



## DOUG SCHEMBRI

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**D**oug Schembri was well respected as a judge, trainer and breeder in an influential career that spanned four decades. With his family, he built his business into an Appaloosa production powerhouse, and from their Myakka City, Florida ranch Doug worked tirelessly to promote Appaloosas internationally as well as nationally.

In the 1980s and 1990s Doug's international marketing efforts focused on Europe and Latin America as a judge, advisor and exporter. Prior to his death he worked to create a market for Appaloosas in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Domestically, Doug served two terms on the Board of Directors of the ApHC. He achieved countless World and National Show Championships; Leading Breeder titles; multiple production plaques, medallions, and achievement awards; and his passion for halter horses and excellence kept Char-O-Lot Ranch at the forefront of the Appaloosa industry and one of the top breeding facilities in the business for decades.

One of Doug's biggest passions was bringing new people into the Appaloosa breed, and in an effort to extend this he was instrumental in creating the Limited Halter Futurity. Created in 2001, it was renamed in his honor in October 2010. Designed to spark new interest in the Appaloosa Halter industry the futurity includes and provides incentive for eligible handlers in open weanling and non-pro yearling halter classes and Most Colorful at Halter at the World Championship Appaloosa Horse Show.