



Wednesday November 29, 2017

Greetings! ,

Question

I live in Spain and I have a question that I thought someone there would either know or would know someone who would know...can you pass it on to whoever you think could help me?

I have lived here for 23 years, and until this year fed my horse and mule straw as forage, as it was all I could get. I have now sourced "foraje," which looks like dried oat grass, and smells wonderful, unsurprisingly they love it!

However when I got my first load in June, each bale weighed 32 kg, but as they have dried out, they now weigh between 20 - 24 kg. So my question is, do I feed by weight or by bulk? as there is a huge difference in what 4 kg looks like back in June and now. I can't find any information out there on this, I am assuming you don't get that kind of difference in hay in the UK. I realize some of the weight is moisture, but does that also affect nutritional value?

My two are turned out in a dirt corral, as it hasn't rained since May there won't be anything on the land until it does, so I want to get this right. Would really appreciate any advice, or suggestions as to how I can find out.

Thanks,
Wendy

Answer

Dear Wendy,

Thank you for an interesting question. As the weight variation in hay is related to moisture and very little else, I would recommend feeding by volume. My concern in answering this question is that if the difference in weight is substantial then I would worry a bit about the

curing process which could cause mold to develop that can be harmful to the horse.

If your hay is significantly heavier, carefully observe as it dries by pulling bits of it from the center of the hay before feeding, smell it and break it up to be sure there is no mold or mildew present.

Sincerely,



MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE

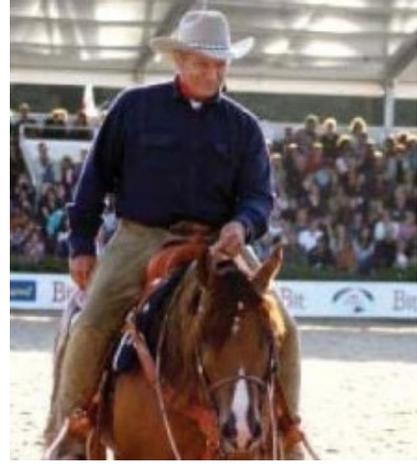


In this online video series, Monty works with Diego, a wild mustang. Not a student yet? Click on the buttons below to Join-Up with thousands of horse lovers learning Monty's force-free, fun methods.



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- USA** December 15 to 17: Horse Sense and Healing clinic for registered Veterans and First Responders
- USA** January 6, 2018: [Master Series Demonstrations](#) including Monty Roberts and Boyd Martin at Galway Downs, Temecula, California
- USA** April 21 to 22, 2018: West Coast Dressage Convention, Los Angeles, California, featuring Edward Gal, Hans Peter Minderhoud, and Monty Roberts. Tickets from: www.shproductions.ca
- USA** May 23 to 24, 2018: Moment of Join-Up Symposium and Festival (details to come)
- USA** July 23 to August 3, 2018: [Gentling Wild Horses course](#) at Flag Is Up Farms, California
- USA** August 6 to 10, 2018: [Monty's Special Training](#) at Flag Is Up Farms, California

