



NH 4-H Policy on Replacement Project Animals

If a 4-H member's ONLY project animal dies, is critically ill to the point of being "unusable", or is deemed unsafe for the 4-H member to use as a project, after having been properly listed on an approval form, the Extension Educator may, after verifying the loss/condition, allow the 4-H member ONE replacement project animal. A new approval form is submitted. In this instance, the replacement animal(s) can be shown at all fairs (except the State Horse Show and ESE).

If a 4-H member's animals are unable to be exhibited for any reason (illness, death, etc.), and they have other project animals listed on their approval form that are eligible, then there is never any substitution allowed. They may show the remaining animals on their approval form only.

Should a county have a 4-H member who misses an appropriate deadline, due to their not owning an animal at the time of the deadline or their only project animal(s) is (are) sick the county may make an exception for **their county only**. In some instances, a county may wish to use their discretion and issue an approval form to the 4-H member enabling him or her to exhibit **within their county only**. The approval form would be clearly marked below the educator signature. *Limited to Home County Only.*

For example, if a member in Cheshire County missed the approval form deadline, and they have no other animal on their approval form, the Cheshire County 4-H staff MAY allow them to substitute another animal at the Cheshire County Fair **ONLY**. The exhibitor will not be allowed to show the substitute animal at any fair outside of Cheshire County.

Under no circumstances are replacement animals (for any species) eligible for Eastern States.

Working Steer:

If a 4-H member has only ONE working steer team and one half of the working steer team dies, is critically ill, or deemed unsafe, the member may replace the unusable half of the team with one other animal. Loss must be verified by Extension Educator.

From the State 4-H Dairy Show Rules:

In the event that a 4-H dairy member's **only approved** project animal dies or is permanently injured, a replacement animal can be approved after May 1st for 4-H competition in NH if the loss is verified by an Extension Educator and ownership or a lease is established. A replacement animal cannot be shown until after this verification has occurred.

From the State 4-H Horse Show Rule book:

Project animals will NOT be switched during the year. IN exceptional cases, (such as if the animal dies or is rendered verifiably unsound upon decision of a veterinarian), the member must fill out a new HORSE APPROVAL FORM upon purchase or lease of a new animal and have it verified by an Extension Educator, with the approval of the local leader. This animal cannot be shown until 30 days after the above stated procedures have taken place. This animal is not eligible for the State 4-H Horse Show or ESE.