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**Wednesday August 9, 2017**

Greetings! ,

Monty's saloon became the center of the party to celebrate Shy Boy and Monty's 20-year friendship. Thank you Bob and Debby Miller for joining the celebration. Dr. Miller is the veterinarian who monitored the filming of Shy Boy in The Real Life Horse Whisperer documentary: <https://montyrobortsshop.com/collections/books/products/shy-boy-the-horse-that-came-in-from-the-wild-by-monty-roberts>



Monty and Shy Boy celebrate 20 years of partnership, which started in 1997. Looking forward to many more years together!



## Question

Thank you for the "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 my 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.

## Answer

Our Equus Online University Team was happy to hear you liked the Preparing for the Farrier lesson series. Currently I am enjoying working with some extra wild mustangs and I am not close to getting all the feet trimmed. Congratulations on your obvious success. My tendency is to agree with your farrier to the extent that rolling the toe can produce the symptoms he describes.

To me it's a matter of degree. Personally, I would give a slight roll to the toe but I would not trim to the extent that some people recommend. Weakening the outer wall of the hoof can produce the soreness your farrier describes. I somehow feel however that he would agree to a slight rounding of the toe so that there was not a tendency to have the foot apply enough pressure to the toe to chip it just before leaving the ground.

We used to say that these slight compromises were simply common sense but in this day and age the world tends to move in extremes. Share this message with your farrier and I think he will probably agree to meet you somewhere in the middle.

Sincerely,



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

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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** 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](#)



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## THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

August 7 to 10, 2017

[Join-Up Course](#)

August 11 to 12, 2017

[Long Lining Course](#)

August 21 to September 1, 2017

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Denise R., Verified Buyer

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



Dear Monty,

Ahhh, sweet Shy Boy. I remember him well when he first arrived at Flag Is Up Farms many years ago. Still a wild mustang. I would visit him in his dedicated pasture when I would be on a site visit or bring corporate clients up for a program. He was incredibly shy back then...kicking about, bucking, running around...totally wild. He was indeed not sure what he had gotten himself into. Feeling blessed that I was able to witness the transformation of this beautiful horse who stepped in from the wild and became gentled under the lead of his trusted friend, Monty Roberts. Over time, Shy Boy was no longer shy, but the "shinning star" of each of our corporate events as Monty shared their remarkable story and union together. Grateful for all that you do, Monty Roberts. Happy Anniversary to you both!

Terrie Thurston, AlliedPRA, Santa Barbara

## **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

Does it matter to a horse what the words are that you say to him?

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## 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.

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**FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**



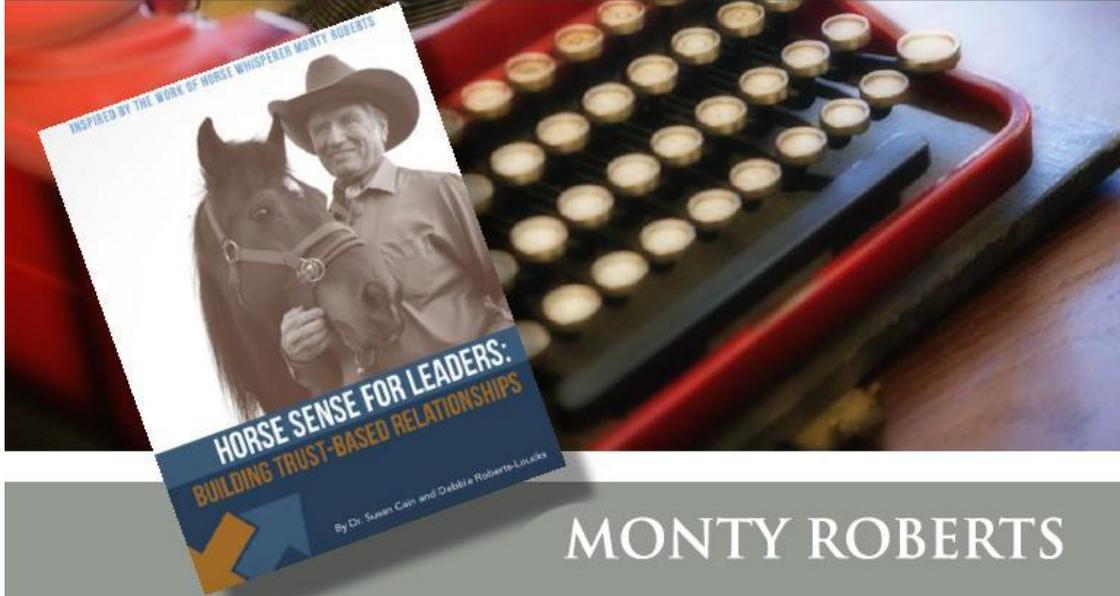
Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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



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/>

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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**.

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~ Dr. Susan Cain, Corporate Learning Institute



## REDUCING VIOLENCE THROUGH WORKSHOPS WITH HORSES IN ANTIGUA GUATEMALA

Lead-Up is a program of Join-Up International 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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