

Record of 4-H Animal Sharing/Borrowing



One Form Per Species

Circle species listed: Alpaca Beef Meat, Pack, Pygmy or Wool Goats Dairy Cattle Dairy Goats Dog Llama Poultry

 Rabbits Sheep Swine Working Steer Horse Small Pet Other _____

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):

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

Description (Photo preferred):

The owner of the above named animal(s) authorizes the 4-H member to use the animal as a project animal 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. This form 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. Shared and/or borrowed animals must have this form uploaded to their 4hOnline Animal Enrollment or attached to paper 4-H Intent to Show Form (requirements vary by species)

I have read and understand the guidelines below. and understand them. The responsibilities have been discussed, the 4-H member will have significant access to the project animal with at least 50% responsibility for its care and a written 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 supplies the animal. UNH Cooperative Extension encourages written agreements, however it is the responsibility of both parties to agree upon the terms and UNHCE is not legally involved in the writing, implementation or termination of any agreement.

4-H member signature

Parent or guardian signature

Animal owner signature

New Hampshire 4-H Guidelines for Sharing or Borrowing of Project Animals

New Hampshire 4-H Animal Borrowing Policy: (rules that must be adhered to)

- The number of animals of a particular species that a member may borrow is limited to 3 of a species for production animals and 6 of a species for performance animals. It is expected that the 4-H member must have significant access to the project animal(s) and be responsible for significant care of the animal(s), equivalent to a minimum of 50% the work involved in caring for a single animal of that species. Agreements **MUST** be in the name of the member who will be exhibiting the animal. For production animals, the 4-H member must regularly work with the animal and be proficient in handling the animal prior to bringing the animal to any 4-H activity or event.
- For performance animals such as alpacas, llamas, 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. All animals must be listed in the 4-H members 4HOnline account by the deadline of June 1 for NH shows and events and as specified by Big E for those events.
- Note there are some animal species that have age restrictions on the animals that may be shown in
- 4-H shows. If you are interested in showing you will want to be aware of the age restrictions for your species.
- It should be understood that the agreement allows the 4-H member to use the specified animal(s) as a 4-H project. It is not necessary that the 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
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Guidelines (not requirements) for 4-H Animal Sharing/Borrowing Agreements:

Agreements are based upon the honesty, integrity, and responsibility of the parties involved. Successful animal sharing/borrowing situations occur most frequently when both parties 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.

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

Every agreement should clearly indicate the animal(s) involved, 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 an agreement should include, the following are items that should be discussed and included in an agreement if both parties feel they are important:

- **Transportation** - 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 show nor 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
- **Payment to Animal Owner** – will there be any payment expected to the owner of the animal, and if so, how much and for what period (per month, for the season, year, etc.)?
- **Disbursement of Premiums** - Who will the premium dollars be paid to if applicable?
- **Animal Identification** - ear tags, tattooing – who will be responsible, and is permission granted to add permanent ID?
- **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 determining a feeding program, purchasing feed and feeding the animal?
- **Unanticipated 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.
- **Shearing** - Who will pay for shearer; who keeps the fleece?
- **Breeding fees** - If an animal is to be bred as part of the 4-H member’s project (or needs to be bred during the term of the agreement), who will pay for the breeding fees and who makes the decision as to which sire an animal might be bred to? Is there an agreement to who keeps the progeny?

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