



Wednesday August 29, 2018

Greetings! ,

Question

Dear Monty,

Regarding Smurf: I would appreciate your opinion, positive or negative, on a thought I had. Another drop in my thimble of knowledge from you. This has to do with the recent [lesson on the Uni](#) featuring Smurf, the pony who doesn't like his rear legs touched. Get a long blanket and roll it up in a configuration that combines a saddle blanket and a bedroll. Put it on his back and secure the "saddle blanket" with a saddle. Let the "bedroll" unroll off his rear end, and allow him to deal with that curtain?

Lloyd Reinstein

Answer

Dear Lloyd,

Thank you for your question and suggestion. If readers have a chance, they should acquaint themselves with Smurf and his issue with people, especially farriers, picking up his hind legs.

After the procedures I outline in that lesson, including Join-Up and work with the artificial arm, I often then go to work with plastic bags on a pole, rubbing vulnerable areas until it is acceptable to the horse. Then I use more plastic bags, gathered up and secured with a long line, that can be threaded through a stirrup. One can hold the bags on the line and allow the horse to accustom himself to the bags drawing close to him from behind, making crunchy sounds. If my horse wants to blast away from the bags, I can simply let the line out through the stirrup and not get him in danger. Then I go right back to work with the plastic until the bags on the line are acceptable as well.

My concern with your suggestion is when you write "secure the "saddle blanket" with a saddle." This sounds as if the blanket must stay with the horse. This could run him into

the fence or cause an explosion for which I can provide no release. You will want to allow the horse to express himself and find that nothing causes pain. This is how the horse will find you a safe place and the plastic not as bad as he once thought. Please let me know if I have read your suggestion correctly. I am pleased you have submitted it.

Sincerely,



MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE



In this online video series, Monty discusses the use of ropes and if there is a place for them in the training of horses. 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

USA

September 10 to 12, 2018: Equine Assisted Introduction to Motivational

	Interviewing: 3 Days https://montyrobertsshop.com/collections/courses/products/courses-motivational-interviewing-with-horses-3-days
USA	September 19 to 20, 2018: World Equestrian Games, Tryon North Carolina: https://tryon2018.com/page/equine-exhibitions
UK	October 6, 2018: Monty Roberts UK Fall Tour in Collingham
UK	October 19, 2018: Monty Roberts UK Fall Tour in Hartpury
GERMANY	October 25, 2018: Monty Roberts Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Thyrnau
GERMANY	October 27, 2018: Monty Roberts Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Ohlstadt
GERMANY	October 31, 2018: Monty Roberts Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Schüsselfeld
GERMANY	November 2, 2018: Monty Roberts Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Fulda
GERMANY	November 10, 2018: Monty Roberts Tour of Germany 15th Anniversary in Neubulach
SWITZERLAND	November 16 to 18, 2018: Monty demonstration in Berne https://www.canchaval.ch/fr/
HUNGARY	December 1 and 2, 2018: Monty Roberts Join-Up Master Demonstration at Budapest Horse Show

[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

September 10 to 12, 2018	Equine Assisted Introduction to Motivational Interviewing: 3 Days	Click for Course Info
September 14 to 16, 2018	Horse Sense and Healing workshop	Click for Course Info
September 17 to 28, 2018	Introductory Certification Course	Click for Course Info
October 1 to 5, 2018	Introductory Exam	Click for Course Info
October 8 to 26, 2018	Advanced Certification Course	Click for Course Info
November 3 to 4, 2018	Horsemanship 101	Click for Course Info
November 5 to 8, 2018	Join-Up Course	Click for Course Info
November 9 to 10, 2018	Long Lining Course	Click for Course Info
November 16 to 18, 2018	Horse Sense and Healing workshop	Click for Course Info
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[MORE COURSE INFO HERE, CHECK OUT MORE 2018 COURSES!](#)



EQUINE-ASSISTED INTRO TO MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING
Three days: September 10 to 12, 2018
\$600 Taught by Kris Robins and Monty Roberts

Come and learn Motivational Interviewing at Monty's spectacular working horse ranch in the heart of California. This three-day program Monday, September 10th, through Wednesday, September 12th, will introduce participants to the basic concepts of Motivational Interviewing, a client-centered method of working with others to help them resolve ambivalence about behavior change.

