



Wednesday March 14, 2018

Greetings! ,

Question

Dear Monty,

I have a two-year old filly who from birth has chewed manes and tails (her mother's, those of other broodmares, other foals, etc.). I have tried all the old taste deterrent remedies - nothing works. As a last resort, I put her with my old broodmares (who stand no nonsense!), but she even found one of them gentle enough to allow her to eat her lovely tail up to the dock.

I have tried homeopathy. I am contemplating 'remote' healing. She is the sweetest little pony with no other vices. I am tearing my hair out now! Now I have had to separate her, which is arguably the worst thing to do, but she is eating her way through my herd and could cause herself internal damage. Any constructive comments would be most welcome.

Answer

This is a major problem on most breeding operations. Over the years we have had problems with tail eating. I think it was about 10 years ago one of my grooms from Mexico created a preparation that was very successful.

He used the hottest chilies that they grow in Mexico. He mixed them with cooking oil then put the mixture in a blender and chopped it very fine. Using a glove, he rubbed it on the tails every day. We never had tail eating since that time.

If your pony can eat this mixture then you have to take him to Mexico where everybody eats such hot food! If you don't have Mexican chilies you could use cayenne pepper. It is just as effective but makes a bit more mess. But chilies are nice and clean.

Many people believe that chewing tails may indicate physiological needs rather than behavioral challenges, such as boredom from being confined in small enclosures and unable to exercise freely. At my place, Flag Is Up Farms, we put out salt blocks and feed a mix that contains minerals necessary for healthy horses. I encourage horse owners to ask their vets about the best mix for their horses in their locale. There is no reason for this being a dietary problem if your horse's diet is balanced.

Sincerely,



MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE

A Milestone! Our 500th lesson just launched on my Equus Online University: [The Importance of Body Language](#)



"Saw Monty working with him when he had only been on the farm since Saturday saw him on Monday in the Gentling pen. This young gelding is so quick, always knows where his feet are and also where he is in relationship to you. This colt is the best case study of wild horse non violent training you will ever see."

~ Margaret Quinn Evans



This online video series shows how Monty works with a wild mustang called Diego. Learn how to build your core strength and balance. Not a student yet? Click on the buttons below to Join-Up with thousands of horse lovers learning Monty's force-free, fun methods.



UPCOMING EVENTS



- UK** March 17, 2018: Monty Roberts demonstration at [The Grange - with Special Guest "Martin Clunes"](#), Okehampton, Devon EX20 3DA
- Ireland** March 24 and 25, 2018: Monty Roberts demonstrations at [Cavan Equestrian Centre Ltd](#), near Dublin
- UK** March 28, 2018: Monty's Special Training, Monks Stud, Shamley Wood Estate, Guildford https://whisperingequus.co.uk/monty_special_training/

