



## New Hampshire 4-H Animal Requirements & Deadlines for Participating in NH 4-H Shows

	<b>Beef</b>	<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	<b>Working Steer</b>	<b>Swine</b>	<b>Horse/ Equine</b>	<b>Goat (all types)</b>	<b>Sheep</b>
Registration papers in exhibitor's name <b>or</b> Intent to Show & Borrowing Form deadline	Registration solely in exhibitor name or intent to show Feb 1 (steer with ESE eligibility); May 1 (heifer with ESE eligibility); June 1 (all other beef); November 1 for Fryeburg market steer (separate form)	May 1	May 1 Intent to show and/or 4-H borrowing agreement for ESE eligibility; not required for NH 4-H shows	June 1	April 1 registration solely in exhibitor name, intent to show and/or 4-H borrowing agreement for ESE eligibility; not required for NH 4-H shows	June 1	June 1
Minimum/ Maximum Animal Age	4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event**	4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event**	4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event	4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event**	2 years (no stallions over 1 year, no mare with foal at side)	4 months+ as of event date to go to any fair or event ** (suckling animals for exhibit meat breeds only)	4 months+ as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event; maximum 2 years except pet class & local shows**
Animal Identification	Ear tag or tattoo. RFID tag for ESE	Ear tag or tattoo	Ear tag or tattoo	Ear notch, ear tag or tattoo	Photos required on Intent to Show form for ESE	Ear tag or tattoo or tail tattoo or microchip	Ear tag or tattoo and official Scrapie tag
Rabies vaccine Requirements	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show
Other requirements	ESE & Fryeburg have specific requirements available from those fairs				ASTM/SEI Helmet required for riding/driving and in-hand jumping	Scrapie Tag/ID	Scrapie Tag/ID

\*\* Suckling livestock with mother are allowed for exhibition only with permission of fair superintendent. Dam must have received rabies vaccination per NH 4-H Rabies Vaccination/NH State Veterinarian rabies vaccination guidelines. Dam must have been handled and suitable for fair environment and recommended to be on 4-H'ers intent to show form. These animals may be used for education of visitors and are not to be handled by the general public.

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	<b>Dog</b>	<b>Waterfowl</b>	<b>Rabbit &amp; Cavies</b>	<b>Poultry</b>	<b>Llama &amp; Alpaca</b>
Registration papers in exhibitor's name <b>or</b> Intent to Show & Borrowing agreement Form deadline	June 1* intent to show and/or 4-H borrowing agreement for any 4-H show New members eligible to show 30 days after Intent to Show (if 6/1 deadline missed)	none	none	none	June 1
Minimum/Maximum Animal Age	Minimum 6 months + as of event date to go to any 4-H fair or event	Any --must have fledged (fully feathered; no "baby" down)	12 weeks+ to go to any 4-H fair or event	Any --must have fledged (fully feathered; no "baby" down)	Must be weaned (approximately 6 months)
Animal Identification	Microchip and/or photo	Leg band	Left ear tattoo for registered animals. Tattoo optional for cavies and pet-type (required for open shows)	Leg band required over 5 months of age documenting Pullorum testing within last year.	Microchip
Rabies vaccine Requirements	Minimum 30 days, maximum 3 years before show (not expired)	none	Recommended for all; required 30 days+ before event <b>if</b> the animal is housed in a situation that exposes the animal to wildlife.	none	Minimum 30 days, maximum 1 year before show

\* Dog project animals must be suitable for the member. No aggressive or out of control animals allowed for safety reasons. Replacement animals are allowed to replace sick or injured dogs, dogs that have died or dogs that are aggressive or out of control/unsuitable for the member per the NH 4-H Animal replacement policy.

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Per 4-H policy large animals (dog, goat, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, working steer, beef, llama, alpaca) are not to be handled or shown by Cloverbuds or others under 8 years of age. Cloverbuds may exhibit small animals (rabbit, cavies, poultry, and waterfowl) non-competitively.

If you have questions or need further information, contact your county 4-H Staff or Mary Davis, Program Manager 4-H Animal Science 603-862-2188 or email: [Mary.Davis@unh.edu](mailto:Mary.Davis@unh.edu)