



Wednesday August 30, 2017

Greetings! ,

## Question

Monty, I have a question for you. My mare, Dixie, is 13 and when I take her out of the field she pulls me to grass and I can't do anything about it because she is so strong and I'm so small. I've been starting to lunge her to get her to respect me and she does, but what I don't understand is why does she pull me to the grass when I take her out of the field. Monty what should I do because she thinks she's the boss. How can I show her I'm in charge when handling her, riding and lunging she is great it is just handling her that she just pulls me about. Monty, what would you do to teach her manners and how would you do it?

Thanks,  
Ciara Holmes

## Answer

Dear Ciara,

Thank you very much for your inquiry. You have outlined a problem that many people have. Since very few people are as big as a horse, and virtually no one is as strong as their horse, the answer is "horses do it because they can." The horse will pull you to the grass if it can pull you to the grass and then it gets a big bite of what it's after. If you are lucky, and you're in the pasture, you can take the halter off while it's chewing its trophy.

It would please me if I could ask you if you have a Dually Halter. If you're not strong enough to control the horse with the Dually Halter, then we have a problem. If you have a Dually Halter and school your horse to respect it long before there is grass involved, you have a much better chance to solve this problem.

One may have to bring in a friend or family member who is much stronger to deny a

reward by using a Dually Halter, always entering the pasture, turning immediately back toward the gate and causing your horse to stand still while removing the halter never causing the horse to blast away from you.

It would be wise for you to use the [Equus Online University](#) to discover the art of schooling with the Dually Halter and educating your horse to stand still. These are valuable lessons, clearly outlined and demonstrated on the Online University.

Sincerely,



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

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In this online video series, world renowned horse archer Kassai Lajos demonstrates horseback archery and the learning path to becoming a horse archer. 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 for registered veterans and first responders
- USA** September 15 to 16: Equus International Film Festival
- UK** October 1: Special Training Day with Monty
- 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 Neubulach
- 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](#)

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## THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

September 11 to 15, 2017	<u><a href="#">Introductory Exam</a></u>
September 18 to October 6, 2017	<u><a href="#">Advanced Certification Course</a></u>
October 9 to 20, 2017	<u><a href="#">Introductory Certification Course</a></u>
October 23 to 26, 2017	<u><a href="#">Join-Up Course</a></u>
October 27 to 28, 2017	<u><a href="#">Long Lining Course</a></u>
November 25 to 26, 2017	<u><a href="#">Horsemanship 101</a></u>
November 27 to 30, 2017	<u><a href="#">Join-Up Course</a></u>
December 1 to 2, 2017	<u><a href="#">Long Lining Course</a></u>



### **ONLINE PRODUCT REVIEW: MONTY'S LONG LINES**

"I've bought this set of long lines before, which is why I bought them again. It's always nice to have fresh lines. Anyway they're strong, durable, stay clean and clean up easily. They're easy to untangle, they're gentle and non-threatening, quiet, soft, and when they start to fray they maintain their strength and don't intimidate with a new fear. I've done a lot with them, and I've gotten a lot from them. I also have the longest, the black length which has proved to be as sturdy as the rest. Great prices for all also at least for me here in the Midwest. Simple things like these can be awful expensive, but to me these were a great price."

~ Julie P., Verified Buyer

"I absolutely love these long lines they are very easy to handle very soft in your hands but yet strong. Very well-made. Best long-lines I have ever owned."

~ Martina M., Verified Buyer

Editor's note: Are you interested in learning more about long lining? Check out Monty's Long Lining DVD: <https://montyrobortsshop.com/collections/dvd/products/dvd-long-lining>.

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



Dear Monty,

More than 20 years ago, I first heard about you and the way to train horses. I was about 15 years old and knew the traditional way to dominate horses. But I started working with some ponies that seemed to be resistant to traditional.

A progress started that still is amazing. A lot of horses found trust in their human again. It always works. A long time ago, I saw you in Ingolstadt the first time.

