

# DZ Weedo Appaloosa



DZ Weedo, endearingly known as Odie by his owners Doug and Sue Schembri of Char-O-Lot Ranch in Florida, is a 1994 buckskin Appaloosa stallion. He is particularly well-known in the Western show ring as a multiple national and world champion in Western Riding and trail competitions. His offspring have won several world and national championships, as well as eight Bronze Medallions, 1050

performance points and 304 halter points. Son of the Hall of Fame mare Merry Weedo, DZ Weedo's accomplishments include 1997 Appaloosa National Champion in the Trail Horse division and 1998 Appaloosa World Champion in the Western Riding division.

Beyond his success as a champion show horse, DZ Weedo is highly acclaimed for his colorfully spotted coat, a distinguishing trait of the all-American Appaloosa. The breed descends from the spotted horses developed in the 1800s by the Nez Perce Indians. The only tribe known to practice selective breeding, the Nez Perce developed an agile, hardy and sure-footed horse that allowed them to thrive as hunters. When land disputes in the west ended in war, the Nez Perce eluded the U.S. Cavalry for 3 ½ months and more than 3,000 miles on the backs of their spotted horses.

In addition to its loud coat patterns, the Appaloosa breed is characterized by mottled skin (dark spots on pink skin) most commonly found on the muzzle and around the eyes and striped hooves. Having also inherited the athleticism of its predecessors, the Appaloosa excels in many disciplines such as racing, jumping, dressage, reining and roping.

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