



## CARETAKER APPLICATION

The Red Pony Stands® Ojibwe Horse Sanctuary is dedicated to protecting, promoting, and preserving the critically endangered Lac La Croix Indigenous Pony. Our sanctuary has dedicated its pastures and facilities exclusively to the Lac La Croix Indigenous Pony breed and is committed to developing a responsible and sustainable breeding program to ensure the survival of the breed for future generations to come. Our goals include meeting the utmost physical and spiritual care of our ponies at all times while educating the public on the cultural and historical importance of the breed. By becoming a caretaker, you become a partner with The Red Pony Stands® and contribute to this preservation effort. All proceeds from new caretakers go directly to The Red Pony Stands® Preservation Project ([www.theredponystands.com/preservation-project](http://www.theredponystands.com/preservation-project)).

In order to apply to become a caretaker of a pony from The Red Pony Stands®, you must complete to following application in full. Your caretaker application will be reviewed and evaluated by The Red Pony Stands® Board of Directors and a decision will be made regarding the suitability of the prospective caretaker according to the suitability standards of The Red Pony Stands®. Please note, applications from Lac La Croix Indigenous Pony breeding programs, equine-assisted learning/therapy programs, and Indigenous community placements will be prioritized. Due to the critically endangered status of the Lac La Croix Indigenous Pony, The Red Pony Stands® Board of Directors has full discretion regarding the placement of sanctuary ponies, and retain the right to dismiss or change the rank order of a submitted caretaker application at any time during the selection process.

### CARETAKER BASIC INFORMATION

1. First Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Full Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Land Location: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Primary Email: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Alternate Email: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Are you currently employed?

No       Yes (please indicate your profession) \_\_\_\_\_

## CARETAKER FACILITIES & HORSE EXPERIENCE

1. Are you currently a (please check all boxes that apply):

Breeding Facility       Equine-assisted learning/therapy program  
 Not-for-profit organization       Hobby farm  
 For-profit organization       Community  
 Other Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of your horse facility/community: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Corporate registration number (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you live on the location of the horse facility?

No, I keep/board my horses elsewhere.  
 No, I do not live on location (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes, I live on location.

5. How many acres do you own/have access to (please indicate total number of acres)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What percentage of the acres owned/accessed is available for horse pasture? \_\_\_\_\_%

7. How many horses do you currently own or care for (please check the box that applies)?

0     1     2     3     4     5     6     7     8     9     10     >10

8. If you currently own or care for horses, please indicate their breed:

Quarter Horse       Arabian       Thoroughbred       Warmblood       Paint  
 Appaloosa       Canadian       Welsh       Miniature       Curly  
 Nez Perce       Lac La Croix Indigenous Pony       Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

9. If you currently do not have horses, have you previously owned or cared for horses and, if so, for how long (in years)?

0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10    >10

10. In the past five (5) years, have you sold or given any horses (please check the box that applies)?

No      Yes (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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11. In the past five (5) years, have you had any horses pass away while in your care (please check the box that applies)?

No      Yes (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## **NEEDS OF THE LAC LA CROIX INDIGENOUS PONY BREED**

1. Please indicate your understanding of the unique needs of the Lac La Croix Indigenous Pony from a conservation (i.e., genetic) perspective (100-150 words).

2. Please indicate your understanding of the unique needs of the Lac La Croix Indigenous Pony from a preservation (i.e., cultural) perspective (100-150 words).

3. Briefly describe *at least* two major conservation and/or preservation challenges facing the breed today.

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Do not know

4. How will you contribute to the breed from a conservation and/or preservation perspective by helping to mitigate these challenges (100-150 words)?

5. Briefly describe two important *physical* needs of Lac La Croix Indigenous Ponies.

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Do not know

6. Briefly describe two important *spiritual* needs of Lac La Croix Indigenous Ponies.

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Do not know

## NEEDS OF THE RED PONY STANDS®' PONIES

1. How did you hear about The Red Pony Stands® ponies (please check all that apply)?

Website

Internet search

Community/Online Article

Scientific Article

Academic lecture

Word-of-mouth

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Explain why a pony from The Red Pony Stands® is a good fit for you and your facility (100-150 words).

3. Please indicate the number of The Red Pony Stands® ponies that you are currently applying for (please check the box that applies):

1

2

3

4

Future foal (please specify year of interest) \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please indicate the type of pony that you are currently applying for (please check all that apply):

- Yearling filly       Yearling colt       Mare       Stallion       Gelding  
 Breeding pair       Breeding trio (i.e., two mares, one stallion)

5. Please indicate the name(s) of pony(ies) that you are currently applying for:

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6. What do you plan to use this/these pony(ies) for (please check all that applies)?

