



Wednesday August 2, 2017

Greetings! ,



Our Horse Sense and Healing clinic for Veterans and First Responders held from July 28 to 30. The next clinic will be held from September 8 to 10.

Question

I have a four-year-old dales x cob that I have started and backed using your methods. She is very confident and good in the saddle, the only trouble I'm having is moving her forward. She will back and turn but not go forward I have tried everything I can think of. She is very good in hand and long lining I just need help to push her forward in the saddle. I ride on a [Dually halter](#), which she is used to and behaves well on.

Answer

Before I attempt to give you the appropriate answer, you should know that this is a question I hear quite often globally. There are lessons I've written in my textbook [From My Hands to Yours](#) about refusing to go forward called balking, napping or jibing. It occurs largely because of pain caused by athletic injury, wear and tear, an accident or misfitting tack or harness, but it could also be a learned behavior.

In the days when driving and working horses in harness was the order of the day, balking was commonplace. A misfitting collar was often the culprit. This piece of equipment was the main contact point as the horse pulled his load. Significant pain could quickly produce a balking draft horse. Before dealing with balking through techniques I describe here, you should take great care to eliminate the potential for physical pain as the cause of the undesirable behavior.

It should be noted that the problem may have been fostered through physical pain that is no longer present. The pain, however, could have been the catalyst to the development of the remedial problem. Once the trainer has concluded that the horse is currently free of physical ailments, he can go on with the training procedures outlined in my [Equus Online University](#) called Walter Won't Go Forward or the balking, napping or jibing lessons from my textbook.

Almost every balker I am asked to work with turns out to be a horse that resists backing up. For some reason, many horsemen seem to think that schooling a horse to back up will cause him to be a balker. Nothing could be further from the truth. As with loading, reverse is a direction that we should own in a partnership with our horses. The horse that is not trained to back up willingly may use it against us when he chooses.

The horse that will back comfortably and willingly, either from the ground or while you are riding, is far less likely to be a balker than a horse not trained to back up. In my [From My Hands to Yours](#) textbook you can read more about the equipment I use to create a horse that has overcome his unwillingness to move forward. You will have a happier horse when he is content to go forward.

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, Monty earns the trust of a horse called Charley. 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** 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 14: Monty Tours United Kingdom [Easton and Otley College](#)
- UK** October 20: Monty Tours United Kingdom [Hartpury College](#)
- UK** October 25: Monty Tours United Kingdom [Merrist Wood College](#)
- UK** October 28: Monty Tours United Kingdom [Lluest Equine Centre](#)
- UK** November 2: Monty Tours United Kingdom [Richmond Equestrian Centre](#)



- UK** November 4: Monty Tours United Kingdom
[Alnwick Ford Equestrian](#)
- Germany** November 9: Pferdezentrum Franken D-91522 Ansbach
- Germany** November 11: Schwarzwald-Sportzentrum D-75387 Neulach
- Germany** November 12: Schwarzwald-Sportzentrum D-75387 Neulach
- Germany** November 18: Reitrevier Muenchehofe D-15366 Hoppegarten (Berlin)
- Germany** November 19: Reitrevier Muenchehofe D-15366 Hoppegarten (Berlin)
- USA** December 8 to 10: [Horse Sense and Healing](#)
in California

[**FULL SCHEDULE HERE**](#)

THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

August 5 to 6, 2017	<u>Horsemanship 101</u>
August 7 to 10, 2017	<u>Join-Up Course</u>
August 11 to 12, 2017	<u>Long Lining Course</u>
August 21 to September 1, 2017	<u>Introductory Certification Course</u>

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



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!

Shy Boy the Horse Who Came in From the Wild

"Shy Boy is the first mustang in history to have proved that Join-Up works in the wild."-
Monty Roberts



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MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE



Dear Monty,

I am sure I will be just one of many thousands around the globe who will be thinking of you and Shy Boy on the coming anniversary. As a retiree who has ridden for over 65 years, I am still blown away by all that I see and hear of your work. I glean everything I can from your site and I have your textbook, [From My Hands to Yours](#). I help Kelly out at Lambourn each week as much as possible and when necessary she helps me with advice about my dear ex-flatracer.

