their 20-year long partnership. [Join us for this fun event](#) at the beautiful Flag Is Up Farms, home of Monty Roberts, artist Pat Roberts, and the infamous mustang, Shy Boy. He's even written his

own book!

### [The Little American Mustang](#)

"What a wonderful book! I was attracted by the idea of hearing from the horse, as I knew only Monty Roberts could do, and after getting the book, I am so in love with the illustrations. Rare to find gorgeous horse books for kids nowadays! Thank you for this treasure."

Derian H.

Verified Buyer, 5/24/2017



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



"I will never forget the time I was fortunate to spend with Monty. I learned SO much about equine behavior and how to interpret their body language. The experience has been invaluable."

~ Steven C. Walton

## 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

What's left for you for the future?

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## HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



On today's show we chat with Janina Merz who enjoys every aspect of her life in the Arabian horse industry and supports the Om El Arab bloodlines around the world. Also from the Santa Ynez Valley, CA. C.C. Beaudette-Wellman is a lifelong horsewoman who

is passionate about educating children and adults on the care and respect for all animals.

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## FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS



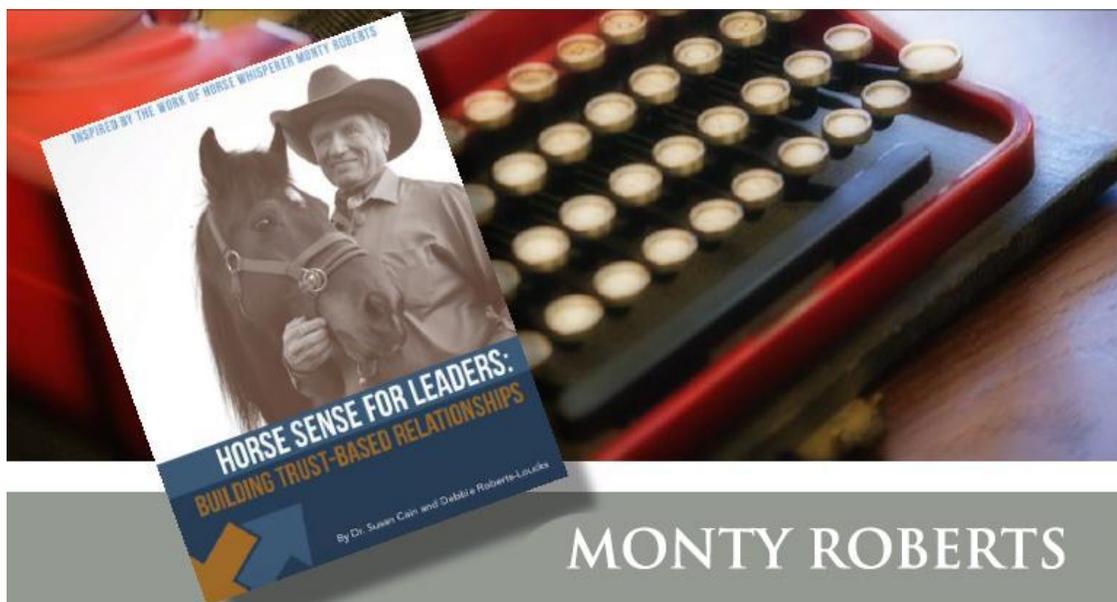
Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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

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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](#).

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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