

**CONTRACT**  
**NJ 4-H Animal Lease/Borrow Agreement**  
**Between 4-H Member and Legal Owner**

Name of 4-H Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ (as of last Sept.) email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4-H Club: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the 4-H Animal Lease/Borrow Agreement and will abide by all of the requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4-H Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Guardian Signature

**LEGAL OWNER OF ANIMAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the NJ 4-H Animal Lease/Borrow Agreement. I will abide by it and loan the following animal(s) to the 4-H member noted above.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Legal Owner Signature

Beef       Dairy       Goat       Lamb       Sheep       Alpaca

Animal's Name	ID/Registration #	Ear Tag/Tattoo # (if applicable)	Breed	Date of Birth	Sex

I verify that the 4-H member is a Member in Good Standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Leader's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

I verify that the 4-H member is a Member in Good Standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 County Agent's/Program Associate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**Form Must be Received in the 4-H Extension Office by May 1**

## **NJ 4-H Animal Lease/Borrow Program**

### **Objective of the 4-H Animal Lease/Borrow Program**

The objective of this program is to allow youth who do not have the resources to raise/own a 4-H animal project the opportunity to have a project animal through leasing or borrowing. The 4-H member will gain first hand experience in the management and showing of 4-H animal projects through the cooperation of local animal owners.

### **Rules of the Lease/Borrow Agreement**

1. To be valid, the agreement must be signed by owner, 4-H member, and a parent/guardian. Upon signature of all parties involved, this Lease/Borrow Agreement is subject to the rules described herein.
2. The term of the lease/loan shall be the date the legal owner signs the form, until the end of the 4-H project year.
3. The project animal must be registered in the county 4-H Office as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
4. All lease/borrow agreements must be filed in the county 4-H Office as of May 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.
5. During the term of the agreement, the animal is a 4-H project. The 4-H member must keep a project specific 4-H Record Book and a Diary to document the actual time spent caring for the project animal. Care includes the number of visits and specific work/care performed.
6. The 4-H member must agree to physically care for this animal to the fullest extent possible. A care schedule will be worked out between the owner of the animal and the 4-H member. (The attached 4-H Member & Responsibilities form can be completed.)
7. No animal substitutions may be made between May 1<sup>st</sup> and the conclusion of the 4-H project year. In the case of death, the Owner and Member may wish to make an agreement on another animal of similar age.
8. The Owner agrees not to sell the animal after signing the contract and the NJ 4-H project animal show and/or end of project year.
9. At the end of the lease, the Owner and 4-H Member may choose to renew the agreement for another year.
10. All 4-H rules, policies, requirements for specific animal project apply to this project.
11. The land owner, leader, or legal owner must be held harmless by the 4-H Member, friends, family, etc. if any injuries occur unless gross negligence can be attributed to the land owner, leader, or legal owner.

### **Rules of Specific Project Animal Agreement**

#### **BEEF**

1. Animals must be under one year of age the first time the 4-H Member leases.
2. A 4-H Member may enter into only one new lease each 4-H project year.

#### **DAIRY**

1. The first year an animal is leased by a 4-H Member it must not have calved (under two years of age).
2. To be eligible for the lease/borrow program, a 4-H Member must not currently own (or purchase within current project year) a dairy cow or calf.
3. A 4-H Member may enter into only one lease their first year in 4H. After the first year, they may enter into 1 or 2 new leases per year.
4. No animal substitutions may be made after the May 1 deadline on a signed lease.

#### **LAMB**

1. The lamb owner has the right to cancel the lend agreement at any time if the 4-H Member is not caring for the animal properly to where the 4-H Member has caused harm to the health and welfare of the animal.

**NJ 4-H Animal Lease/Borrow Agreement  
4-H Member and Owner Responsibilities**

Project Year:
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Subject	Owner Responsible	Member Responsible	Comment (i.e. times/week/month)
<b>Routine Care</b>			
Daily Feeding			
Foot Trimming			
Grooming (shearing, clipping)			
De-worming			
Housing of Animal(s)			
Breeding			
Cleaning Facilities			
<b>Exhibition</b>			
Transportation to/from			
Veterinary Inspection			
<b>Expenses</b>			
Feed			
Veterinary (routine)			
Veterinary (exhibition)			
Transportation Costs			
Rental Fee/Animal			
<b>Equipment</b>			
Buckets			
Halters			
Shears/Clippers/Scissors			
Fitting Equipment			
<b>Other</b>			
Product (fleece, milk, offspring, etc.)			
Insurance			

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner Signature