



**Wednesday August 8, 2018**

Greetings! ,

## **Question**

Hi Monty,

I'm totally fan of yours and your methods. I discovered you when I was teenager and today I apply your advice every day since I was 15 years old. I have an important question for you. I work with mules and donkeys. Join-Up is good for mules, I can see, but for donkeys? Is it the same? Or are there differences?

I would be very honored to have an answer from you, like the best gift of my life. I hope you forgive my bad English. And thanks for being in the same world of us.

Fleur (flower) the cowgirl, and Cacahuète (peanuts) the mule, from France

## **Answer**

Dear Fleur and Peanuts,

Donkeys are another question. They sit in a very different position as to behavior than do horses or mules. Donkeys are typically far less sensitive, as flight animals, than either of their counterparts.

One can do Join-Up with donkeys, however the handler should realize that they will be slower and less reactive than their mule might be. I have done Join-Up with zebras, and while they are more sensitive than donkeys, they are far less flight reactive than horses.

When I was very young I was given the assignment to train a donkey baseball team. They literally played baseball while riding donkeys. It was educational to say the least. The audiences found them to be a laugh-a-minute because the donkeys would consistently cause the baseball players a ton of grief. They were unpredictable, had a mind of their own and would consistently do something to cause their rider to find the ground.

While I make these statements, donkey owners should not be dissuaded from doing

Join-Up with donkeys. It will be a greater challenge but the donkey, having done Join-Up, will probably be significantly more cooperative than the donkey that did not do a Join-Up. The best thing about a donkey is that they can give birth to mules and Hinnys. When a stallion is crossed with a female donkey, the result is called a Hinny.

Sincerely,



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## MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE

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This online video series shows Monty works with a fearful horse called Flag. Not a student yet? Click on the buttons below to Join-Up with thousands of horse lovers learning Monty's force-free, fun methods.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

USA

August 6 to 10, 2018: [Monty's Special Training](#) at Flag Is Up Farms,

<b>USA</b>	California August 20 to 24, 2018: <a href="#">In Portuguese, Monty's Special Training</a> at Flag Is Up Farms, California
<b>USA</b>	September 19 to 20, 2018: World Equestrian Games, Tryon North Carolina: <a href="https://www.montyroberts.com/press-releases/world-renowned-horseman-and-brooke-global-ambassador-monty-roberts-will-demonstrate-his-methods-at-fei-world-equestrian-games-tryon-2018-weg/">https://www.montyroberts.com/press-releases/world-renowned-horseman-and-brooke-global-ambassador-monty-roberts-will-demonstrate-his-methods-at-fei-world-equestrian-games-tryon-2018-weg/</a>
<b>UK</b>	October 6, 2018: Monty Roberts <a href="#">UK Fall Tour</a> in Collingham
<b>UK</b>	October 19, 2018: Monty Roberts <a href="#">UK Fall Tour</a> in Hartpury
<b>GERMANY</b>	October 25, 2018: Monty Roberts <a href="#">Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Thyrnau</a>
<b>GERMANY</b>	October 27, 2018: Monty Roberts <a href="#">Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Ohlstadt</a>
<b>GERMANY</b>	October 31, 2018: Monty Roberts <a href="#">Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Schüsselfeld</a>
<b>GERMANY</b>	November 2, 2018: <a href="#">Monty Roberts Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Fulda</a>
<b>GERMANY</b>	November 10, 2018: Monty Roberts <a href="#">Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Neubulach</a>
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	November 16 to 18, 2018: Monty demonstration in Berne <a href="https://www.canchaval.ch/fr/">https://www.canchaval.ch/fr/</a>
<b>HUNGARY</b>	December 1 and 2, 2018: Monty Roberts Join-Up Master Demonstration at Budapest Horse Show

**[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)**

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## **THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER**

August 6 to 10, 2018	Monty's Special Training	<a href="#">Click for Course Info</a>
August 11 to 12, 2018	Horsemanship 101	<a href="#">Click for Course Info</a>
August 13 to 16, 2018	Join-Up Course	<a href="#">Click for Course Info</a>
August 17 to 18, 2018	Long Lining Course	<a href="#">Click for Course Info</a>
August 20 to 24, 2018	In Portuguese, Monty's Special Training at Flag Is Up Farms, California	<a href="#">Click for Course Info</a>

**[MORE COURSE INFO HERE, CHECK OUT MORE 2018 COURSES!](#)**

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## **PAT ROBERTS SCULPTURE**



From the collection of Pat Roberts Sculpture

Title: Buddies

Subject: Young foal and dog interacting

Medium: Bronze

Dimensions: 9" height x 16" wide x 8" depth

This is AP1/20 and the only one available from the sold-out edition and the cast mold has been destroyed.

