

Steve Dal Porto

Appaloosa Horse Club *Hall Of Fame*



With nearly four decades of showing and breeding success, Steve Dal Porto joins his Hall of Fame stallion Maid's Dream in the Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame. Dal Porto Ranch, located in Brentwood, California, is a name synonymous with high quality Appaloosas. Over the years, Steve and his wife Carol have produced hundreds of World and National Show Champions, most shown by Steve himself.

Steve grew up on the Dal Porto family ranch where they raised cattle. While attending the University of Colorado, he visited several top Appaloosa breeders who influenced his future, one being renowned breeder and 1993 ApHC Hall of Fame inductee Hank Weicamp. Steve quickly became a fan of the breed and upon returning to the family ranch after graduation, began the Dal Porto Ranch horse program.

Since his return to California, over 400 National and World Champion horses have been made at Dal Porto Ranch. Dal Porto Ranch has since offered youth and

adult riding lessons, day camps and horse training to their clients throughout Northern California. Among the countless special awards he has earned over the years, Steve was honored with the prestigious Trainer of the Year award in 1998. In 2005, Steve was recognized for his active support as being one of the leading founders of the Sage Brush show circuit.

Preceding him in the Hall of Fame is a stallion he owned, showed, and marketed at stud, Maid's Dream, inducted in 2009. Over his lifetime, Maid's Dream, by Dreamfinder, sired 332 ApHC- registered foals who have earned a total of 133.5 performance points, 7,766 halter points, 50 bronze medallions, and 142 registers of merit. Another two stallions marketed by Steve and Dal Porto Ranch, Fair Charles and Mister Re, went on to be inducted into the Cal Western Hall of Fame in 1996 and 2002 respectively. Steve's breeding program has also had great success with stallions Te Coolest and Maid Pretty Impressive.

Dal Porto Ranch contributed to growing the Appaloosa breed internationally by exporting several horses to Italy, France, and one to Australia. The Test Of Time, by Maid's Dream, was exported to Graeme and Berenice Law of Australia, who Steve worked with to promote and grow the breed throughout in their home country. IB A Feature Maid, by Maid's Dream, was exported to Italy and shown at the European World Championships by Steve where she won Grand Champion Mare.

Steve's accomplishments and contributions to the breed will continue to influence the Appaloosa breed long into the future. Congratulations Steve on your well-deserved induction into then Appaloosa Horse Club Hall of Fame!