

DEATH WISH

LIKE HIS MOTHER before him, Death Wish was born, raised and lived only at IB Stables in Noblesville, Indiana. As part of the hall of fame breeding program of Bill and Iris Snyder, Death Wish was the result of a cross between My Brightest Hope and Sudden Death (Hall of Fame 2004) who was out of Bendi Charge (Hall of Fame 2000). Also like his mother, Death Wish takes his place in the Hall of Fame through automatic induction based on success, something only 28 other geldings in history had accomplished prior to 2015. Death Wish surpassed the required 14 Bronze Medallions by earning an impressive 18 Bronze and 4 Silver Medallions.

The striking 1999 black and white gelding has amassed 1,663.5 lifetime points (as of this writing, though he is still actively competing) in games, seer daubing, Heritage and halter. Games and halter may seem like an unusual mix, but he is a testament to the Snyder's careful breeding selections in search of well-balanced, versatile stock. At 73 percent Foundation Pedigree Designation, Death Wish traces back to several other Hall of Fame Appaloosas (in addition to his dam and grand dam) including Gold Strike's Equal, Wild Hope, Absarokee Sunset, Rustler Bill and Navajo Britches.

Above and beyond the requirement for his induction, he has frequently acted as an ambassador of the breed at open events and regional functions, not only through competition but also by carrying the flag and representing the breed to new audiences. Death Wish is a perfect example of Appaloosa excellence and versatility and has more than earned his place in the APHC Hall of Fame.

