



NH 4-H 2019 Animal requirements/Intent to Show Changes FAQ:

4-H Animal Intent to Show requirements are changing as of 1/1/2019. The purpose of Intent to Show has been to document that a 4-H'er has been working with a specific animal or animals. In many cases there are other ways to document this or it is unnecessary.

Q: What is required to be eligible to show an animal at The Big E (Eastern States Exposition/ESE)?

A: Registration papers solely in the youth member's name on/before the ESE deadline **OR** Intent to show form (with a lease form if the animal is not owned by the member) on/before the ESE deadline

Q: What is required to show an animal at a NH fair or in a NH county or NH state show?

A: **Performance animals:** Horses & Working Steer do not require any documentation of ownership or borrowing (lease). Dogs require completed 4HOnline animal registration or Intent to Show form on/before June 1. Newly enrolled members may complete the process after the June 1 deadline, but will not be eligible for ESE and may show in NH 4-H fairs and shows 30 days after completion. If a previously enrolled member's animal dies, becomes unhealthy or unsuitable, a replacement animal may be shown immediately after completion of a new Intent to Show, provided the member had a dog verified on/before the June 1 deadline.

Production animals such as dairy or beef cattle, sheep and goats must be registered solely in the member's name (including recorded grade) **OR** have an Intent to Show and (if applicable) animal borrowing form.

Individual fairs and shows may have additional requirements; please check directly with the fair or show.

Q: Why are dogs different than other performance animals?

A: The risk of an unsuitable or out-of-control dog is too high; 4-H dog project members should be working closely with a leader to verify that the project animal is suitable.

Q: May I still complete an Intent to Show form for my animal(s).

A: Yes, this is a way to help ensure that you meet the requirements for any show you attend.

Q: Why is this change being made?

A: The Intent to Show process has become cumbersome and redundant for many animals. In some cases it is appropriate for a 4-H'er to show a replacement animal, however, the prior system did not allow this.

Q: How are vaccinations and other health requirements documented?

A: As in the past, your animal's health records and vaccination records are documented by your veterinarian and are not part of the Intent to Show process.