

NH 4-H Policy on Replacement Project Animals



Introduction: It is the policy that NH 4-H members have project animals that they work with long-term. We recognize that sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, an animal becomes unusable as a project animal due to illness, unsoundness, unsuitability or death of the animal. In the event this occurs and the 4-H member wishes to continue his or her project with a replacement animal, the procedure outlined below is to be followed.

The following animals do not require Intent to Show for **NH** 4-H Shows and fairs (always check with the event to ensure you meet the requirements): Working Steer, Horse, Poultry, Water Fowl, Rabbits and Cavies. These animals may be replaced with new project animals if necessary for NH show only. For working steer and horse, replacement animals obtained after the ESE deadline are generally not eligible for ESE.

General: The following applies to all animals that require an intent to show form or registry in the member's name:

If a 4-H member's ONLY project animal(s) of any species dies, is unsuitable, unsound or critically ill to the point of being "unusable", or is deemed unsafe for the 4-H member to use as a project, the following policy applies:

The 4-H member may be allowed ONE replacement project animal (1-2 in the case of working steer). A new intent to show form must be submitted and the NH 4-H Request for Waiver of Intent to Show Deadline must be submitted. In this instance, the replacement animal(s) can be shown at all fairs (except ESE and as noted below) if otherwise eligible.

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 intent to show form that are eligible, then no substitution is allowed. They may show the remaining animals on their intent to show form only.

If a 4-H member misses the intent to show deadline for any reason, county 4-H staff may wish to use their discretion to extend the deadline, allowing the member to exhibit within their county only. The intent to show form would be clearly marked below the staff signature. *Limited to Home County Only.*

NOTE: The above applies only if:

- A. The member's initial animal was properly listed on an intent to show form (paper or 4HOnline) and there are no other animals listed on the member's intent to show form.
- B. The loss/condition is verified by 4-H volunteer, county or state 4-H staff or a veterinarian

Eastern States Exposition Policies on Animal Ownership/Leasing Dates

Please see the Big E Packet for your specific animal species for the most current rules.

www.thebige.com/p.aspx?plD=competitions/4-h/380&

As of this writing, the following deadlines apply for ESE and no replacement animals are allowed after these deadlines. All animals must be owned or borrowed [leased] by the deadline below and so documented via registration in member's name, intent to show and lease if applicable:

ESE 4-H Beef: Steers February 1; Heifers May 1

ESE 4-H Dairy Cattle Show Heifers only. May 1 deadline

ESE 4-H Dairy Goat Activity June 1

ESE 4-H Dog Activity June 1

ESE 4-H Horse Show April 1

ESE 4-H Sheep Show June 1

ESE Youth Working Steer Show May 1 Since the Working Steer Show is a Youth Show (not specifically affiliated with 4-H), there are no rules or regulations from Eastern States Exposition regarding owner/lease dates.

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NH 4-H Request for waiver of Intent to Show Deadline



This form is to be used only in the event of the death or unsoundness of a member's only project animal.

See NH 4-H Replacement Animal Policy for additional information

Please check all that apply (all are required for equine and working steer; all except leader/instructor verification are required for all animal species)

- ☐ Veterinarian verification documents that project animal is unsound or has died. Attach written documentation.
- ☐ No other animals are available on the member's Intent to Show records.
- ☐ Replacement animal has been obtained and Intent to Show and Lease (when applicable) have been completed.
- ☐ The replacement animal is a long-term project and not a replacement solely for the purpose of showing.
- ☐ County or State 4-H Staff have approved the substitution. This approval is granted on a case-by-case basis.

4-H Member Name: _____ date of request: _____

Replacement Animal Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ date: _____

I approve the request for the use of a replacement animal and verify that all the conditions above have been met.

4-H Staff Name: _____

4-H Staff Signature: _____ date: _____