

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

In order for a 4-H member to exhibit at the County 4-H Dog Show and/or 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 June 1.

*AT THIS TIME*, ownership and/or lease paperwork *is NOT required* by the State Fair to be placed on file at the local University of Illinois Extension office. 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 June 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 June 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 County 4-H Dog Show and/or the State Fair 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 at my County 4-H Dog Show and/or 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.)