



Wednesday October 17, 2018

Greetings!

Question

Dear Monty,

A couple of years ago I went to a clinic and this supposed trainer was so violent, I could not have imagined that in these times that anyone could be as terrible as he. I came home and cried and promised my horse that no one would ever raise a hand to them. I have never seen anger. I have never used harshness around our horses in thirty years. I took your beginners course and it was fantastic and one of my best takeaways from it was to slow down, read your horse and if you do not understand, walk away and think things through and try again later...after the adrenaline of frustration has worn off. Just a very basic thought.

Lynda

Answer

Dear Lynda,

It occurs to me that you are a star student. If only people who deal with horses could emulate the words you make in your statement, the world would be better off. There are still individuals who are, or claim to be, influential and teaching that violence is okay.

If one could sit down and think with all their brain cells at work, to act with violence toward the flight animal is one of the least intelligent activities any human being could engage in. While a violent breaking process can produce a broken slave which will attempt to do your bidding, there simply cannot be a relationship that has harmony between the animal and the human.

Sincerely,

Monty

MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE



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Feeling proud for my horse

I have learned a lot in the last couple of months and have also watched a number of the lessons a few times over to really cement the learnings so that I can take this to my horse, and we can develop ourselves (without violence). It is truly amazing how if you give the horse a choice he will accept the one that allows intrinsic learning to take place.

My dominant gelding was borderline good/not behaving. But I didn't realize it before I started my learning journey on the [Equus University](#).

I bought the [Dually Halter](#) (Black for my size horse) it fits perfectly because of the 3 ways it can be adjusted, and two black long lines. We are having so much fun.

Just a couple of examples from a number of improvements we have made in his behavior and way of going: He leads beautifully now. Not barging forwards, bumping me, or hanging back or resisting stepping backwards.

We are getting used to longlining, and my getting him to go forward without a longing whip, just with the lines and my voice. Last night was a bit of a breakthrough.

I could keep him going in walk and trot, and then in trot as well I could keep him moving through the turns, bringing him off the wall and giving him enough room to make the turn in the trot.

It was "wow". He seemed quite pleased too. :-)

I am truly thankful to you, Monty and the team at Flag is Up for all you do.

Best regards
Bella

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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
HUNGARY	December 1 and 2, 2018: Monty Roberts Join-Up Master Demonstration at Budapest Horse Show

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THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

October 8 to 26, 2018: Advanced Certification Course

November 3 to 4, 2018: Horsemanship 101

November 5 to 8, 2018: Join-Up Course

November 9 to 10, 2018: Long Lining Course

November 16 to 18, 2018: Horse Sense and Healing workshop

December 14 to 16, 2018: Horse Sense and Healing workshop

February 1 to 3, 2019: Introductory Course Module 1

February 8 to 10, 2019: Introductory Course Module 2

February 11 to 13, 2019: Long Lining Course

February 15 to 17, 2019: Horse Sense and Healing Workshop

February 19 to 21, 2019: Join-Up Course

February 22 to 24, 2019: Introductory Course Module 3

March 1 to 3, 2019: Prep for Introductory Exams Module 4

March 4 to 6, 2019: Join-Up Course

March 7 to 9, 2019: Long Lining Course

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THE MOVEMENT SYMPOSIUM



The Movement SAVE THE DATES April 29 to 30: <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/152412>

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://montyrobortsshop.com/collections/dvd/products/events-the-movement-2018-symposium-dvd>

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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.

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,

A couple of weeks ago you had a question about separation anxiety. I was going to ask you a question then about how to help my old mare's son cope with her being PTS. So this could be a long read.

The decision to have my mare (Tears, 32 with melanomas and a heart murmur) PTS at the end of the summer was half taken in the spring as she'd not come through the winter brilliantly weight wise but was her usual bright self, but she was assessed by us almost everyday, this hot summer we've just had here in the UK probably didn't help as her melanomas became much more aggressive and there was very little grass.

My 4 are split into pairs as Tiggy (who you loaded at The Grange a few years ago) and Winter get on rather too well, he gets very riggy and will mount her hence why they are split. Tiggy out with his mother and Winter with a Welsh Sec A companion pony, on a 2 in/out routine. So Tiggy and mum were in on Wednesday night (13/9/18) everything appeared fine. Tears ate her dinner that evening and had a lie down, which wasn't unusual for her at all, we topped up her hay and water and left her lying down chilling out.

In the morning when we went to feed up she had passed away, we think not too long after we'd left, most probably of a heart attack, no signs of thrashing about. So Tiggy had all night to say goodbye to his mum and was very calm, Winter didn't want to come in at all (she's an orphan). We let Tiggy out so he could go and groom Winter for some normality of routine, both horses were happy with this. We had some stress from Tiggy and couple of whinnies from Winter when Tears' body was being removed, Tiggy then screamed the place down for about 2 hours then started to calm himself.

So now we have to have a whole new routine and shuffle of stables. Winter in her now previous stable would weave like a demon, (and did before I bought her to my yard)) so she dug holes in the concrete floor, which I filled with sand then put a rubber mat over! Now however she's been in Tears' stable for 2 days and I've seen no sign of her weaving, all the horses seem much more chilled out. Tiggy is not racing around like a lunatic. They now share a field that's split down the middle so they can see each other, the pony is in with Winter.

So my question is do you think that Tears' passing has released Tiggy from the stress of trying to look out for both "his" mare's and Winter from being bullied by essentially an over protective mother, because they didn't get on at all, and she

can now try to be the boss?? I'm hoping that over the next few months Tiggy will become less riggy with Winter and they can all go out together eventually.

Your thoughts would be much appreciated.
Joy Nicholls

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Marsha Sapp has won over 10 National Championships, three World Championships, two mustang Makeovers, and was a finalist of the American Horsewoman's Challenge. Her mustang Cobra has achieved Prix St George level dressage and has his own Breyer model! CJ Goldsmith came back to horses after 30 years and found a deep connection through Join-Up®.

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