



Wednesday March 21, 2018

Greetings! ,

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

Answer

Dear Linnea,

The racing industry has many practices that I would change. The use of the chain over the gums is utilized most of the time when leading. I believe there are better ways to do it without a painful chain. But I would put the chain down the list from many other practices, including the use of a whip.

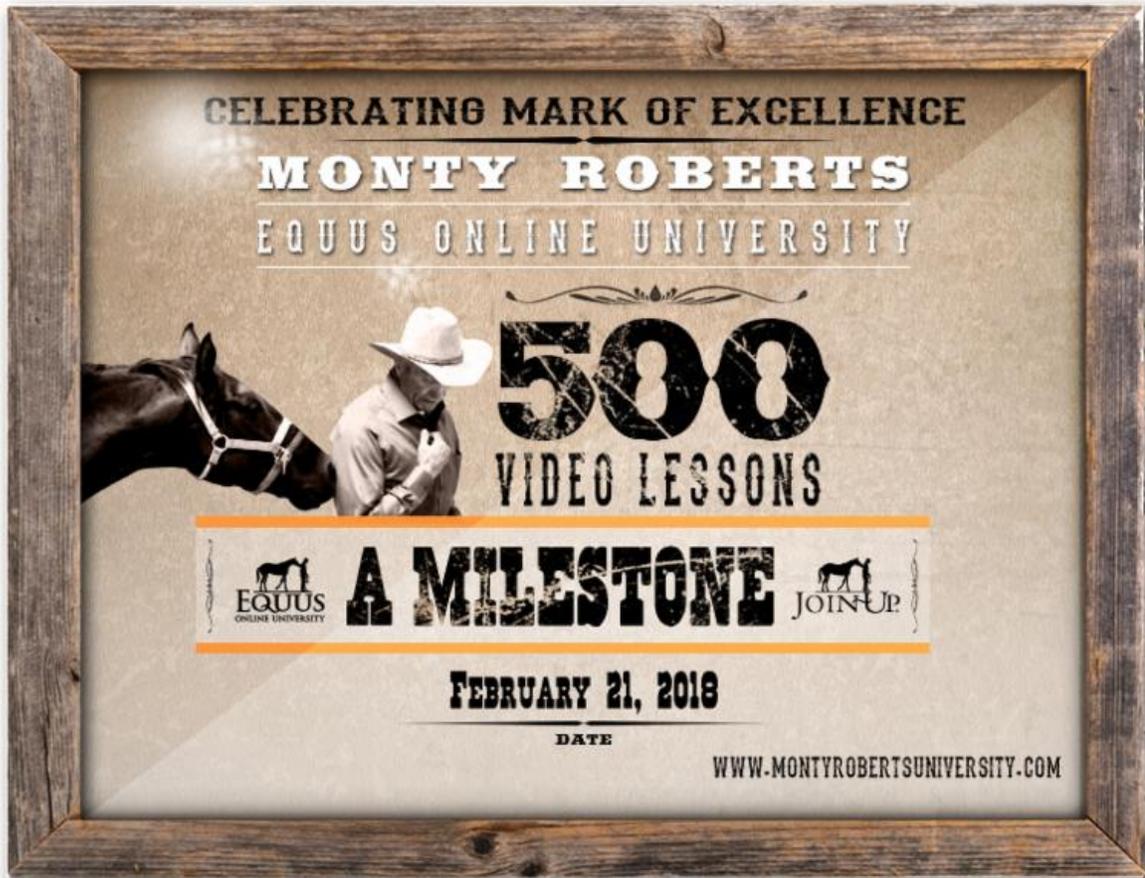
I believe correct schooling with a Dually Training halter would negate the need for this chain. But that requires a handler take the time and effort to educate himself, which is a lack in the racing industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Monty' in a cursive, flowing script.

MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE

A Milestone! Our 500th lesson recently 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



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| 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

