



Wednesday June 13, 2018

Greetings! ,

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

Answer

Dear Lyle,

There are many people dealing with horses who agree with the assertion that a horse turning away from you in the round pen is disrespectful. For me, for a human to make this decision is absolutely disrespectful to Equus the flight animal. If a student of equine behavior stops for just a moment to think about this scenario they will quickly realize that the flight animal flees from danger keeping his tail pointing toward the danger with virtually every step.

If the horse stops and turns toward you and then changes direction, it is being trained by you or encouraged by you to allow him the latitude of this move. When letting the horse express his flight mode, allowing him to go away, it is my opinion that it is imperative the human encourages the turn by eyes-on-eyes, sending the horses head away from you and encouraging his departure. This reserves the internal turn for a time when the human desires the horse to come in to them.

This action follows, if done properly, the full complement of conversation between horse and human which is essential when encouraging the horse to want to come to the human being. The person who believes the internal turn is desirable has likely never tried it my way.

Also, when the horse turns away from you to change directions, he cannot see you for just

a couple of strides. Coming out of this turn builds trust in your horse that you have not caused any reason to be untrustworthy. Thirdly, remember that after achieving Join-Up with a horse, I next work with him on two lines in the driving position from the ground. Asking the horse to turn inward to change directions would cause him to be wrapped in the lines.

One should remember my Join-Ups go back well over 70 years and I guarantee you I have tried them in every way possible. Make the test yourself, if you don't mind compromising the future of horses that are encouraged to make the internal turn. It will produce a horse less likely to do a good Join-Up.

Sincerely,



Editor's Note: Reader, Patricia Hoff writes: Hi Monty, this one asked once before and was featured. The answer is no, it is not disrespectful. Let's put it this way. Have you ever seen a horse lower in rank turning to look at a horse higher in rank to show respect? I haven't. A horse lower in rank turns and walks away when a higher ranked horse closes in. I think these people are just scared of the horses back legs.

With kind regards,
Patricia

MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE



This online video series shows Monty and his team working with Lipizzaner stallions in the legendary Spanish Riding School in Vienna, Austria. Not a student yet? Click on the

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- USA** July 9 and 10, 2018: Kris Robins [Motivational Interviewing with Horses Clinic](#) at Flag Is Up Farms
- 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
- USA** August 20 to 24, 2018: [In Portuguese, Monty's Special Training](#) at Flag Is Up Farms, California

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July 23 to August 3, 2018	Gentling Wild Horses	Click for Course Info
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THE MOVEMENT: A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY WITH HORSES

From The Movement 2018

Dear Roberts Family -

The two days I spent at Flag Is Up Farms last month for "The Movement" affected me profoundly. I had very little idea about what to expect, but I knew that I loved that part of California, and I had a positive memory of many hours spent riding horses as a kid, so the idea of being around them for a couple of days was inviting. Mostly, I just really wanted to see this amazing guy, Monty Roberts, do that Join-Up thing and I wanted to hear his stories and philosophy. I figured it would be relaxing and entertaining. It was those things, for sure, but it was so much more. I was motivated, educated, moved, inspired... and completely entranced by the beauty and grace of the farm. I was humbled by the number of fascinating people there who are accomplishing meaningful things.- and, needless to say, I was - and am - completely in awe of Monty and Pat Roberts.

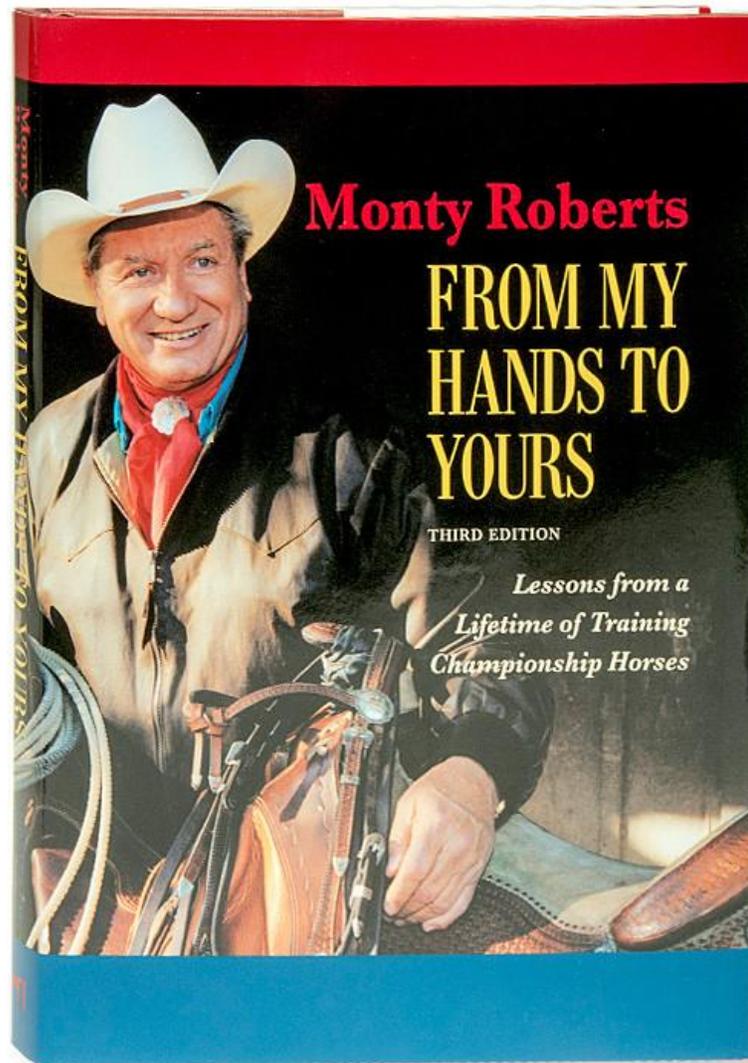
Monty's message - his vision - is simple, pure, and right.

