



Must be **RECEIVED** by May 31 (mail, email, in person M-F 8:30-4:30) or Postmarked by May 31

Species: _____

LESSOR/OWNER: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

LESSEE: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF ANIMAL: _____

BREED: _____ DATE ANIMAL BORN: _____

REG. NO: _____ SEX: M or F

TATTOO/I.D.: Left Ear: _____ Right Ear: _____ RFID: _____

This animal lease agreement is entered into between the parties indicated herein and subject to all the terms and conditions set forth herein:

Responsibilities of Lessor/Owner:

- The undersigned Lessor/Owner represents that he/she is the lawful owner of the animal subject to this lease and has the authority to enter into this lease.
- The Lessor/Owner represents that the animal is in good health and good disposition.
- The Lessor/owner agrees to furnish in a timely manner such documents that are necessary for signing the animal up for the program or shows including:
 - Registration papers
 - Current health papers
 - Proof of any required immunizations

Responsibilities of the Lessee:

- The Lessee agrees to provide appropriate feed and care for the animal in accordance with details to be worked out with the Lessor/Owner.
- The responsibility for any medical care or treatment required by the animal shall be the responsibility of both the Lessor/Owner and Lessee.
- This lease represents the entire agreement between the parties and can only be amended or modified by written agreement signed by both parties.
- Both parties agree that Cornell Cooperative Extension, Washington County Fair, its officers, directors, employees and volunteers are not parties to this agreement and both Lessor/Owner and Lessee agree that they have no recourse against any or all of them for any issues whatsoever regarding this lease or injury or damage to the animal regardless of the cause of such injury or damage.

This lease is entered into on this day of _____

LESSOR/OWNER _____

Print Name _____

SIGNATURE _____

LESSEE _____

Print Name _____

SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

Print Name _____

SIGNATURE _____

Please return *only* this completed form to:

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Washington County
101 Main Street
Argyle, NY 12809
washington@cornell.edu
518-290-2302

4-H Office Approval

A Lessor/owner cannot lease to a family member of the same farm operation. The Lessee whose parents or guardians are involved in a family farm operation cannot lease.



Animal Lease Agreement Policy Youth Non-Ownership Papers Due May 31

Youth participating in 4-H Animal Science projects learn and practice life skills, emphasizing decision-making, acquiring knowledge, and taking personal responsibility through participation in 4-H animal science opportunities such as project animal care and judging. Youth develop competencies in animal science, including an understanding of animal sciences and animal management and an awareness of agricultural issues in society (e.g., concern for animal well-being and increasing public agricultural literacy.) Youth have opportunities to learn about the parts of an animal, breeds, costs to raise animals, how to care for animals and much more. And, youth can learn about animals without owning one!

Many years ago, NYS Agriculture and Markets worked with 4-H staff to develop a program that provides animal science opportunities for non-farm youth. This began the Non-Ownership Program.

The Non-Ownership Program is administered through Cornell Cooperative Extension for youth; 4-H membership is not required. Youth and the animal owner work together to make this experience possible.

The program is open ONLY to those youth who do not own animals of that species. For example, youth whose family owns dairy cattle cannot lease dairy cattle but could lease sheep or beef cattle.

Please note:

- A Lessor/owner cannot lease to a member of the same farm operation.
- The Lessee/youth that lives on a family farm cannot lease from another family member, nor lease that species from another farm.
- **NEW:** If they choose, youth may lease **and show, two** non-owned animals of a single species. **However, if they choose to exhibit and show two animals, they must be in different classes.** If a youth wanted to lease two (to have a backup) and only bring/show one of them, that is also acceptable. Note: A cow/calf pair counts as 2 animals.
- The youth must be involved with the care of that leased animal. Care includes, but is not limited to, feeding, cleaning pens, training the animal to lead/ride, clipping, and learning about the animal's management and health.

It is the youth's responsibility to work with the owner to submit all required paperwork for the Non-Ownership Program. Youth exhibitors must complete entries, stall requests, and submit health papers for the Youth Department of Washington County Fair (and NYS State Fair if applicable). *Please note: The animal must be entered under the owner's name in the Open Class Department.*

The 4-H office needs to have all required information for leased animals before the paperwork is returned to the lessee. If forms remain incomplete, the animal is not eligible to shown at the Fair by that youth.

The Animal Lease Agreement form(s) MUST be received or postmarked by the **CCE/4-H office at 101 Main Street, Argyle by May 31 at 4:30 PM!** (if delivering in person, M-F 8:30-4:30) These forms may be emailed as scanned documents (not attached as photos) by the deadline. However, hard copies must be delivered to the office either by the mail or in person.

The Animal Lease Agreement Form is on our website <https://washington.cce.cornell.edu/youth-4-h/4-h-forms>, or we can mail or email it to you.

If you have questions about this program, please call our office at 518-290-2302 or email washington@cornell.edu.