[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

March 12 to 30, 2018	Advanced Certification Course	Click for Course Info
April 9 to 20, 2018	Introductory Certification Course	Click for Course Info
May 5 to 6, 2018	Horsemanship 101	Click for Course Info
May 7 to 10, 2018	Join-Up Course	Click for Course Info
May 11 to 12, 2018	Long Lining Course	Click for Course Info
May 25 to 27, 2018	Horse Sense and Healing	Click for Course Info
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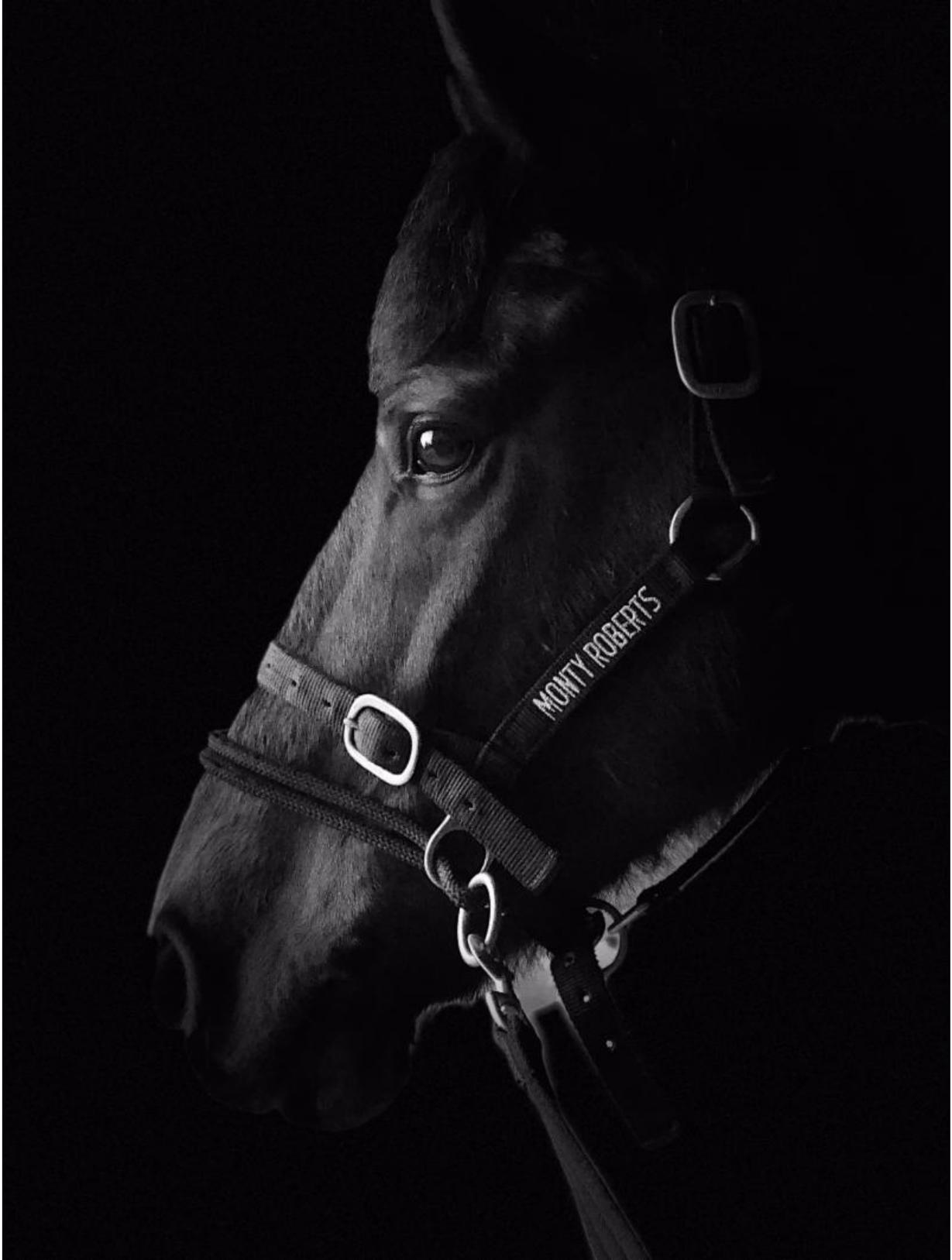


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ONLINE PRODUCT REVIEW: DUALY HALTER

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



I love Monty's personal story, going from being abused to understanding the nature of it and turning it around to compassion with better results for all areas of life. I love his books.

Daniel Villarreal

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,
Do you think it is beneficial to ride bareback?

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Equestrian clinician Arien Aguilar is shaping the next generation to listen and understand the nature of horses. TheRightHorse.org has the right person in Christy Counts to massively increase horse adoptions in the United States.

[EPISODE 108 | LISTEN HERE](#)



FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

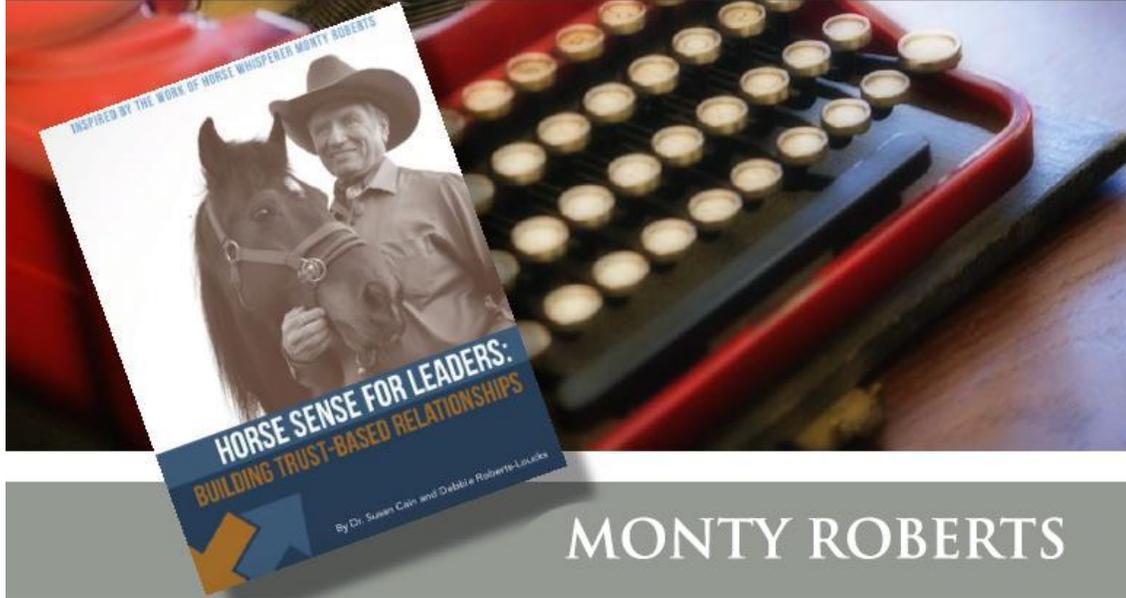


Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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

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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