

Terry Thompson

Aubrey, Texas

Lifelong Appaloosa member, competitor, coach, judge, 2004 Trainer of the Year, and ambassador of the breed, Terry Thompson, has been inducted into the Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame. In addition to involvement at the regional and national levels of the Appaloosa industry, Terry has also figured prominently in presenting quality Appaloosas to the world through the NRHA and open competition.

Terry rode the first Appaloosa to win at the All American Quarter Horse Congress. It was the 1969 mare Charger-Charmer in the prestigious Reining Futurity in 1977. He was also the youngest trainer to ever win the All-Around Performance Horse title at the World Championships in Sweetwater, TX, riding Sugar Britches in 1968.

He's been a judge and influencer since 1967, has judged two ApHC World Shows and is also carded by AQHA, NRCH, NRHA, and NSBA. He was inducted into the National Reining Horse Association Hall of Fame in 2015 and was instrumental in developing the current judging system (NRHA) and served on various committees and the board. He has judged major futurities and derbies including Congress, the Super Stakes, NRBC, Italian Derby, and AQHA World Show. He's also won his share of major competitions and has earned in excess of \$320,000. He has also earned 119 ApHC National and World titles and 579.2 points as a professional rider since 1985.

He is known for his masterful freestyle reining performances that dominated the sport, including a streak of seven wins, from the late 1990s to the mid 2000s, also for his generous support



regionally and internationally through his showing, judging, and giving clinics, and perhaps most importantly for his willingness to help anyone in need. A true horseman and a true gentleman, Terry has dedicated his life to horses and has always represented the Appaloosa breed with distinction, talent, and grace.