- UK** April 2, 2018: **New Date!** Demonstration at [Myerscough College](#), Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancs, PR3 0RY
- USA** April 21 to 22, 2018: West Coast Dressage Convention, Los Angeles, California, featuring Edward Gal, Hans Peter Minderhoud and Monty Roberts. Tickets from: <https://ca.shproductions.ca/purchase-west-coast-dressage-convention-v/>
- USA** May 23 to 24, 2018: The Movement in Solvang with Monty and Pat Roberts, Speakers, Demonstrations [Symposium and Awards Dinner ticket](#) or [Symposium only ticket](#) or [Awards Dinner only ticket](#)
- 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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March 12 to 30, 2018	Advanced Certification Course	Click for Course Info
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May 7 to 10, 2018	Join-Up Course	Click for Course Info
May 11 to 12, 2018	Long Lining Course	Click for Course Info
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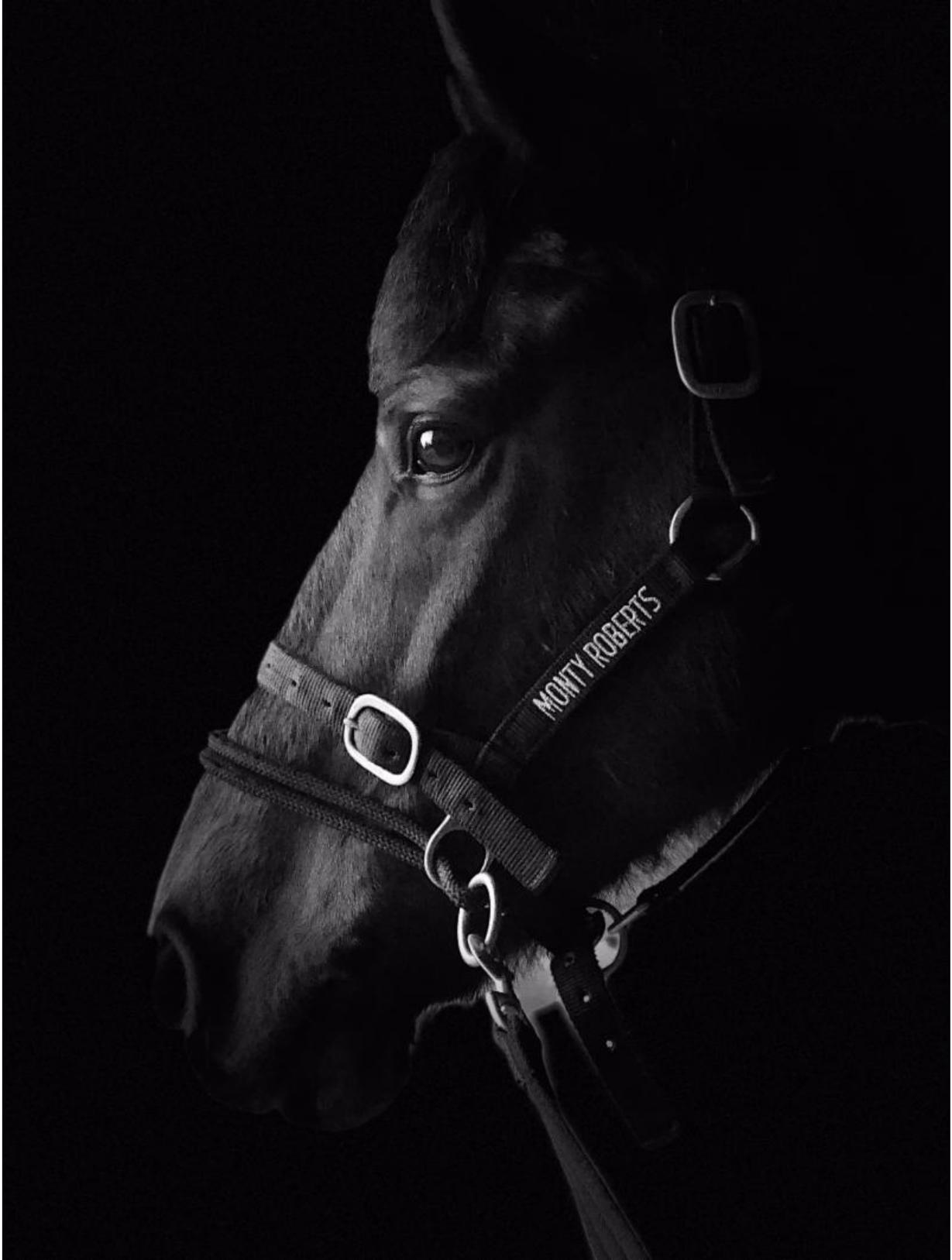


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ONLINE PRODUCT REVIEW: DUALY HALTER

The Dually Halter - Equipment that works!

These halters are the most effective training halters in existence. Whether you use it on a young horse, or an older one that needs reminding of good behavior, it is effective and safe for both horse and handler. This is my second purchase of a Dually Halter - I gave the first one to my daughter for use on her young horses, and she also has high praise for these halters. All horse lovers should have one of these in their tack room.

Koreen N.
Verified Buyer
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MONTY'S PRINCIPLES
HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE



Words from Dr. Michael Norwood about Monty Roberts

Once in a generation, large masses of the world's population come to recognize someone with a profound message for humankind. These rare individuals change the course of history. Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King and the Dalai Lama stand in this rarefied light.