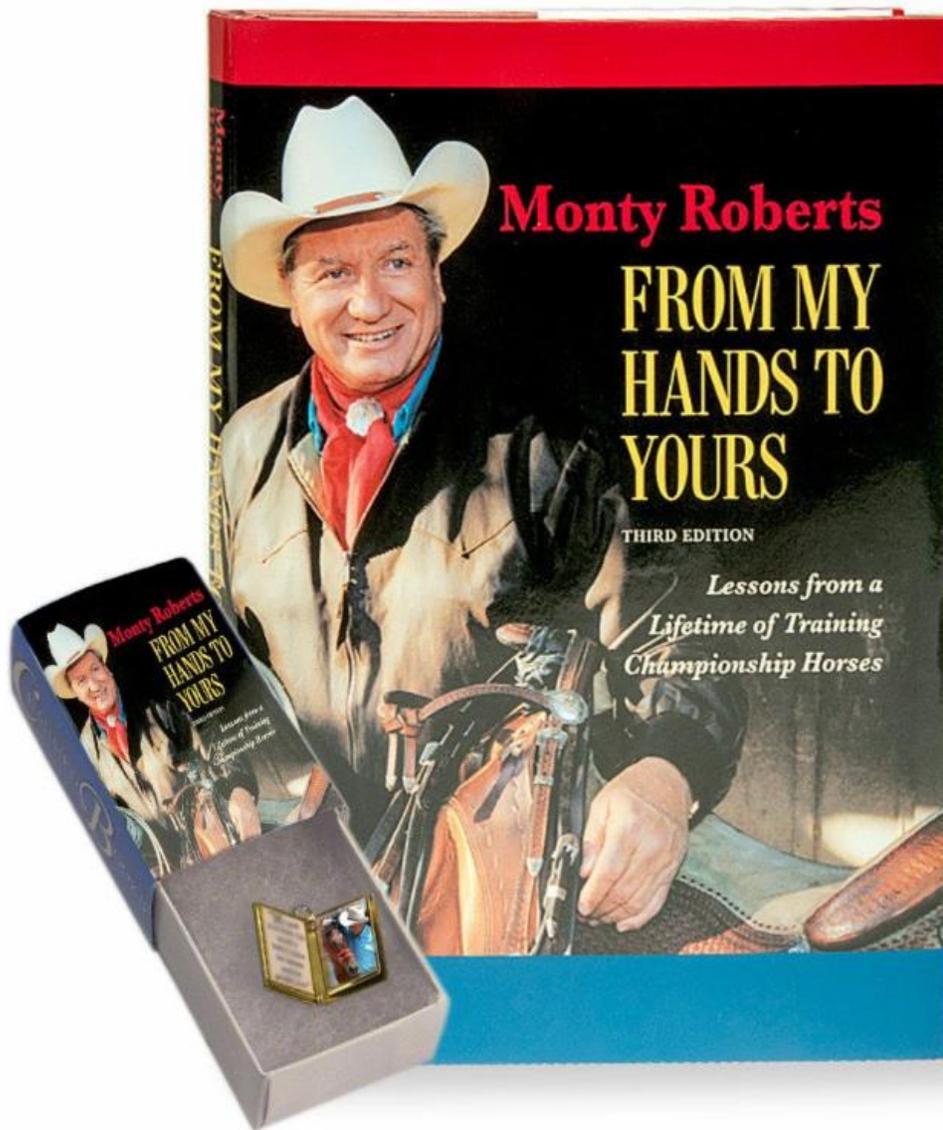


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THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

December 1 to 2, 2017	Long-Lining Course
February 19 to 22, 2018	Join-Up Course
February 23 to 24, 2018	Long Lining Course

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~ Jane D., verified buyer

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Book: [Ask Monty](#)

Each chapter is devoted to a key area of horse training, and Monty's methods are easily and practically explained with the help of clear diagrams.

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SHIPPING DEADLINES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Domestic (USA)

Standard Shipping	Friday, December 15
Priority Mail:	Tuesday, December 19
UPS:	Friday, December 15
FedEx 2 Day:	Tuesday, December 19
FedEx Express Saver:	Monday, December 18
FedEx Ground:	Tuesday, December 12



International (outside USA)

USPS 1st Class (varies by destination):	Thursday, December 7
USPS Priority Mail:	Friday, December 8

Australia

Fedex International Economy:	Friday, December 15
Fedex International Priority:	Monday, December 18

Brazil

Fedex International Economy:

Friday, December 14

Fedex International Priority:

Friday, December 15

Germany

Fedex International Economy:

Monday, December 18

Fedex International Priority:

Tuesday, December 19

United Kingdom

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Monday, December 18

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MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE



Dear Monty Team,

My answer is as written below. I understand that you may receive hundreds of responses, so thank you for reading mine. It was fun to write!

