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Dreams Desert Knight

Barn name: Dream.
Details: 2006 bay leopard Appaloosa stallion by DC Reoccurring Dream and out of Cheyenne Rizngstar H, by Raider Rizngstar.
Owned by: Ron and Cheryl Chernicky of Novelty, Ohio.
Also known as: Sir Dream. The stallion was born on Cheryl's cousin, Terri's, birthday. Terri was fighting breast cancer, but she'd spend hours grooming and visiting with Dream. She referred to him as her knight in shining armor—hence, Sir Dream.
Trained by: Cedric Greene of Chardon, Ohio, and Patrick Cooper of Chesterland, Ohio.
A real "people" horse: "He's a good boy. He's sweet, he's lovable, and he loves people," Cheryl says. "I had a friend who brought his 90-some-year-old grandmother over, and she'd never touched a horse. I brought Dream up to the car, and she petted him. She went back to her assisted-living home and talked about him for a week! He's just touched people."
Horse of a different color: "He's a true bay leopard. He doesn't have the roaning that you see on a lot of Appaloosas. His color is absolutely spectacular; he's got *big* spots," Cheryl explains. "He's a throwback to Chief Chelsea."
A joy to others: "My favorite part of owning him is how much others enjoy him—watching the joy on their faces when they see and touch him," says Cheryl. "When I saw my cousin with him, how comfortable she was with him, and how much she loved him...to have been part of that brings back those memories of her."
Proud moments: Dream has twice won the Master Award in halter from the Appaloosa Horse Club's All-Breed Competitive Activities Program—once in 2009 and again in 2010. This made him the first two-time No. 1 Appaloosa halter horse to compete in open shows.

...Julie Preble