So.....! More power to you, keep inspiring and motivating the very best a human can give to a horse, I'm sure it's what God put you on earth for!

Yours in admiration,
Carol Lewis

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

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

Thank you for the recent 'Preparing for the Farrier' Equus Online University lesson series. My BLM mustang, Monty, received his first trim today without a hiccup. What a superstar! He impressed the farrier, an observer, and even me. The incremental learning process complimented by the Dually Halter as taught in those lessons was a total success. Now the question:

Could you shed some light on the "Wild Horse Trim" also known as the "Wild Horse Round"?

My farrier, a very well educated and skilled young man, advised against the trim. His view basically was that the round comes too close to the expansive capillaries in the hoof all at once and often creates soreness for a week or so. He believes that the hoof will naturally wear gradually to the modeled contour from the hard packed coral. I saw no signs of that contour naturally happening with Monty or our other mustang, Ellie, over the past seven months. Ellie especially appeared to be recently trimmed by the BLM before the adoption last June and has begun to flare on the inside of her front hoofs. I opted not to have the "Wild Horse Trim" done on Monty this time wanting to leave things on a very positive note for him and pending further research.

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Christie Schulte enjoys competing in stock horse events and has been a top-ten finalist in two Extreme Mustang Makeovers. She is also passionate about Time to Ride which has introduced nearly 100,000 new enthusiasts to the horse world. And the Santa Barbara Historical Museum exhibits the vaquero culture with a fascinating display of saddles.



FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

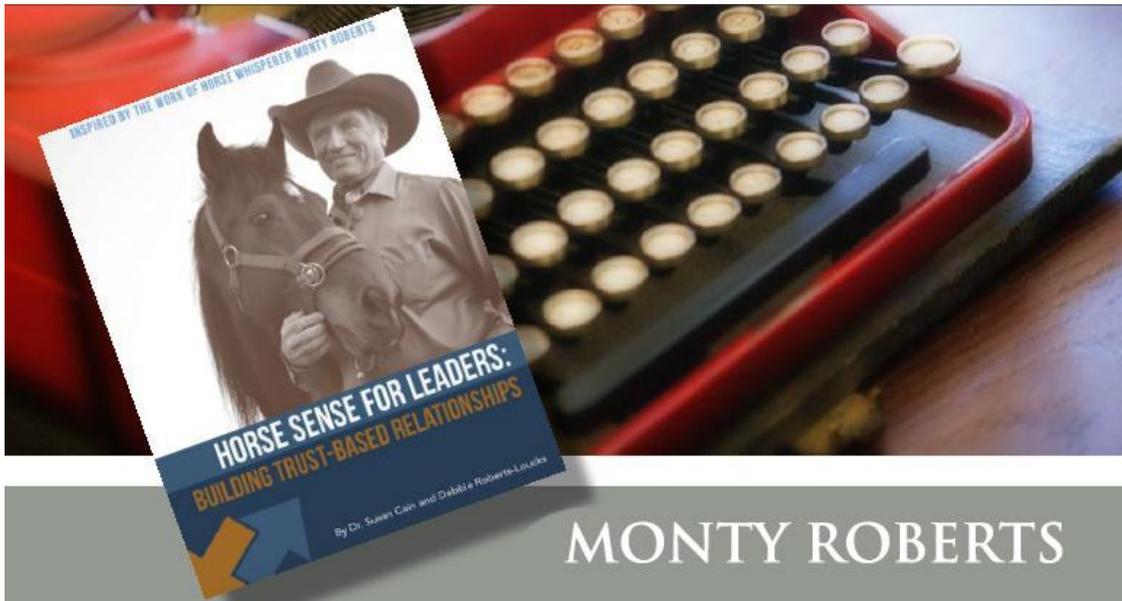


Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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



To find out about Monty's upcoming Horse Sense and Healing workshops and 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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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:

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