<https://montyrobortsshop.com/collections/courses/products/courses-motivational-interviewing-with-horses-3-days>



Motivational Interviewing closely parallels the work of renowned horseman, Monty Roberts whose non-violent approaches to working with horses and people has reached around the globe. M.I. is regularly used in Monty Roberts' Horse Sense & Healing program which rests upon a foundation of equine-assisted learning.

Key Learning Points:

- Non-violent approach to working with the horses and people
- The language of "Equus"
- Building a trust-based partnership
- A Monty Roberts' provided Join-Up Demonstration
- Personal growth in listening skills and behavior change

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://montyrobortsshop.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.



ONLINE PRODUCT REVIEW: MONTY'S DUALY HALTER

Works like a charm!

We purchased it for our new 14-year-old rescue, a 1500 pound Shire/Quarter cross who has never been taught to lead. Without scaring him, we are able to teach him what we want with clarity and no fear.

Sandra M., Verified Buyer

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

What is the best way to deal with separation anxiety. My gelding has become attached to a mare on the yard. They are in separate paddocks next door but one. I want him to be able to come away from other horses and stand in on his own. When I do this he runs back and forth to his stable door and shouts and he not concentrate on his work when I ride him in the school. I feel he would attach himself to anything, not just her. Any advice on what I should do. Thanks

HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Joe Camp, author of *The Soul of a Horse* and a great student of horses, stops by to share his thoughts on providing an optimal natural feeding environment for his horses in Tennessee as well what he needs to supplement them with. And a bit about the new 2018 *Benji* the dog movie on Netflix. Monty Roberts was challenged by a student who made him think through why horses move when we make this sound.

[EPISODE 118 | LISTEN HERE](#)



FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

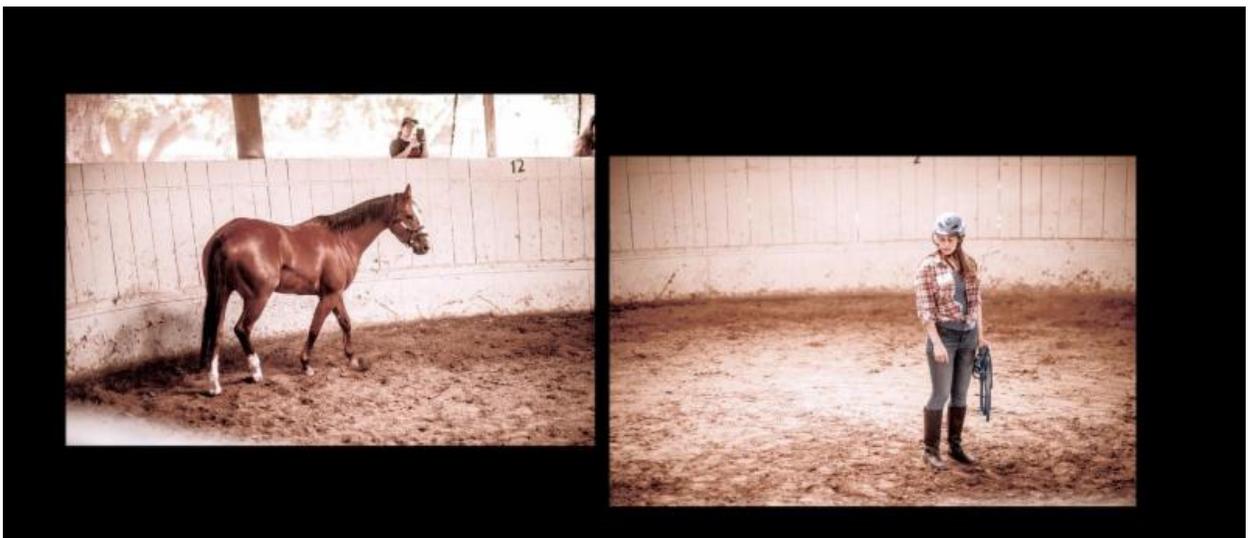


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Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop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

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PAT ROBERTS SCULPTURE



From the collection of Pat Roberts Sculpture

Limited edition of 100, 12x12.5x7, Bronze

This work by Pat Roberts Sculpture is work of Johnny Tivio and Julia's Doll, one of the few works where you may see Monty and Pat's horses together.

Please contact admin@montyroberts.com for more information



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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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://montyroberts.com/collections/courses/products/donate-join-up-international>



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