



Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Arrangement Program



OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop character, knowledge, sense of responsibility, and life skills in 4-H youth.
2. To provide the opportunity to work with performance animals for youth who do not own them.
3. To expand the opportunities for youth to participate in an animal project that may not have access to facilities and/or performance animals.
4. To maintain or increase the number of youth carrying performance animals as a 4-H project.
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6. **This program is not available for individuals that already own or are enrolled in a 4-H Animal project of the proposed species to be leased.**

RULES:

1. The Arrangement Program pertains to performance animals of the following species:
 - a. Horses
 - b. Dogs
2. The program is available to any 4-H member, hereafter referred to as the **4-H Member**, in good standing in a Maryland 4-H club. *The 4-H Member must attend at least 50% of the regular club meetings during the calendar year and will be encouraged to attend additional performance animals-related educational programs.*
3. The **4-H Member** will be required to keep a project record on each animal. The record must be submitted to his or her local club leader by the end of the calendar year.
4. The leased animal must be a bona fide 4-H project. A 4-H member may lease and exhibit up to three (3) animals per project year. Parties need to workout an arrangement amongst themselves if deemed necessary.
5. The owner, hereafter referred to as the **sponsor**, will jointly determine with the **4-H Member** specific responsibilities to be carried out by **each party**. The responsibilities will be attached to the Arrangement Agreement and will list items such as, but not limited to:
 - a. The 4-H Member's duties and responsibilities while working with the animal,
 - b. a working schedule for carrying out the specified duties,
 - c. any assistance the **sponsor** will provide the **4-H Member**, and
 - d. any insurance information or provisions.
6. During the project year, only the **4-H Member** will exhibit the leased animal in Maryland 4-H shows only. The **sponsor** or another person may enter and exhibit the leased animal in open-class shows. This arrangement only applies to Maryland 4-H sponsored shows.
7. **4-Her's** of leased animals will have the same requirements for exhibition as owned animals.

8. The **sponsor** and the **4-H Member** will adhere to the 4-H Behavioral Expectations (4-H 418), the Maryland 4-H Code of Show Ring Ethics, MCE guidelines, and any other county and/or state 4-H guidelines as applicable.
9. The leased animal will be housed and maintained at the facility of the **sponsor, 4-H member, or mutually agreed upon location in the county of residence of the 4-Her or an adjoining county.**
10. The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal (if purebred) will remain in the possession of the **sponsor**.
11. The **sponsor** is expected to and will make the animal available for the proposed purpose to the **4-H Member** during the period of the Arrangement Agreement.
12. The **4-H Member** is responsible for all expenses incurred in exhibiting the animal, such as veterinarian, entry fees, transportation, and other miscellaneous expenditures, unless otherwise specified in the Lease Agreement. The **4-H Member** will keep any 4-H premiums or awards while exhibiting the animal during the duration of the contract – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
13. The Arrangement Agreement must be signed and filed in the County Extension Office by June 1st of the project year and will be in effect for a 12-month period.
14. The Arrangement Agreement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party. The Lease Agreement may be terminated prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as, but not limited to:
 - a. Failure of **4-H Member** to carry out responsibilities as outlined in the Arrangement Agreement,
 - b. changes in the operation of the **sponsor**, or
 - c. mutual agreement of both parties.

The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the lease year must be given in writing and be placed on file in the county 4-H Office.

15. The **sponsor, 4-H Member**, parent or legal guardian of the **4-H Member**, and the County 4-H Extension Educator must sign the Lease Agreement, which includes a mutually agreed fee of one dollar paid by the 4-H Member.
16. If the **sponsor** does not adhere to and follow all 4-H and/or MCE policies, the Maryland 4-H program can deem the **sponsor** not eligible to participate in the program.

MARYLAND 4-H PERFORMANCE ANIMAL LEASING PROGRAM

This ARRANGEMENT AGREEMENT is entered into on _____

Date

between owner (**sponsor**) _____
Name

Address Telephone

and 4-H youth (**4-H Member**) _____
Name

Address Telephone

The sponsor agrees to lease to the 4-H member listed above the following animal:

Name Registration # (if applicable) Breed

Description Birth Date

This Arrangement Agreement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Arrangement Program.

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Arrangement Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

Owner (**Sponsor**) Date

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Arrangement Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

4-H Youth (**4-H Member**) Date

I have read and understand the arrangement agreement entered into by the 4-H Member and sponsor and agree not to hold the **sponsor, Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program, Maryland Cooperative Extension, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, or the University of Maryland** liable for any injury or financial liability that the **4-H Member** may incur during this arrangement agreement.

Parent or Legal Guardian Date

The **4-H Member** is a member in good standing of the 4-H program and has a Maryland 4-H Performance Animal Arrangement Program on file in the county 4-H office.

4-H County Extension Educator Date

It is the policy of the Maryland Cooperative Extension that no person shall be subjected to discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, disability, age or national origin.
Adopted from the Maryland 4-H Horse and Pony Lease Program – JWL 2002. Reviewed by DA 10/02.