



**Wednesday September 27, 2017**

Greetings! ,

## **Question**

Hi Monty,

First of all I just want to thank you for sharing all your amazing knowledge with the world. I am from Australia and I have been following you ever since I was a little girl from reading your book about [Shy Boy](#). I saw a couple of your clinics over the years when you came to Australia and am always on the look out for when your back.

I come to you quite upset about a situation that is taking place. I have recently saved a palomino welsh gelding pony from abandonment after he was dumped and left behind in a paddock to starve who has become my daughters pony after getting him back to health.

I then got myself a Thoroughbred mare and working towards my 30 year dream of competing. Both horses are in a 40 acre paddock with two other mares and I come see them twice daily.

My problem is that my daughter and I dream of riding together but my Thoroughbred absolutely hates the pony to the point where he has quite a few bite marks on his back. I pull them both out of the paddock to feed and are fed about 20 meters away.

If the pony finishes his feed and goes to go back into the paddock, the Thoroughbred will just charge. Even when there is no food, she will just chase him to bite him.

I have been taking them on afternoon lead walks together for the last two months to see if that would work but does not seem to have made a difference. I understand I can't force them to be friends but I can't even float them together and am so upset that I've failed helping my daughter's dream of riding with her mum.

I am desperate for any advice or help you could offer and even a direction to look for

help and would be forever grateful. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Sharni

## Answer

Thank you for your question but I must admit that it is an unusual set of circumstances that you describe. Certainly it is not unusual to have one horse be extremely dominant in a pasture setting. Typically however, once the two of them are brought out of the field and ridden or transported in a trailer the dominant tendencies generally fall by the wayside very quickly.

If the dominant horse continues to be aggressive toward the pony while out of the pasture and active in other circumstances, then there is a serious problem. Dominant behavior is a natural phenomenon. It is not typically anything that one can train away. The handling of dominance is usually most successful through tactics of good husbandry.

My recommendation is that you bring in a qualified professional to view the actual behavioral pattern you describe and hopefully a window of opportunity will reveal itself so that a recommendation could be potentially successful. If you follow this course of action and a plan is outlined, I suggest you communicate with us and maybe even send through some video.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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

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Bruno with the tall Doc, Martin Clunes

In this online video series, Monty helps a horse who is afraid of tall men. 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**      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 22: Special Training Day with Monty
- 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)

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

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## **THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER**

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>

**[MORE COURSE INFO HERE, CHECK OUT OUR 2018 COURSES!](#)**

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## **FEATURING SOME OF OUR WINNING MEDIA PROJECTS!**



Last week, Monty traveled to Montana for the Equus International Film Festival (think Sundance Film Festival in Aspen, but everything about equestrian). He was there to accept the Equine Icon Award from Janet Rose and the Equus International Film Festival, but was surprised and honored by four additional awards across a spectrum of media his production team had created and entered. Check out Monty's winning selection of videos and music below.

Whisper: Winner of Best Music Video

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/montyroberts/178258243?autoplay=1>

Shy Boy: The Horse that Came in from the Wild: Winner of Best Equine/Human Bond

<https://montyrobortsshop.com/collections/dvd/products/dvd-shy-boy>

Backstage Pass: Winner of Best Series

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/montyroberts>

## VISIT MONTY'S ONLINE STORE

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



Dear Mr. Roberts,

My name is Mitchell Britt from Aynor, S.C. Cancer 15 years ago helped me reach a different level with horses. Thank you for all you have done for horses. They are our teachers. God has blessed me to be able to be with these sacred animals.

### **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!

## NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

Dear Monty,

I'm am a student of your methods for over six years. I've been riding horses for about 45 years, first 15 years English in Germany and for the last 30 years Western in Alberta, Canada.

For me the first months, maybe years, it was hard to ride on a "long rein."

English was a contact on a shorter rein (collected). In the University I learn a lot of great things from you. Thanks for this.

Now my question:

I'm now almost 73 and like to learn to drive a horse! Can you give people like me lessons and advice in your online University?

Maybe this is even helpful for other Uni students?

Sorry about my English but I'm an old German!

Hans Herrmann

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## HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Interested in riding while in college? Ashley Henry is in her 12th season as the head coach of the SCAD equestrian program who lead the IHSA National Championship for the first time in school history, causing SCAD to be the first school to win both divisions of the ANRC National Championship. When not coaching Henry designs and creates custom jewelry. Carla Wennberg, coach, judge and FEI steward, encourages mental preparation of the rider.

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## FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS



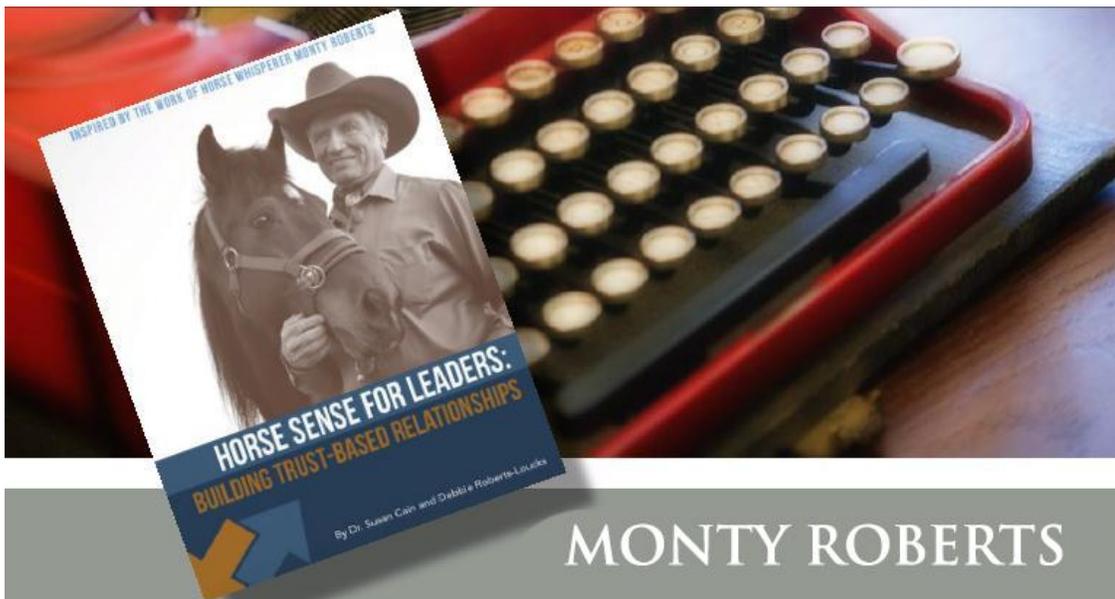
Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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

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 GLOBALLY

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. [READ MORE](#)



**FIND A MONTY ROBERTS CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR**

Find [a Monty Roberts Certified Instructor](http://www.montyroberts.com/certified-instructors-page/) 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:  
<http://www.montyroberts.com/certified-instructors-page/>



## LEAVE A LEGACY

Planned gifts to Join-Up International's non-profit organization, such as a bequest in your will or trust, help to secure the future of non-violent concepts. To learn more, go to:  
<http://www.join-up.org/how-to-help/>

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