Price: \$2,500

Please contact [admin@montyroberts.com](mailto:admin@montyroberts.com) for more information



## **THE MOVEMENT: A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY WITH HORSES**

Yet another extraordinary weekend being part of the team and participants at the Horse Sense and Healing Clinic at The Flag Is Up Farms in Solvang, CA. For decades, Monty Roberts has been courageously confronting the physical manifestations of violence

within the horse world. On a deeper human level, he goes toe-to-toe with the dark, stubborn, selfish, prideful small-self that permeates the human psyche and rationalized through "my father showed me, his father showed him..." and so on, mentality. Whether it's the horse world or the human world, in the vast majority of life, violence is not the answer.

Such a concept can infuriate the stubborn small-self of consciousness. Like an animal trapped in a corner, such Truth has led to an antiquated, forceful response through anger, fear, blame, shame, denial and even threats of violence to Mr. Roberts because of his methods. Yet he maintains incredible strength and compassion for those he is yet to reach, who only know training through violent domination.

His concepts are quite groundbreaking for humanity; to communicate, listen, understand our partners, human or animal, and walk beside each other to accomplish a common goal.

Many of us have heard others say: "I love animals, its people I can't stand." Well, perhaps the hard, heart-work is a more optimal path. As individuals, we can choose to utilize Monty's Light and timeless virtues, to guide us towards a life, and existence of humility, courage and compassion, for All.

James O.

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## **DVD: THE MOVEMENT 2018 SYMPOSIUM**

7 hours of Demonstrations, Discoveries & Pathways



**The Movement Online Video on Demand for \$90**

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/152412>

Runtime: 429 Minutes

**The Movement DVD + Online Video on Demand for \$129**

<https://montyrobertsshop.com/collections/dvd/products/events-the-movement-2018-symposium-dvd>

**The Movement DVD + Online Video on Demand + 1 Hour of Coaching from Monty for \$499**

<https://montyrobertsshop.com/collections/dvd/products/dvd-digital-stream-coaching-with-monty-the-movement-2018-symposium>

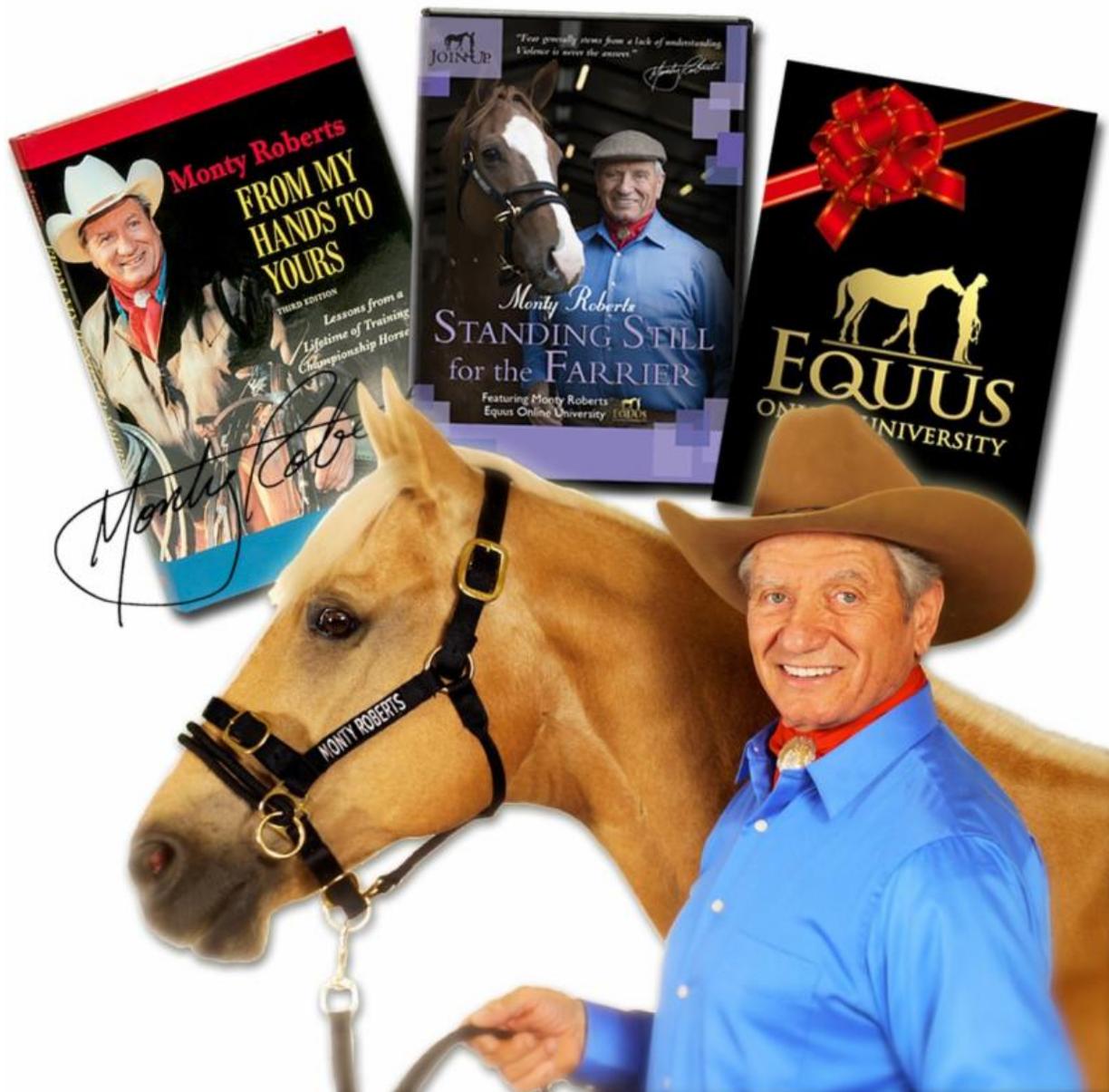
This transformative two-day journey helped attendees discover the unique power of horses to find mindfulness, to learn and apply non-violent forms of communication and leadership and to help humans and horses live better lives.