Count me as one who will be back, and who will bring others. Who knows - maybe I'll even adopt a horse!

This movement is one I can get behind.

Thank you so much for putting this together,

Luana Jackman Waimey



ONLINE PRODUCT REVIEW: FROM MY HANDS TO YOURS

To Monty , Pat and the Team:

Thank you for my new book, [From my Hands to Yours](#). I have only had a few rare moments to even open it but the very first page, " A great trainer can teach a horse to WANT to do it". Made an impact on my riding weekend. My little Arabian horse did better than ever, highlined for the first time unafraid, took to the trails alone (and she is green). She was brave and forward, I never had to push her and she only had a wee spook once.

I am so pleased with Monty's overall mind set of training and gentling a horse has made all the difference in the 45 years I have been riding and training these magnificent animals.

Thank you Monty and your great team!

Warmly,
Tina Kerst

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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,

I have a horse who has developed a bad cough over the last few months and I have been working with my vet to treat him. He has had approximately 14 needles over the last 3 weeks and still has more to come. He is really over it and I would love your advice for anything I could do to help him know I'm trying to help him. Both today and yesterday when giving him his intramuscular needle he turned and slightly bared his teeth at me and he isn't a nasty horse at all so I really don't want him hating me.

Any help or advice would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,
Desiree Sanderson



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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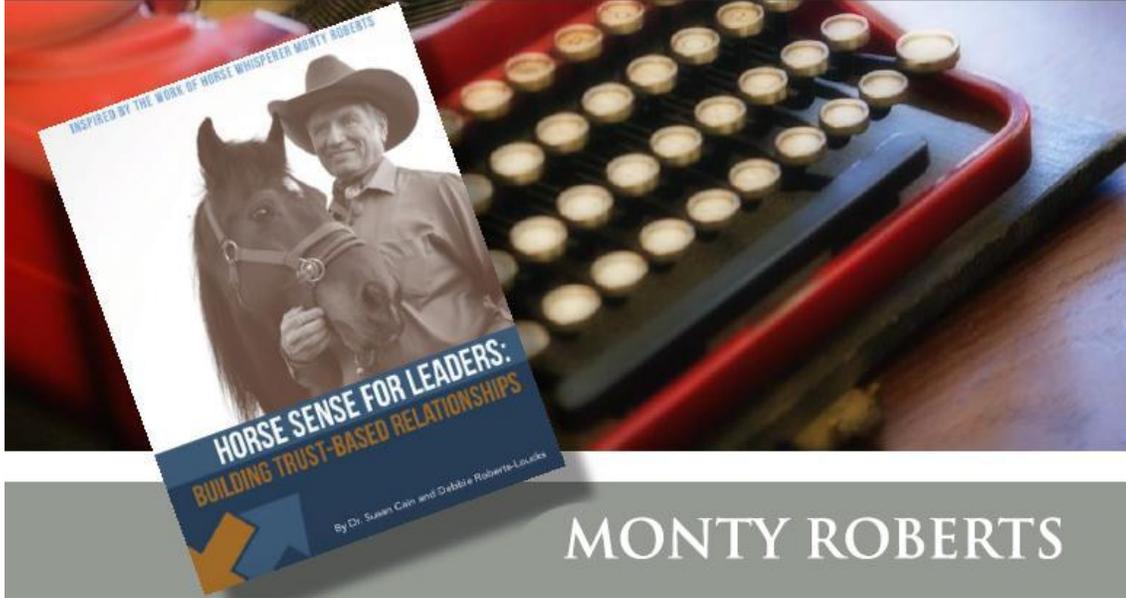


Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect.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

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~ Dr. Susan Cain, Corporate Learning Institute



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