



Record of Vermont 4-H Equine Lease/Loan

This contract is entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, between 4-H member _____, the renter, address _____, Town of _____, County of _____, State of _____, and the legal Owner of the below described equine _____, address _____, Town of _____, County of _____, State of _____. This contract shall persist until the _____ day of _____, 20____, or may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement in writing, or by at least _____ month(s)/days written notice from either party.

The renter agrees to pay a rental fee of \$ _____, for the animal(s) described herein, payable on or about the _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

It is hereby agreed that the title to said animal(s) shall at all times remain in the possession of the Owner. It is agreed that for the duration of this contract, the Renter shall have sole right of exhibition unless the attached stipulation states otherwise. If two youth lease/loan the same animal, stipulation with regard to exhibition must be attached.

Attached Stipulations? YES ____ NO ____ ; if yes, please attach additional sheet(s).

Description of Equine:

Barn Name	Registered Name	Breed	Sex	Tattoo or other distinguishing marks if applicable	Age of Equine

I have read and understand the policies of the 4-H Equine Lease/loan (see fact sheet) and agree to these policies. The responsibilities have been discussed; the 4-H member will have significant access to the project animal. **No more than two unrelated youth may lease the same animal.** All 4-H project animals are shown / exhibited 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 and the family who leased them the animal. UVM Extension requires written lease/loan agreements, however it is the responsibility of both parties to agree upon the terms and UVM is not involved in the executing, implementation, or termination of any lease. **This form is due in your County 4-H office on May 1st.**

Signature _____
(renter)

Date: _____

Signed _____
(owner)

Date: _____

Signature _____
(Parent or guardian)

Date: _____

Member Name _____

Phone Number _____

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Club Name _____

GUIDELINES TO COMPLETING A 4-H LEASE/LOAN CONTRACT

REQUIREMENTS:

All leased/Loaned 4-H project animals must have a written lease/Loan form. Complete a separate lease/loan form for each species. All animals are shown at the risk of the owner(s) and the person(s) signing the lease/loan form.

1. Enter the number of the day, the month, and the year. This is the date the lease/loan will take effect. It must be prior to any deadlines for approval forms.
2. Enter the date the lease/loan will end, and the number of months/days' notice either party must give the other before terminating the lease/loan.
3. Indicate the amount of the rental fee, if any.
4. **ALL ANIMALS MUST HAVE AN ATTACHED PHOTO.**
5. **ALL parties indicated must sign and date the lease/loan form in order for it to be acceptable:** renter, owner, parent/guardian of renter.
6. Lease/loan forms must be submitted with approval forms to your Extension Educator on time in order for the animal to be shown in 4-H classes.
7. All leased/loaned animals must be legitimate 4-H projects. The member must assume responsibility for care and management of all project animals.

SUGGESTED STIPULATIONS TO ATTACH TO LEASE/LOAN CONTRACT FOR 4-H LIVESTOCK

1. Animal Health - veterinary fees, drugs, vaccinations, etc.
2. Breeding - sire, associated fees, ownership of offspring, etc.
3. Liability - injury to the animal, injury by the animal
4. Feeding - costs, types of feed, source of feed
5. Returns to 4-H'er - for labor, for management
6. Housing - specifications
7. Exhibiting - transportation, disposition of premiums and awards
8. Arbitration of disagreement

This is a partial list suggesting areas that should be considered and resolved before signing a lease/loan contract. When including an item in a contract, clearly state the item and the roles of the renter and owner, being as specific and concise as possible.

Consult your program handbook, 4-H Leader, or Extension 4-H Educator for specific requirements for your species.