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Record of 4-H Lease for Performance Animals (horse, dog, working steer, llama and alpaca)

One Form Per Species. Use an additional form if you have more than 3 animals of a species.

Circle species listed:

Alpaca

Dog

Horse

Llama

Working Steer

This certifies that 4-H member _____ and the owner of the animal(s) _____

Name of Member

Name of Owner

have entered into an agreement involving the following animal(s): Use additional forms if necessary.

Breed	Animal Name	Registration Number and/or ID Number (microchip, tattoo or farm tag) if registration pending, list Reg. No. of Sire and Dam	Animal Date of Birth (mo/date/yr)	Sex

Description of each animal (Photo preferred/ photo is required on intent to show for horses):

The above named animal(s) is/are leased to the 4-H member for the period beginning _____ (date) and terminating on _____ (date). Two copies of this record should be made: one for the animal owner and one for the member to keep. The lease must have an effective date on or prior to the 4-H Intent to Show Form or 4hOnline Animal Enrollment deadline for that species and must be in the name of the 4-H member. Leased animals must have the lease form uploaded to their 4hOnline Animal Enrollment or attached to paper 4-H Intent to Show Form

I have read and understand the policies for 4-H Leases. See webpage on "What is a 4-H Lease and How do I Set One Up?" <http://extension.unh.edu/New-Hampshire-4-H-Animal-Leases> and understand the policies and guidelines associated with 4-H leases. The responsibilities have been discussed, the 4-H member will have significant access to the project animal with significant responsibility for its care and a lease agreement exists and has been agreed upon by all parties. All 4-H project animals are shown at the risk of the 4-H member. Any damage to persons or property is the legal and financial responsibility of the 4-H member and their family who leases the animal. UNH Cooperative Extension encourages written lease agreements, however it is the responsibility of both parties to agree upon the lease terms and UNHCE is not legally involved in the writing, implementation or termination of any lease.

Member date

Animal Owner date

Parent or Guardian date



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If you are a 4-H member interested in leasing an animal for your 4-H project, there are some important considerations to make. UNH Cooperative Extension doesn't have rigid rules on what terms of a lease should include, however there are a few rules that are set up for 4-H members leasing animals. For further information contact your 4-H leader or County 4-H Staff Member.

There are different rules for leases of performance animals such as Alpacas, Dogs, Horses, Llamas and Working Steer than there are for production animals. Production animals include animals that are used for food and fiber. Performance animals include non-production animals that are used for performance or pleasure and are typically judged on their ability to perform tasks.

New Hampshire 4-H Lease Policy:

- A maximum of 6 (six) performance animals of a given species may be leased. This number is reduced by one for each owned animal of a species on the 4-H member's intent to show form (for example if a member owns 1 horse, they may lease 5 horses)
- Lease agreements MUST be in the name of the member who will be exhibiting the leased animal. For performance animals such as dogs, horses, and working steers, the 4-H member must regularly work with that animal and be proficient with that specific animal and the performance activity prior to bringing the animal to any 4-H activity or event
- The 6-animal limit is designed to allow a member to complete lease and intent to show forms early in the season, prior to the Intent to Show deadline, while maintaining options to work with multiple animals and choose the most appropriate animal to show. Members must understand that in general they may only show one performance animal per show (one team in the case of working steer).
- It should be understood that the lease allows the 4-H member to use the specified animal(s) as a 4-H project. It is not necessary that the leased animal be housed at the home of the 4-H member; however, the 4-H member should have significant access to the project animal(s) and be responsible for care equivalent to a minimum of 50% the work involved in caring for a single animal of that species

Guidelines (not requirements) for 4-H Lease Agreements:

Lease agreements are based upon the honesty, integrity, and responsibility of the parties involved. Successful lease situations occur most frequently when the lessee and the lessor take the time to get to know one another; look for compatible philosophies including the value of animal projects in a youth development program and compatible animal management philosophies, etc.

Animal sharing: It may not be possible to share animals for the purposes of showing; not more than two 4-H members may show an animal at any given show; some shows may not allow sharing or not have divisions/classes in which sharing is possible. Those members sharing animals along with parents and leaders must discuss options at the outset of the lease so that misunderstandings and disappointment are minimized.

For the protection of all involved, lease specifics should be carefully developed, put in writing, and signed off on by all parties involved. When a minor is leasing an animal they own to another person their parent/guardian must sign as well as the minor.

Every lease should clearly indicate the animal(s) to be leased, a specific starting and ending date, and all signatures and signature dates.

While UNH Cooperative Extension and the 4-H program does not have rigid rules on what terms a lease should include, the following are items that should be discussed and included in a lease agreement if both parties feel they are important:

- **Trucking** - Who will transport the animal to and from shows and/or fairs?
- **Veterinary Expenses** - might be separated into 1) basic expenses for health and well-being of animal; expenses the owner would have to incur whether the animal was being shown or not (i.e. worming, vaccinations, etc.), and 2) show-related veterinary expenses, additional veterinary procedures that need to be done for showing or transporting animals (i.e. additional vaccinations for moving animals in- or out-of state, health certificates, etc.).
- **Show Expenses** - tack, equipment, clippers, entry fees
- **Disbursement of Premiums** - Who will the premium dollars be paid to if applicable?
- **Animal Identification** - ear tags, tattooing or animal ID. Is the 4-H member allowed to add identification if necessary?
- **Housing** - The animal may be housed at the owner's facilities OR the 4-H member's facility, however the 4-H member must have significant access to the project animal(s) and must assume responsibility for the care of the animal(s).
- **Feeding** - Who will be responsible for purchasing feed and feeding the animal?
- **Animal injury or death** - Who will be responsible for emergency veterinary care; who is liable for the loss of an animal?
- **Management** - What are appropriate training techniques, what type of feed or housing facility is acceptable, etc.?
- **Insurance** - Many fairs/shows require entrants to show a certificate of liability insurance to protect themselves from any damage or injury the animal might cause while at an event. Both parties should check with their personal or farm insurance agent to ensure appropriate coverage.
- **Farrier Expenses/Hoof Trimming** - Who will pay for this? It might depend on whether extra expenses are incurred as a result of showing an animal.

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