



Wednesday December 20, 2017

Greetings! ,

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Question

Dear Monty,

I have been spending a lot of time with my sister's horse Lucky. He is a 17 year old gelding who hasn't been ridden for some time as he used to be lame but is under vet care and better now. We have spent a great deal of time doing ground work with the [Monty Roberts Dually Halter](#). Also we give him walks with lots of exposure to anything and everything on the farm and along the country roads. With Lucky's continued improvement we have begun to ride. We have found him to respond well riding bitless with the [Monty Roberts Dually Halter](#).

We are also riding bareback as he really does well, has more whoa then go and we did not want to put the extra weight of a saddle on him as of yet as we are still babying him and hoping he will continue to be well. Though he has access to pasture all day, being late in the year there is not as much to eat. We supplement with hay in the evening. He doesn't touch it during the day being content in the field. However, when we ride in the field he puts his head down to eat and it is difficult to get it back up. I will take the [Giddy-Up rope](#) with me on the next ride and am considering using a gentle small round ball spurs.

Would this be in keeping with your views, or do you have any other suggestions. I value your opinion and am so grateful for all the knowledge you have shared with me and so many others. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

The world is a better place with you in it. God bless you and yours.
Linda, an avid follower

Answer

Dear Linda,

It's gratifying to have people communicate with me who have significant care and concern for the horses in their lives. Both remedies you mentioned in your question are acceptable. I would make every attempt to ride where grass is not available and when it is I would exercise the procedure of stopping and backing up each time there was an attempt to eat from the ground.

Sincerely,



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- UK** March 3, 2018: Monty Roberts demonstration at [Myerscough College](#), Bilsborrow, Lancs, PR3 0RY
- UK** March 7, 2018: Monty Roberts demonstration at [Hadlow College](#), Hadlow, Kent, TN1 0AL
- UK** March 17, 2018: Monty Roberts demonstration at [The Grange - with Special Guest "Martin Clunes"](#), Okehampton, Devon EX20 3DA
- 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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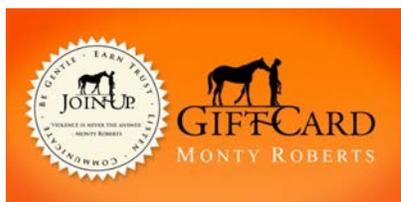


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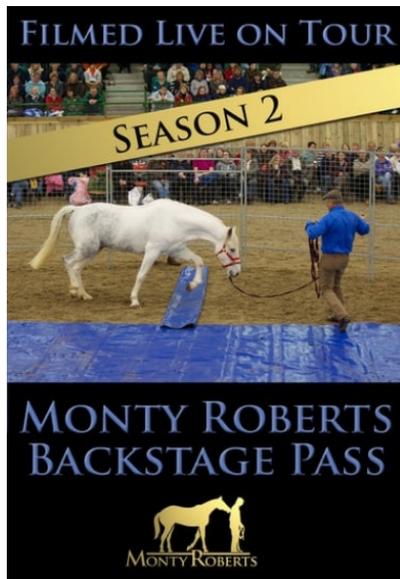
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Go to: vimeo.com/ondemand/montyrobertsseason2

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"After attending your workshops in Canberra Australia, last year, buying some Duallys, reading your books and joining and looking at your [Equus Online University](#), which has changed my life, I commenced to teach her to load. She was text book - after three lessons over three days (about 30 mins) she was loading and unloading with a smile on the line. I was very proud of her and myself."

Gwynneth Williams

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



Readers Respond to Last Week's Question About Horses' Ability to Love

Dear Monty,

As a scientist I've had to change my mind on many occasions and toss my tunnel vision aside. How wonderful to read your reply in which you share a change in your point of view, it's so refreshing. Thank you!

Kind regards
Isabelle

Hello Monty. I just read the question and answer about horses possibly forming a love relationship with a human. I can say that a Cobb pony I purchased a couple years ago gives me such great signs of affection I some-times think he loves me. So I think that it is possible to have a love relation-ship based on respect and kindness between a human and a horse. Magnificent creatures with so much to offer humans.

Dawn Plumer

Thank you for such an inspiring question today - I see this with the horses I work with all the time. Their ability to feel, process emotions and yes, love. Thank you for being brave enough to say this.

