



Wednesday June 6, 2018

Greetings! ,

Question

Dear Monty,

I live in Victoria Australia, and last weekend a lady who was out riding alone on a bush trail in the high country of Victoria near Mansfield failed to return to the camp area where she had left her vehicle and horse trailer. She and her horse survived four nights in freezing conditions and were located together yesterday morning. Apparently she had suffered some kind of event leading to loss of memory and disorientation. Her family said she was a very competent and knowledgeable horsewoman and this came as shock to them.

What I consider amazing is that her faithful horse stayed by her side and she said when she tried to sleep under a bed of dry wooden branches he would nudge her awake each morning. He could easily have wandered back to the campsite as horses always know where to head for home. However he was so loyal he stayed put and probably made it easier for the spotter plane as he is chestnut and thus would not camouflage easily.

I think the media said the horse's name is Depict. He deserves a medal! What are your thoughts?

Kind regards,
Kate Sutherland

Answer

Dear Kate,

Thank you for this thought provoking question. My first reaction is to say that this lady is deserving of being considered a knowledgeable horse woman. The circumstances allow me to believe this lady regularly found a lot more to congratulate this horse for than she did to discipline her horse for. I don't know the age of the horse but my guess would be

that it was not a youngster. This horse had settled into the belief that this human being could be reasonable and even supportive instead of a pain-producing predator.

There are many stories of animals assisting humans in a time of need. Primarily, however, these stories involve another predator. The dog and the cat make up the highest count and one must agree that a lot of that has to do with the numbers of pets. Over the centuries however, horses were with humans in a much higher numbers than they are today. It is my opinion that flight animals have had fewer reasons to accept the human as a partner. Because the flight animal would become subservient when dealt with violently, the human tended to activate our predatory tendencies and thus the term "breaking" became synonymous with taming the horse.

Obviously this lady found ways to create a partnership with her horse, instead of a slave and master relationship. She should get a gold medal from somebody because horses cannot lie. Her horse cannot lie. Her horse perceived her as a friend and set aside the fact that she was a predator.

Sincerely,



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ONLINE PRODUCT REVIEW: THE DUALY HALTER

Last year I purchased the red [Dually Halter](#) to help with the training of my yearling. It worked so well I decided to purchase the black one to continue with the fillies' training. I also find it extremely helpful to use with my six-year-old gelding that I have been riding for a few years now but recently started him in Western Dressage. The Dually Halter helps him concentrate for ground work which helps when riding. Excellent product.

Sharon D.
Verified Buyer

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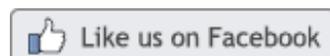


MONTY'S PRINCIPLES HORSE SENSE FOR PEOPLE



From Facebook

"Just gotta say that I didn't think you would be on Facebook and so easy to contact. I'd like to say that I take my hat off to you because you take the time to do this unlike so many others in this industry, wouldn't name some but make lots of money just for their (brand name). Want to spread the good word to help us humans and equines have a better relationship developed on trust rather than fear. And you do this by affordable information to all. Thanks...from all the not-so-rich horse owners." Lyn



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,

Some trainers believe it's very disrespectful for the horse to turn away from you in the round pen. They insist the horse turn inward.

Lyle Robinson

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



This week we talk with Equine Nutritionist Juliet Getty, Ph.D. who works to empower horse owners with the knowledge to provide the best nutrition for their horses and Dr. Wendy Ying DVM, CVA who combines TCVM and modern veterinary medicine in her practice in Sarasota, FL.

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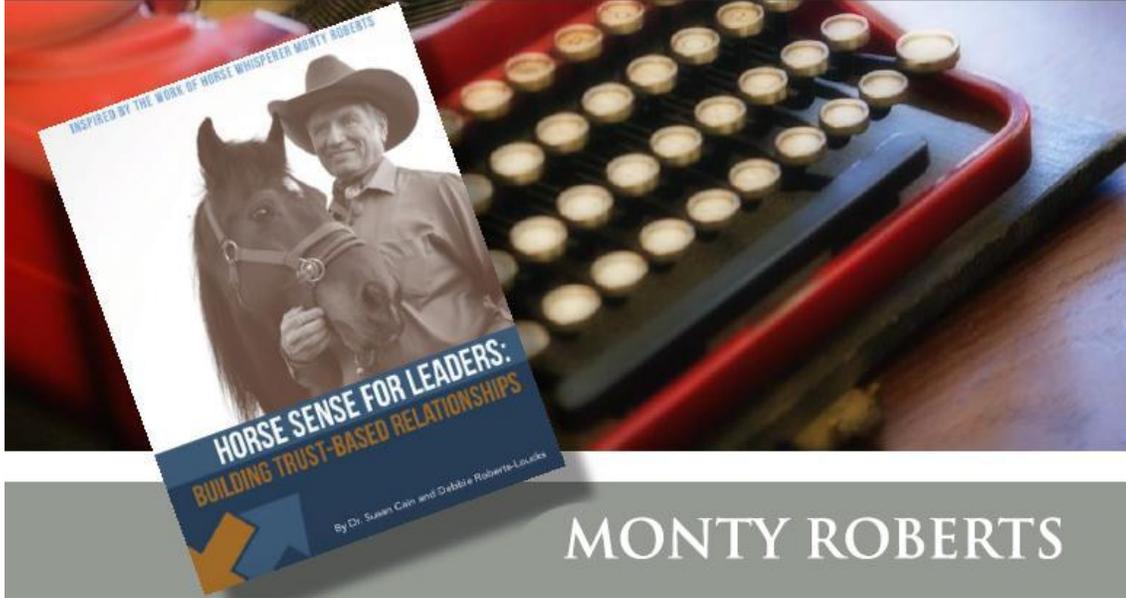


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HORSE SENSE FOR LEADERS



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~ Dr. Susan Cain, Corporate Learning Institute



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