NH 4-H Policy on Replacement Project Animals

If a 4-H member’s ONLY project animals 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 intent to show form, the County Staff Member may, after verifying the loss/condition, allow the 4-H member ONE replacement project animal. A new intent to show 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 intent to show form that are eligible, then there is never any substitution allowed. They may show the remaining animals on their intent to show 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 intent to show form to the 4-H member enabling him or her to exhibit within their county only. The intent to show form would be clearly marked below the educator signature. Limited to Home County Only.

For example, if a member in Cheshire County missed the intent to show form deadline, and they have no other animal on their intent to show 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.

NH 4-H Policy on Replacement Working Steer

If a 4-H member loses one part of the team or both animals in the team due to death, critical illness, or being deemed unsafe after the intent to show form deadline of May 1st it needs to be verified by a County 4-H staff member and a new intent to show Form needs to be submitted for the replacement animal/pair. The member has the choice to do one of the following: the member may replace the unusable half of the team with another animal or the member may choose a new team.

All replacement animals/teams must be approved by the 4-H Working Steer Curriculum Committee. All members are encouraged to list possible alternate teams on their intent to show forms prior to May 1st.

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 there is never any substitution allowed. They may show the remaining animals on their intent to show form only.

NH 4-H Policy on Replacement Horses

According to the New Hampshire Supplement to the New England 4-H Horse Show Rules and Guidelines (http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001867_Rep2677.pdf): 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 INTENT TO SHOW upon purchase of a new animal and have it verified by their County 4-H Staff member, with the approval of the local leader. This animal cannot be shown in a 4-H horse show or 4-H classes in an affiliated show until 30 days after the above stated procedures have taken place. This animal is not
eligible for the State 4-H Show or Eastern States Exposition. (p. 8). For 2017, in the case of the death or unsoundness of a horse, two members may share a horse at the State 4-H Horse Show provided the members qualify and the horse appeared on both members intent to show on or before the deadline.

A member must show one and the same horse at the progression of the county to the state to the Eastern States Exposition. If the horse that competed at the county or state show is injured or sick and cannot compete at the next 4-H show, the 4-Her may not borrow a horse to continue in competition. However, if a member has a second horse duly entered on a HORSE INTENT TO SHOW FORM prior to May 1st, this animal may be shown upon the approval of their County 4-H Staff Member. Once entries are sent to the Eastern States Exposition, no delegate switch horses for any reason. If a horse becomes unable to compete, a new horse and rider team from the state alternate list will be substituted. (p.8)

**NH Policy on Replacement Dairy Cattle**

All animals must be owned and/or leased by a regularly enrolled 4-H member and registered and/or leased in his or her name only. NH 4-H guidelines regarding numbers of animals that may be leased per member will be followed and a signed 4-H Intent to show form, Lease Form and original registration certificate must accompany each animal. All lease agreements must be initiated prior to May 1. (leased or owned cows must have been leased or owned on or before May 1st of the year in which the animal was a yearling). 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 4-H County Staff Member and ownership or a lease is established. A replacement animal cannot be shown until after this verification has occurred and will not be eligible for Eastern States. If more than one animal is to be exhibited per class, a 4-H exhibitor must exhibit their 4-H entries. Any animals owned by the exhibitor but not exhibited by him or her is not eligible for 4-H awards or to go to Eastern States. Registered or grade animals are accepted at this state event, however, grade animals are not eligible for ESE although upgraded animals in some breeds are eligible for Eastern States Exposition as allowed by their breed. You can find this information here: [http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001866_Rep2675.pdf](http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001866_Rep2675.pdf)

**Eastern States Exposition Policies on Animal Ownership/Leasing Dates**

**ESE 4-H Beef Program**

According to the New England 4-H Beef Program Packet 1 ([http://www.thebigie.com/fair/agriculture/documents/134hbeefpacket1.pdf](http://www.thebigie.com/fair/agriculture/documents/134hbeefpacket1.pdf)), members must own their steers beginning no later than February 1, 2013 and heifers no later than May 10, 2013. No replacement animals will be allowed to be shown at Eastern States Exposition if ownership/lease was granted after this date.

