

# The Pony Express

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## Thank you!

For everyone who has signed on as a Member for 2019 – **thanks so much** for supporting the Society.

Members have been active in many ways. Some are providing breeding and foaling advice, while others are collecting and sharing historical documents about the breed. Many of you have sent in mane samples to keep our records up-to-date.

The executive of our Board has been very active. After public consultation and much discussion, we have overseen the incorporation of our new Ojibwe Horse Society and its new bylaws. We have online resources sponsored by “Google for Nonprofits” to help us connect with each other. Most importantly, we have been in close contact with many breeders and caretakers to ensure Ojibwe Horses are going to good homes.

Hannah McIntyre has stepped up to be secretary of the Society and will be working on color genetics in the breed. Skuya Fasthorse-Jordan is maintaining medical information about the breed.

Many breeders already have beautiful babies on the ground this year. Several owners have plans to bring horses to expos and shows.

## Horses Available – How You Can Help Now

We never know when the need might arise. If you can **trailer or foster** one or several horses, or provide a home for an intact stud, please get in touch with our Breed Registrar, Trevor Kirczenow. [registrar@ojibwehorse.ca](mailto:registrar@ojibwehorse.ca)

## Dr. Cothran Interview

Trevor conducted an in-depth interview with Dr. Cothran, a world-renowned horse genetics expert. He has studied the Ojibwe Horse and has suggested that we can perform a whole-genome sequence for the breed. Watch for the entire interview on the website [ojibwehorse.ca](http://ojibwehorse.ca) in the near future.

## Genetic Diversity Preservation Project Update

Thanks to the generosity of many project donors, Crane is at the breeding facility! Elm Creek Equine staff enthused that even with mares in heat all around him, he had the "quietest walk off the trailer by a stallion". Here he is in his grass paddock eyeing the gorgeous ladies across the way.

The second photo shows the box that the tease mare stands in while he mounts the phantom to the left for semen collection. Go Crane go!

We have raised **\$835 towards our target of \$5000** for the semen collection project, which we hope to extend to several stallions. Please help the Ojibwe Horse Society meet our current fundraising target to save preserve the genetic diversity of this critically-endangered breed. There are only 30 stallions in the breeding population of the Ojibwe Horse breed. Crane is the first-ever of the breed to be collected, and you can help ensure he's not the last.

You can donate at the website [ojibwehorse.ca](http://ojibwehorse.ca), but etransfer is preferred to [treasurer@ojibwehorse.ca](mailto:treasurer@ojibwehorse.ca). Thanks for sharing this information with your friends, too.



### Stay With Us!

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