You changed something else in my life. I'm a teacher and work with pupils that often get into trouble because they never learned about rules. They are used to verbal and physical violence, as a way to "solve" problems they know better than I do. I started to act like you describe in one of your books. We talk to each other and they tell me what they would do when they misbehave and what they would like me to do if they did well. It's hard as teachers to control yourself not only to see the faults. But it works and it's worth the effort.

I once commented on a Facebook post that I wish you would come to Bavaria. And now you will be here in Ansbach in November. I am so happy to get the chance to see you again. Unfortunately (or fortunately) I have no problem with my horses, but you gave so much for my life to me. THANK YOU SO MUCH! And THANK YOU from the horses I was able to help to communicate just because of you. You are part of my life over more than 20 years. I'm looking so forward to meeting you in Ansbach.

All the best,  
Sabrina Siedle

## **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

Hi Monty!

I recently bought a wonderful 19 year old mare. As my first horse, she is fantastic in every way. She's taught me so much already.

Her only true bad behavior shows up when she's being saddled, and especially when she's being cinched up. She'll pin her ears, bite at the air, bite at me (I always tie her lead short so she can't reach me) then she'll be fine.

I believe she used to be saddled very harshly, and has developed a defense mechanism (biting) because of that.

How can I break her of this? She's a very intelligent little mare and I know she can learn. Age is just a number!

Thanks!  
Megan Babcock

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### HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Hannah Selleck shows at the Grand Prix level and runs her Descanso Farm's breeding operation in California. Selleck helps raise awareness of Brooke USA's charitable work to make a difference in the lives of working equines. Brooke Global Ambassador Monty Roberts is excited to share the goals he has for the future of horses.

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**FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**



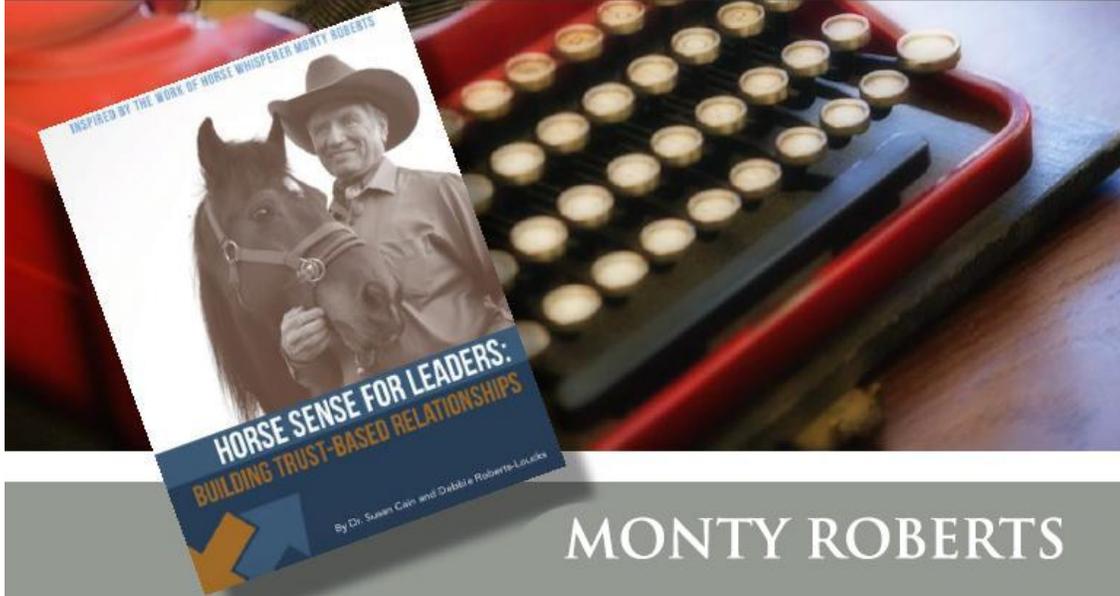
Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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

Paperback \$9.99 <http://amzn.to/1jqmgBc>

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"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 GLOBALLY

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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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