Horse-friends can learn much from your demonstrations. For one, I find it comforting to hear from people who consider horses beings worth listening to as I do. It is also wonderful to see how patience and the creation of a new method can change and save lives of both people and our beloved horses, for in the real world those are often two of the most difficult things to do. Perseverance is demonstrated every time, and each Join-

Up gives hope to people like me who hope to accomplish that one day. What horses teach us, as Monty has said many times, can transfer into our lives as well.

Thank you for being part of a phenomenal occurrence, Monty Team: the occurrence of perseverance, passion, and patience.

Ecstatically,
Katrin S.

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 horses!

~ Monty

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

Hi! My name is Megan Winckler. I teach at Bon Homme Hutterische Colony in South Dakota. One of my seventh grade students is reading about and writing a research paper on Monty Roberts and his accomplishments. He was hoping you could answer a few questions for him:

- * Is Shy Boy still around?
- * How many foster children did you have?
- * How much do you get paid for training a horse?
- * Have you changed anything on your ranch since the book [The Man Who Listens to Horses](#)?
- * Do you think more people are choosing to train horses the way you do or still the way your father did?

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Monty Roberts, the first-ever Equus International Film Festival's Equine Icon Award winner, spoke with the Equestrian Manager Jackie Kecskes about Montana horseback riding adventures and cattle drives on their 37,000 acres. And Michael Wakefield is a fourth generation horseman, competes in Combined Driving Events in Western U.S. and for the past 15 years has driven a four-in-hand on the stagecoach for Wells Fargo Bank.

[EPISODE 100 | LISTEN HERE](#)



FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

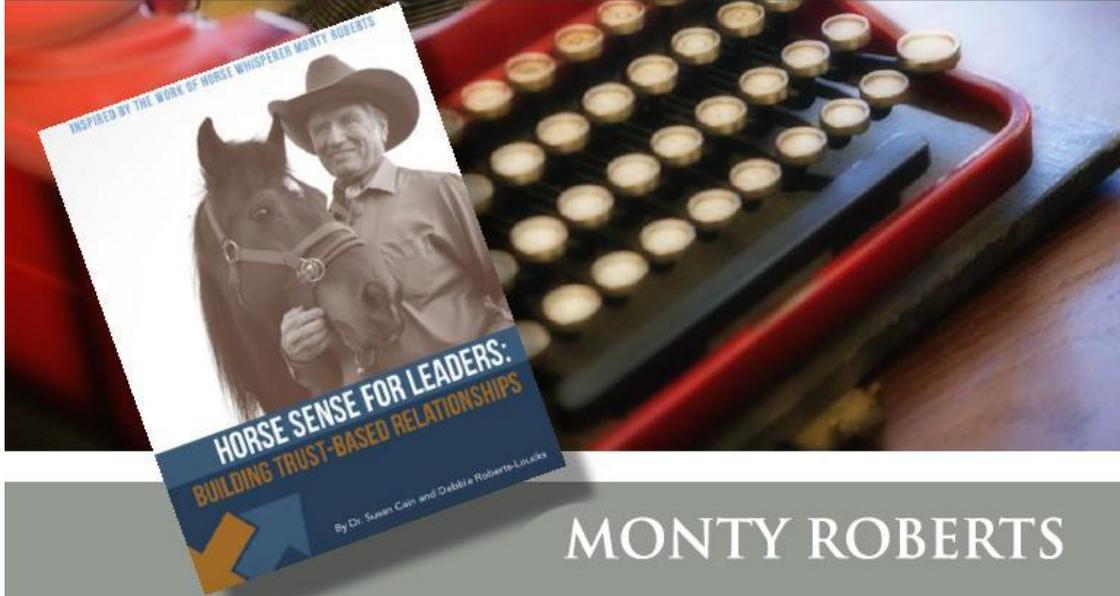


Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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



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