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4-H MASSACHUSETTS LIVESTOCK LEASE AGREEMENT

4-H Project Year October 1, _____ to September 30, _____

This lease agreement is provided as a convenience to 4-H parents and animal owners for facilitating the leasing of farm animals to youth enrolled in 4-H Animal Science Projects. The University of Massachusetts 4-H Program strongly recommends both parties clearly delineate their respective responsibilities under the lease and that the lease agreement not exceed one 4-H project year (October 1 – September 30).

The University of Massachusetts 4-H Program is not a party to this lease and has no liability for personal or property losses that may occur through the actions of either party.

LEASE AGREEMENT

This certifies that:

Name of youth

And owner of the animal(s):

Name and address of owner

Have made the following agreement involving the following animal

Species	Name of	Breed	Sex	Date of Birth	Registration #	ID number / Tattoo
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The above named animal/s is leased to the youth listed below for the period beginning ___/___/___ and terminating on ___/___/___ . All arrangements for feeding, housing, veterinary care, daily care, insurance, show ring, and breeding of the leased animals mutually agreed upon by the owner and the youth are incorporated into this Lease Agreement as Attachment 1. Original copies of this document should be retained by the animal owner and youth, respectively. A copy of the leased agreement must be available for review at any show.

I have read the entire lease agreement; fully understand it and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Signatures

Youth Lessor

Animal Owner

Parent/Guardian

Lease Guidelines

1. The owner will jointly determine with the youth lessor specific responsibilities to be carried out by the youth lessor.
 - a. The youth's duties and responsibilities while working with the animal at the home/farm
 - b. A working schedule for carrying out the specified duties
 - c. Any assistance the owner will provide to the youth
 - d. Other items as listed on the contract form

2. The leased animal will be housed and maintained at a mutually agreed upon location to be stated on the lease agreement.

4-H Fairs – heifers and steers can be leased and shown by the 4-H member. Any steers who have a BIG E tag cannot be leased, any heifers leased and entered for the Big E cannot be shared with another youth.

3. The title of ownership as stated on the registration papers of the leased animal will remain in the name of the owner. For showing purposes, youth should have the copy of registration papers to take to shows. Original papers are required at Eastern States Exposition.
4. Agreements MUST be in the name of the member who is exhibiting the animal. If the animal is being shared with another youth, agreements must be in both names.
5. The youth lessor will have exclusive use of and the right to exhibit the leased animal during the period of the lease agreement. If the Farm owning the animal want to have the heifer shown in open, the youth has the decision to be shown in the 4-H Youth's name. The farm will still receive points, premiums shall be paid to the youth or as designated on the lease agreement.
6. The owner of the leased animal/s agrees not to hold the youth or parent liable for any financial loss from injury or death to the leased animal/s unless otherwise stated in the lease agreement.
7. The owner is not responsible for financial liability from any injury that the youth may incur while working with the leased animal.
8. The youth lessor is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animal, such as veterinarian, transportation, etc., unless specified in the lease agreement. The youth shall keep premiums or awards won while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the lease agreement.
9. The lease agreement shall remain in effect until September 30th unless otherwise agreed. The lease agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as:
 - a. Failure of the lessor or owner to carry out responsibilities as outlined in the lease agreement.
 - b. Changes in the farming operation of the owner. The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the project year must be given in writing.