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## Char-O-Lot Ranch

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**Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle,  
Trail, Western Riding**

### BEGINNINGS

My Mother is a horse trainer, so I grew up in the horse industry. I showed Quarter Horses through my youth career and into amateur. After a few years of showing amateur/non-pro I realized I had accomplished all of my personal goals so I decided I wanted to help others fulfill their dreams and in 2009 I began professionally training Quarter Horses and Appaloosas. I would love to thank every person that has helped and inspired me along the way but there are too many to list. My Mom was definitely my biggest influence with all of the help and support she has given me throughout the years.



### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I have trained and shown multiple ApHC World and National Champions and Reserve Champions in Western Pleasure, Trail, Western Riding, Hunter In Hand and Lunge Line. I have also trained AQHA Congress Champions and Reserve Champions and several ApHC, AQHA and NSBA Futurity Champions.

### OTHER INTERESTS

I don't spend much time away from the horses but for the past few months any free time has been spent planning our wedding (to Sean Schembri). I am somewhat of a workaholic—I spend a majority of my time riding, shoeing, driving to and from shows and showing.

### LEGACY

Oftentimes we focus on the results, but great learning and enjoyment comes along the way. It is my goal that my students have the opportunity to grow, learn, set goals and have the tools with which to accomplish their goals. Most things in life do not come easily, so I hope my students learn to work hard and put their all into accomplishing their goals. I think the saying goes that a job well done is its own reward.

### FUTURE OF THE HORSE INDUSTRY

The horse industry offers the opportunity for families to share the experience of horses, teach their children the value of hard work and provides a unique sense of community. The future of the horse industry begins with the newcomers, those that are just getting involved, it is important that as trainers we mentor and encourage people to participate and get involved in our community, this is what will foster the growth and future of our industry.