- Breeding       Equine-assisted learning/therapy program       Trail riding  
 Competitive show       Competitive riding (e.g., endurance)       Carting  
 Agribition display       Hobby farm tours       Pasture pet  
 Research (please specify type) \_\_\_\_\_

7. How many hours per week *on average* do you plan on spending interacting with the pony(ies)?

- <1       1-5       6-10       10-15       15-20       >20

8. Who will be feeding the pony(ies) (if not you, please indicate the name of the person and relationship to you)? \_\_\_\_\_

9. How often will the pony(ies) have a farrier trim (please indicate frequency in months)? \_\_\_\_

10. Will the pony(ies) be kept in a barn or pasture during the *spring/summer* season?

- Barn       Pasture (with shelter access)       Pasture (without shelter access)

11. Will the pony(ies) be kept in a barn or pasture during the *fall/winter* season?

- Barn       Pasture (with shelter access)       Pasture (without shelter access)

12. If the pony(ies) will be kept in the barn, how many hours/day will they be turned out (please indicate in hours)? \_\_\_\_

13. If the pony(ies) will be kept on pasture, what is the size of the pasture/paddock (please indicate in acres)? \_\_\_\_

14. If the pony(ies) will be kept on pasture, how many other horses will be kept in the pasture/paddock (please indicate number of horses)? \_\_\_\_

15. If the pony(ies) will be kept on pasture *with shelter access*, what is the type and size of the shelter (e.g., 8' x 16' run-in-shed)? \_\_\_\_\_

16. If the pony(ies) will be kept on pasture, what is the type of fencing surrounding the paddock/pasture (e.g., four wire electrical wooden post)? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Will the pony(ies) be fed hay, grain, supplement feed during the *spring/summer* season (please check all that apply)?

Hay       Grain       Supplement feed (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

18. Will the pony(ies) be fed hay, grain, supplement feed during the *winter/fall* season (please check all that apply)?

Hay       Grain       Supplement feed (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

19. How often will the pony(ies) be dewormed (please indicate number of times/year)? \_\_\_

## **THE RED PONY STANDS® PRESERVATION PROJECT**

1. Are you willing to commit to a high standard of care of the pony(ies) throughout the course the pony's life as their primary caretaker?

No (please explain why not) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes

2. Do you plan to insure your pony(ies) for sickness, injury, or death?

No (please explain why not) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes

3. Are you willing to keep any offspring of the pony(ies) intact or place intact ponies with others who are willing and able to contribute to The Red Pony Stands® Preservation Project (i.e., protect, promote, and preserve the critically endangered Lac La Croix Indigenous Pony breed)?

No (please explain why not) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes

4. Are you willing to keep in regular contact (i.e., at least once per year) with The Red Pony Stands® with regard to the general health and well-being of the pony(ies)?

No (please explain why not) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes

5. In the case that the pony(ies) contribute to offspring, are you willing to send a hair sample of the offspring for DNA testing, include the results in a breed-specific database, and share these documents with The Red Pony Stands®?

No (please explain why not) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

6. In the case that the pony(ies) are not able to reproduce naturally (i.e., in the absence of any drug or operation) due to health risks as recommended by a veterinarian, are you willing to donate sex organ materials to the Canadian Animal Genetics Resource (CAGR) program with the assistance of The Red Pony Stands®?

No (please explain why not) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

7. Are you willing to have The Red Pony Stands® Board of Directors and/or representatives come to your facility (i.e., at least once per year) to the visit pony(ies)?

No (please explain why not) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

8. Are you willing to collaborate and consult The Red Pony Stands® with regards to the development of sustainable breeding programs, placement/sale of ponies, and a conservation strategy should you decide to engage in these activities?

No (please explain why not) \_\_\_\_\_

Yes

9. Do you have any additional information that you would like to share with The Red Pony Stands® with regard to your application?



Thank you very much for your interest in critically endangered Lac La Croix Indigenous Ponies at The Red Pony Stands®! Please note, caretakers will be selected only once the pony(ies) of interest become available. Deposit will be required at that time. The Red Pony Stands® Board of Directions will carefully review your application and contact you with the caretaker decision in due course. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, or if you wish to withdraw your application, please contact **[theredponystands@hotmail.com](mailto:theredponystands@hotmail.com)**.