



ROCKBRIDGE LIVESTOCK ADVISORY COUNCIL



LEASED BREEDING ANIMAL PROJECT PROGRAM

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) To develop character, knowledge, sense of responsibility, and life skills in 4-H youth.
- 2) To provide youth, who would otherwise not have the opportunity, the educational experience of participating in a breeding animal project.
- 3) To increase project participation for youth who: lack financial resources to purchase and care for an animal, lack facilities and equipment necessary to provide proper daily care for an animal, or are prevented from participating in a project experience requiring ownership and daily care due to circumstances beyond their control.
- 4) To encourage a greater number of youth to experience livestock projects.
- 5) This project will be administered by a program committee comprised of: the 4-H agent from each participating county, Rockbridge Regional Fair livestock show chairman, and an appointed member of the Rockbridge Livestock Advisory Council Executive Committee.

ELIGIBILITY:

- 1) The leased animal program pertains to registered or commercial breeding FEMALES of the following species:
 - a. Beef
 - b. Dairy
 - c. Sheep
 - d. Swine
 - e. Goats, dairy and meat
- 2) Youth must meet requirements for 4-H/FFA membership in their respective county (Alleghany, Botetourt, Craig and Rockbridge) and must meet all requirements for exhibition at the Rockbridge Regional Fair, as set forth in the rules of the Rockbridge Regional Fair 4-H/FFA Livestock Show
<http://www.rockbridgelivestock.org/Forms/Livestock%20Show%20Rules%20changes%202013e.pdf>
- 3) Four-H/FFA members who own project animals may not lease project animals of the same species.
- 4) Four-H/FFA members who owned and exhibited animals in the previous year may not lease project animals of the same species during the current year.
- 5) Eligible youth may utilize the lease agreement project program for a maximum of three years.
- 6) Interested youth and sponsors (animal owners) must complete respective application(s) and submit them to their local 4-H Extension Agent no later than February 1st, 2014. Applications will be reviewed by the program committee with youth notified of acceptance no later than March 1st, 2014.
- 7) Leased Animal Sponsors (owners) must complete a 4-H Volunteer Enrollment Form (publication 388-003)

RULES:

- 1) The project year will be March 1st, 2014 – December 1st, 2014.
- 2) A youth may lease a maximum of TWO animals (regardless of species) during the project year.
- 3) Only breeding female animals are allowed in the lease program. This program is not open to market projects.
- 4) A project plan and lease must be signed and on file with the program committee for each animal leased and will be reviewed with the sponsor and lessee during the project year to verify compliance.
- 5) The lease agreement will remain in effect until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party.
- 6) Animals enrolled in the leasing program will be exhibited ONLY by the lessee for the duration of the program year. Violation of this rule will result in automatic termination of the lease by the program committee.

- 7) Participants are required to submit a project report at the completion of the project year. Project reports will include: income and expenses reporting; a diary accounting the care, preparation and exhibition of the animal; and pictures taken throughout the project year. Project reports will be reviewed by the program committee.

Terms of the Animal Project Leasing Program

- The owner (sponsor) will jointly determine with the youth member (lessee) specific responsibilities to be carried out by the lessee. The responsibilities will be recorded on the Lease Agreement and will include such things as:
 - a. Duties and responsibilities while working with the animal(s)
 - b. Working schedule for carrying out the specified duties
 - c. Assistance provided to the lessee by the sponsor
 - d. Where will animal(s) be housed and cared for (sponsor or lessee's farm)
 - e. Who will provide feed and medical supplies
 - f. Who will provide transportation to/from shows
- The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal will remain in the possession of the sponsor. Lessee must have a copy attached to the lease agreement.
- The sponsor will make the animal(s) available to the lessee during the period of the lease agreement.
- The sponsor of the leased animal agrees not to hold the lessee liable for any financial loss from accidental injury or death to the leased animal. The lessee can be held responsible for loss or injury due to neglect or poor management. One or both parties may want to consider purchasing insurance to cover the value of the animal.
- The sponsor is not responsible for financial liability from any injury, which may incur to the lessee while involved with working with leased animals.
- The lessee is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animals, such as entry fees, bedding, etc. Any other incurred expenses are to be covered per the agreement between the sponsor and lessee.
- The lessee will keep any and all premiums or prizes earned while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the contract.
- The Lease Agreement will remain in force until terminated by either party, the program committee or until the end of the project year. The Lease Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as:
 - a. Failure of the Lessee to carry out responsibilities as outlined in the Lease Agreement
 - b. Changes in the farming operation of the sponsor
 - c. Failure of the Lessee and/or Sponsor to adhere to the Objectives, Rules and Eligibility requirements of the project program.
- The lessee agrees to pay the sponsor a fee of \$1.00 at the signing of the Lease Agreement.

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BREEDING ANIMAL LEASE AGREEMENT

This **LEASE AGREEMENT** is entered into on _____ (date)
between owner (sponsor) _____ (name)
and project member (lessee) _____ (name)

Sponsor Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Lessee Name: _____
Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

LEASED ANIMAL INFORMATION

| SPECIES/BREED | TATTOO/TAG/ID | BIRTHDATE | REGISTRATION # | REGISTERED NAME |
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Animals, exhibitors and all parties must conform and adhere to all general and specific rules outlined in the Rockbridge Livestock Advisory Council Leased Animal Agreement Policy. We have read and understand the rules and policies and agree to abide by such. This form must be completed, along with the Project Plan, and for approval by the Program Administrative Committee. It is understood that this animal cannot be exhibited by anyone other than the lessee from the date the lease is entered into until completion of the project year.

(Lessee)

(Date)

(Sponsor)

(Date)

(Parent/Legal Guardian)

(Date)

(Extension Agent/Ag Instructor)

(Date)

APPROVED _____
(date)

NOT APPROVED _____
(date)



Livestock Breeding Animal Lease Program Project Plan

Instructions

1. Write a separate plan for each animal you lease.
2. Complete this plan with help from your sponsor, as there are sponsor related questions included.
3. A copy of this plan and your signed, completed Lease Agreement **MUST** be submitted to your county Extension office by February 1st for approval.
4. Review the Project Plan before each show with your leader and the animal's owners to make sure you are in full compliance with the agreement.
5. Once completed, this Project Plan must be signed and approved by you, a parent, the animal owner and your Extension Agent or Agriculture Teacher.
6. This Project Plan will remain a permanent attachment to your Lease Agreement and must also be included in your project book.

4-H Member Information

Name: _____

Age (as of September 30th, 2014): _____

Club Name: _____

Club Leader: _____

Animal Information

Animal Name (if applicable): _____

Ear Tag/Tattoo/ and or Registration Number: _____

Species: _____ Breed: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Owner/Sponsor: _____

Plan

1) List the address where this project animal will be housed and why this location was selected:

2) How many days a week will you personally care for the animal(s) at this location?

3)What activities will you be responsible for completing on those days?

4)Please explain in detail your plan for how to care for your animal(s) at this location. Include training, clipping, fitting, and exercise plans as well.

5)Give details of how the above listed sponsor will work with you to complete this project.

6)Will you be assisting with any other chores or responsibilities at this location during the term of your Lease Agreement? If so, please describe.

7)List all the shows and other events you plant to attend with this animal.

Approval of Plan

We agree to follow the Rules of the Rockbridge Livestock Advisory Council Animal Lease Program. We have discussed this plan and agree to its terms.

Project Youth's Signature Date

4-H Agent/Agriculture Teacher's Signature Date

Parent or Guardian's Signature Date

Animal Owner/Sponsor's Signature Date

Leader and Owner Verification

| Event | Sponsor Signature | Leader Signature | Date |
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