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**Wednesday January 2, 2019**

Greetings!

### **Question**

Do you ride with a whip or use one on the ground? Do you call it a whip? Or a crop? Or something else? Do you think what you call it is important and if so why?

### **Answer**

Since 1949 I have not ridden with a whip. I often use the [Giddy-Up rope](#) which is a collection of cotton yarn braided soft so that it can cause no pain. It is my opinion that striking the horse causing pain is ultimately counter productive in many ways. I have been able to achieve 11 worlds championships without the use of a whip. My position has been clear for my entire adult life that causing pain to the flight animal is virtually never productive. Obviously treating an injury can be painful and surgery can produce pain. Whipping to improve performance is a fallacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Monty' in a cursive, flowing script.

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

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In this online video series, Monty works with a hard to catch mini mule called Molly. 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

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| USA     | February 15 to 17, 2019: <a href="#">Horse Sense and Healing</a> , Flag Is Up Farms, Solvang, California |
| USA     | February 15 to 17, 2019: <a href="#">CHA Equine Facility Management Certification</a>                    |
| NORWAY  | February 21 to 24, 2019: Monty Roberts at the <a href="#">Norwegian Horse Festival</a>                   |
| GERMANY | March 14, 2019: Monty Roberts Demonstration at <a href="#">Equitana in Essen, Germany</a>                |
| USA     | April 29 to 31, 2019: The Movement at Flag Is Up Farms, Solvang, California (coming soon)                |

[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

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## THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

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

**[MORE COURSE INFO HERE, CHECK OUT MORE 2019 COURSES!](#)**

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in Solvang, California, April 29 and 30, 2019. Take a glance at last year's trailer: <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/152412>

People can now request Monty's help with their horses, for which Monty is happy to oblige, carrying on his life's goal to create better lives for horses and people too. Better yet, Monty's team put together the package of 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>

Individually, The Movement Online Video is available on Demand for \$90 <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/152412>

Runtime: 429 Minutes

The Movement DVD + Online Video on Demand for

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## **PRODUCT REVIEW: MONTY'S GIDDY-UP ROPE**

"After I ordered it, the giddy-up rope arrived within two days. Super prompt delivery. The material is as advertised and is good craftsmanship. Everything that we ever received from the Monty Roberts shop is excellent quality."

Natalia 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](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

The vast majority of horse people will use a whip or stick at some point, mounted or dismounted, where is the threshold for what you consider to be "cruel" use? Is there a hard line or a blurry line in your opinion for what is abuse?

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## HORSEMANSHIP RADIO



Producer of the horsemanship YouTube show Heels Down and Bottoms Up, Michael Eric Lawrence Jr. is interviewed by horse trainer Monty Roberts. And Paul Righetti and Pat Roberts share some of the traditions of growing up in California while announcing that Paul is receiving the "Honored Vaquero" award from the Santa Ynez Valley Historical Museum.

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