In the arena, presenters and trainers shared their perspectives of the flight animal and how their vocations were changed when they were able to use horses as a metaphor for a better understanding of their work and relationships.

Monty Roberts was deeply impressed with this extraordinary group of presenters who will

move you with their stories and lessons of horses transforming humans.

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## ONLINE PRODUCT REVIEW: JOIN-UP KIT

### Good Quality Kit

Received the [Medium Dually Training Halter Join Up Kit](#) and found the halter to be high quality construction, the book and DVD's to be very clear and informative. While our horses, (Haflingers) are pretty much broke (desensitized) we are hoping by the adoption and use of Monty's methods to greatly improve our relationship with them. Thank you for the timely shipment of this kit.

Kathleen H., Verified Buyer

[VISIT MONTY'S ONLINE STORE](#)

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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](mailto: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,

Your methods have been life changing in my relationship and enjoyment with horses. Thank you! I have a Friesian-cross gelding that is usually very lovely to ride, however, he occasionally has places where he acts very fearful and fractious. My boarding facility is next door to a park that has a trail. He is unusually tense going out and is very much wanting to rush home and throwing a temper when not allowed. How can I tackle this situation of random spooky behavior and rushing home?

Jennifer Jones

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## HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Jill Montgomery has been engaged in teaching horsemanship and training kids, horses and mules for over 32 years. Jill serves as the CHA Region 9 Director Trainer and is certified as an English and Western Riding Instructor and as an Equine Facility Manager Clinician. For a good cause, Monty Roberts with Willing Partners Horse owner Beth Hebner and her trainer Diana Good spent a dream horsey day together.

[EPISODE 117 | LISTEN HERE](#)



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**FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**



Photo credit: Dan Quinajon

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/>

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## SHOP AMAZON & SUPPORT THE NON-PROFIT MONTY FOUNDED

AmazonSmile has the same products, prices, and shopping features a Amazon.com. The difference is that when you [shop on AmazonSmile](#), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice, [click here and support Join-Up International](#). Contributions may be made directly to Join-Up International's programs at: <https://www.paypal.com/us/fundraiser/charity/69722>



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## MONTY ROBERTS' WILLING PARTNERS HORSES FOR SALE



For Sale: Chasen My Stetson

Monty and Pat purchased 'Chase' as a weanling and this Willing Partners™ horse grew up to become great on the trail and loves people.

You can see his papers, and a video of him ridden here:

<https://www.montyroberts.com/horses-2/monty-roberts-willing-partners-chasen-my-stetson/>

Here is a link to the video on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1neYfP7Q24E&t=34s>

Priced to find a good home!

For more information, please call 805-688-6288 or write to [Pat@montyroberts.com](mailto:Pat@montyroberts.com)



## 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](#)



## FIND A MONTY ROBERTS CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR

Find [a Monty Roberts Certified Instructor](#) near you. All courses offered by certified instructors give students effective tools to communicate using the horse's own natural language, forming a partnership based on trust and communication rather than dominance. Visit the certified instructor web page here: <http://www.montyroberts.com/certified-instructors-page/>



## LEAVE A LEGACY

Planned gifts to Join-Up International's non-profit organization, such as a bequest in your will or trust, help to secure the future of non-violent concepts. To learn more, go to: <http://www.join-up.org/how-to-help/> or to donate in support to Join-Up International, go to: <https://montyrobertsshop.com/collections/courses/products/donate-join-up-international>



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