**ESE 4-H Dairy Cattle Show**

According to Rules for the New England 4-H Dairy Show ([http://www.thebigie.com/fair/agriculture/documents/13ag4hdairypacket.pdf](http://www.thebigie.com/fair/agriculture/documents/13ag4hdairypacket.pdf)), the ESE 4-H Dairy Show is limited to registered females which are registered in the name of the individual member making the entry, or that are entered and accepted in the Lease Agreement Project in their respective states. All papers pertaining to ownership and health of animals must be filed with the superintendent for inspection purposes upon arrival. All papers will be returned at the close of the show. For all calf or yearling classes, ownership must have existed in the member's name on or before May 1 of the year of the show or have been entered in the Lease agreement project prior to May 1. In all Milking age classes, 2 year olds and up the cow must have been owned/leased on or before May 1, before the animal reached her second birthday.
**ESE 4-H Dairy Goat Activity**
According to the Rules of the New England Dairy Goat Activity, Exhibitors must have owned or leased their goats on or before June 1. Exception: For doe kid class - animals must be raised and cared for from birth. You can find this information here: 

**ESE 4-H Dog Activity**
According to the New England 4-H Program- The Big E 4-H Dog Activity Entry Packet (http://www.thebige.com/fair/agriculture/documents/13ag4hdogpacket.pdf), 7) Members must have owned or leased, as well as managed and trained, their project dog (primary, alternate, and/or service dog) since June 1 of the current year in order to be eligible for entry. No more than 2 dogs per delegate. Each member may enter a primary dog only, and/or alternate dog and/or service dog, but these must be named at the time of entry. A verification form and/or a verification form with lease agreement must accompany the entry application. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A VERIFICATION FORM WITH A PICTURE OF THE HANDLER AND DOG. A separate entry packet and verification form is required for each dog. No photocopies or stamped signatures will be accepted.

a. Primary dog- used to compete in both Fitting and Showmanship and obedience. The points from this dog’s score will count towards the appropriate Grand Championship point total.
b. Alternate- Must be named and entered at the time of entry of the primary dog, if applicable. Alternate dogs must follow all the same entry requirements as the primary dog. Alternates are shown only if a veterinarian certifies that the primary dog cannot be shown due to health reasons. Alternates can be brought to the ESE DOG Activity and used for agility, pairs, teams or any of the other “fun classes”, but are not shown in either Fitting and showmanship. Alternate dogs may be shown in regular obedience class ONLY if the dog is shown in Open, Graduate open or utility. The scores from the alternate dog will not count towards the high overall score. Alternate dogs may be used for Agility or any games throughout the weekend. There will be a limit of two dogs per exhibitor. Service dogs may also be entered as “alternate dogs”.
c. Service Dogs – must be under a bona fide Service Dog program where they will be utilized as a service dog. May be shown as a primary project, as an alternate, or entered and shown in Service Dog Obedience “ONLY”. If shown in Service Dog Obedience only, their scores will not count towards the appropriate grand championship. Service Dog brood bitches are to be shown in regular obedience classes.

14) **Primary and Alternate Dog Use** Both the primary and alternate dogs can be brought to the 4-H Dog Activity. An alternate dog may be used for Agility or Rally. If an alternate dog is brought to the ESE 4-H Dog Activity in place of the Primary Dog, a Veterinarian’s letter is required indicating why the primary dog could not attend.

**ESE 4-H Horse Show**
According to the Eastern States Exposition 4-H Horse Show packet (Found here: http://www.thebige.com/fair/agriculture/documents/13ag4hhorsepacket.pdf) members must have owned or managed and used their horse as a 4-H Activity on or prior to April 1 the current year.

**ESE 4-H Sheep Show**
3. **Ownership:** All sheep except Market Lambs must have registration papers. Read carefully. Delegate’s name must appear as the sole owner or lessee of the sheep (no joint ownership or registration with only farm name). Date of sale on registration papers must be on or before July 1 of the year of the show, with one exception: Delegates may bring one animal purchased between July 1 and July 31, IN ADDITION TO 4-H project animal(s), provided that: 1) proof of purchase and ownership is shown, 2) the sheep is qualified within your state approval guidelines and 3) the delegate’s entries do not exceed one animal per class. Delegates may NOT show just one sheep if it was purchased between July 1 and July 31; they MUST have other project sheep entered and shown. Delegates owning their sheep must have the actual registration papers, copies are allowed ONLY in the case of leased sheep. Name on registration papers and entry forms (ownership and exhibitor) must be the same – not just farm name.

4. **Leases:** Leased animals will also be accepted. The delegate is to have lease agreements on a uniform state lease form issued by Cooperative Extension in that state. Date of lease of State Lease Forms must be on or before July 1 of the year of the show. Delegates must bring their Lease Agreement form and either the actual registration or a clearly legible copy of the animal registration paper to The Big E.

5. **Substitutions** A 4-H delegate is allowed to show a substitute sheep approved by their extension representative in writing, provided that the ownership of the animal complies with the rules in “Ownership” paragraph. Sheep purchased between July 1 and July 31 may be substituted, provided they are 1) not the only sheep the delegate is showing and 2) qualified within your state approval guidelines.

**ESE Youth Working Steer Show**

Since the Working Steer Show is a Youth Show, there are no rules or regulations from Eastern States Exposition regarding owner/lease dates. This was verified by the Eastern States Exposition Working Steer Show Committee on 03/23/2013.

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