Much love as always
Tania Kettle xx

Dear Monty,

I am sure, with no scientific training at all, only a lifetime with horses, that horses do sometimes "take care" of certain people. When a teenager I hunted a 17hh gelding that belonged to my cousin. No one could hold him and I had dire warnings from my Aunt about not trying to fight him. He also was very difficult in the box and would drive people out. For some reason I had no fear of "Scout" at all and when first entering his box to be

met with huge yellow teeth coming at me, I knew he would not touch me. His ears came forward and although at times he continued to threaten, as soon as he saw it was me, he pricked his ears. When out with hounds on him, I trusted him completely and he behaved immaculately, checking when hounds checked and never taking off with me to everyone's astonishment who knew him. I have never forgotten him and he taught me so much. They are truly remarkable animals.

Jo (Mac)

More next week...

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 Monty,

We have met several times now in England. I have a young race horse with a small mouth. She came to me very head shy as a 8 month old filly as a behaviourist. I was recommended she came to me for handling as a baby then backing & bringing on as a yearling & 2 year old. She is very immature so I advised the owner to leave her as a 3 year old to run & train. Whilst in the mean time handle her & keep her sane whilst ready for backing.

I have now started her training which I start with biting & she is highly rejecting it! Big time! You cannot get near her ears as this tells me she has been twitched in this area! With a little patience & time she is starting to accept this. I have now introduced the bit!!! She absolutely hates it near her mouth & no way can I put my hand or fingers near her mouth never mind the bit! Any suggestions please?

Thank you, Bev Griffiths

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Stefanie Krysiak interviewed 105 horse persons from 6 continents for the Fédération Equestre Internationale. Participants included Monty Roberts, George Morris, Christoph Hess, Pat Parelli, Anky van Grunsven, Dr. Gerd Heuschmann, Frank Kemperman, Guy Mclean, and more. Connie Johnson Hambley's 3rd book in a trilogy, *The Wake*, features hippotherapy in a mainstream thriller.

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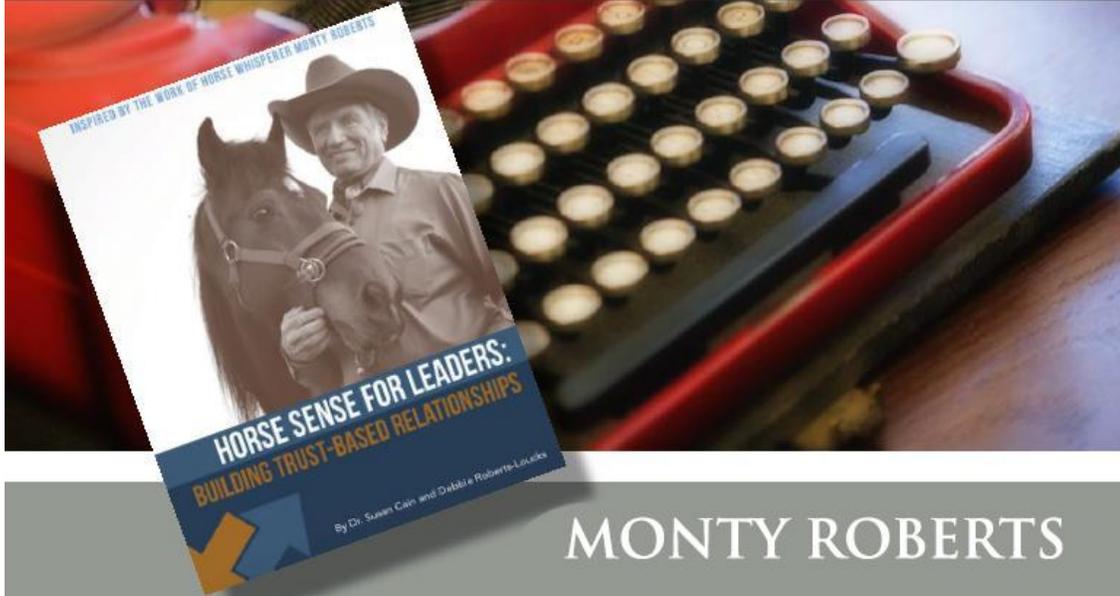


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~ Dr. Susan Cain, Corporate Learning Institute



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