

# **SPECIAL INFORMATION REGARDING 4-H/FFA HORSE OWNERSHIP AND LEASING PAPERWORK**

In order for a 4-H or FFA member to exhibit at the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show, ownership and/or lease paperwork must be placed on file at the local University of Illinois Extension office or with their Vocational Agriculture teacher and sent to the ILLINOIS State Fair Entry Office by June 1 of the year exhibiting. In addition to the ownership/lease papers, two photos, one of each side of the animals will be mandatory for all horse and ponies, grade and registered animals. (**Note:** Photos and copies of the ownership/lease paperwork must be attached to the official State Fair entry forms when submitted. Local Extension Offices and Vo-Ag instructors should keep copies of entries, ownership/lease forms and photos for verification purposes.)

- If an animal is registered and belongs to the 4-H or FFA member, a photocopy of the official breed registration papers is adequate to prove ownership and should be submitted to the local Extension office or Vo-Ag Instructor by the May 1 deadline.
- If an animal is not registered with an official breed association, and belongs to the 4-H or FFA member, the member must complete the Illinois 4-H/FFA Certificate of Ownership (below) and submit it to the local Extension Office or Vo-Ag Instructor by the May 1 deadline.
- If the animal is not owned by the 4-H or FFA member, a lease for the animal must be completed and signed by the member, parents (if a minor) and the owner of the animal. A *sample* lease is provided below.

We strongly encourage members, if they own or lease more than one horse, to file paperwork on ALL potential exhibit horses by the May 1 deadline. **If a horse is injured or dies, it may be replaced ONLY by a horse whose paperwork is already on file by the May 1 deadline.**

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

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Early requests are strongly encouraged to allow sufficient time for meeting your access needs.

# ILLINOIS 4-H or FFA CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP

*(To be used only with non-registered horses.)*

I certify that I own the horse described below and plan to exhibit said horse at the Illinois State Junior Horse 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 Horse: \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Horse:**

*Color*

*Height*

*Markings*

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



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## Illinois 4-H Horse Lease

This Agreement is entered into between \_\_\_\_\_ (Owner) and (4-H member) regarding the horse 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 horse is in his/her possession to keep the horse 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 horse die of natural causes and be examined by a veterinarian who verifies this fact, all parties will be held harmless. If the horse dies from negligence, the Lessee is held responsible for the full replacement value of the horse. Both parties agree that if the contents of this agreement are not upheld, the horse will be returned immediately to the Lessor. The horse 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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