

# **SPECIAL INFORMATION REGARDING 4-H DOG OWNERSHIP AND LEASING PAPERWORK**

In order for a 4-H member to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair 4-H Dog Show, the member must have individual or immediate family ownership of the dog or be leasing the dog being exhibited by May 1.

*AT THIS TIME*, ownership and/or lease paperwork *is NOT required* to be placed on file at the local University of Illinois Extension office by the State 4-H Dog Show. However, some Extension Units *MAY* require that the paperwork be filed with them by that deadline. In those cases, the notations made below and the following paperwork may be required.

In addition to the ownership/lease papers, two photos, one of each side of the animals may be required for all dogs, AKC or mixed breed animals.

- If the dog is registered and belongs to the 4-H member, a photocopy of the official breed registration papers is adequate to prove ownership and may be required to be placed on file in the local Extension office by the May 1 deadline.
- If the dog is mixed breed or not registered with an official breed association, and belongs to the 4-H member, the member may be required to complete the Illinois 4-H Certificate of Ownership (below) and submit it to the local Extension Office by the May 1 deadline.
- If the dog is not owned by the 4-H member, a lease for the animal may be required by the local Extension Unit. The lease would need to be completed and signed by the member, parents (if a minor) and the owner of the animal. A *sample* lease is provided below.

**A Dog may only be owned or leased to, and exhibited by ONE 4-H member at the State 4-H Dog Show.**

# ILLINOIS 4-H CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

*(To be used only with non-registered and mixed breed dogs.)*

I certify that I own the dog described below and plan to exhibit said dog my local Extension Unit 4-H Dog Show and, hopefully, the Illinois State Fair 4-H Dog Show.

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Signature of 4-H Member

I certify that the above statement is correct.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian  
(If member is under 18 years of age.)

**Name of Dog:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Dog:**

*Primary Breed/Mix*

*Color*

*Height*

*Markings*

**Attach Two Photo(s) of Dog:** (One photo per side.)

## Illinois 4-H Dog Lease

This Agreement is entered into between \_\_\_\_\_ (Owner) and (4-H member) regarding the dog known as \_\_\_\_\_. The term of this lease is from \_\_\_\_\_ to August 31st of the current 4-H year. The express purpose of this lease is for training and exhibition at 4-H functions. Lessee agrees that while the dog is in his/her possession to keep the dog properly housed, fed and groomed and to maintain any veterinary care that is needed. Lessee and his/her parents/guardians assume full responsibility for the conduct and behavior of this animal. Lessee shall also see that any training is done humanely and in the manner of good sportsmanship. If medical care should exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_, both parties will meet and discuss the responsibility of further care. Should the dog die of natural causes and be examined by a veterinarian who verifies this fact, all parties will be held harmless. If the dog dies from negligence, the Lessee is held responsible for the full replacement value of the dog. Both parties agree that if the contents of this agreement are not upheld, the dog will be returned immediately to the Lessor. The dog is leased for the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (not less than \$1.00), thereby making this contract legal and binding.

Owner's Signature (Lessor) \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Member's Signature (Lessee) \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Member's Parents/Guardians Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Attach Two Photo(s) of Dog:** (One photo per side)