

## **SPECIAL INFORMATION REGARDING 4-H HORSE LEASE PAPERWORK**

In order for a 4-H member to exhibit at the County 4-H Show and/or the Illinois State Fair Junior Horse Show, lease paperwork must be turned in to the Extension Office no later than **May 1st**. In addition to the lease papers, two photos, one of each side of the animals will be mandatory for all horses, ponies, donkeys and mules, grade and registered animals. (*Note:* Photos and copies of the lease paperwork must be attached to the official State Fair entry forms when submitted.

- If an animal is registered and belongs to the 4-H member, a photocopy of the official breed registration papers is adequate to prove ownership and should be submitted to the Extension Office by the deadline above.
- 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 Certificate of Ownership and submit it to the Extension Office by the deadline above.
- If the animal is not owned by the 4-H member, a lease (next page) 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 for you to fill in.

**A Horse/Pony/Donkey/Mule may only be leased and exhibited by ONE (1) 4-H member at the County 4-H Horse Show and/or the State Fair Junior Horse Show.  
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 September 30<sup>th</sup> 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)

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4-H Member's Signature (Lessee)

4-H Member's Parents/Guardians Signature

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Date

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