There has been only one of such likeness in the 50-million-year history of the horse. Unlike his fellow way-showers, the shift this luminary has created is one between two different worlds: that of man and horse. Monty Roberts has been the first to come along to do the seemingly impossible - to pierce the veil of language between the two. Yet, the communication methods he has unveiled elicits the same sacred and highest of human attributes of his fellow messengers: trust, compassion, grace and love.

Eliminating the need for the brutal manner that man for thousands of years has used to "break" horses, the revolution created by Monty Roberts not surprisingly has an equal application to human interaction.

The great loss of our generation would be to not recognize and embrace Roberts' extraordinary teachings to help alleviate the immense suffering in our own world. Yet, this application would be easy to overlook. First, rather than wearing a loin cloth, carrying a bible or dressed in flowing robes, this unlikely emissary comes to us wearing a cow-boy hat and a bandanna.

Additionally, while his demonstrations of his Join-Up® methods always involve horses, the principles unveiled transcend that world, and enters directly into ours. And with our world more fractured and in greater danger of self-annihilation than in all of history, the embracing of such principles by us have never been more needed

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

Dear Monty,

I was recently taken to a racetrack here in south FL. I was stunned to see that after a race a chain is placed from the halter across the upper gum under the upper lip. Is this necessary for safe handling of these exquisite animals?

Linnea Berg

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Listen in to a conversation between three industry leaders who put the language of horses at the forefront of everything they do in the animal world. Dr. Barbara Baker is CEO and President of a leading USA Zoo who trains her staff with horses first to understand animals better. Janet Rose is Director of Development & Communications for Save the Chimps and a member of the Equine Experiential Education Association. Monty Roberts' best selling autobiography *The Man Who Listens to Horses* influenced both their paths.

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FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS



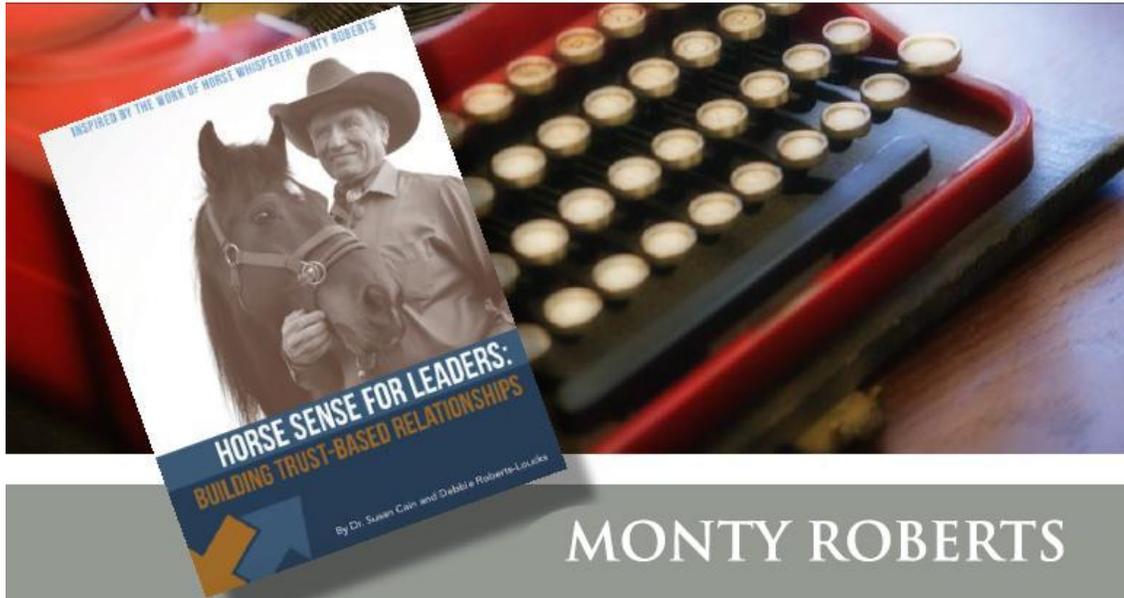
Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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



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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/>

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](#)



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