

# Iowa 4-H Horse Lease Agreement

Name of 4-H'er \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Owner of this Horse \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Horse  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_  
Height \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Color \_\_\_\_\_

If registered, registration number \_\_\_\_\_

Where is horse housed? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Eligibility Requirements and Rules for Use of Leased Horses

- A “Leased” horse is any horse that is not owned by the 4-H'er or his/her immediate family (parents, siblings, guardians). Horses owned by distant family—aunts, uncles, cousins or grandparents—are considered leased horses.
- The **objective** of a leased horse project is to allow 4-H'ers who do not own a horse to learn the skills of feeding, management, care, and training of horses. Through this experience they also learn the skills of decision-making, information gathering, communication, responsibility, and self-confidence.
- All horses, including leased horses, must be identified on a 4-H Horse Identification form (4-H 106C) in the ISU Extension county office by May 15. If a horse is to be shown before May 15, the signed lease agreement and identification form must be in the county office before the date of the show.
- Exhibitors must meet all requirements included in 4-H 202.
- Animals identified as part of a 4-H project **cannot** also be identified or exhibited as an FFA project or vice versa.
- Leased horses are not eligible to exhibit in conformation (halter) classes because the 4-H'er did not select the animal from others based on its conformation. They are eligible to exhibit in halter showmanship, riding and driving classes, because these classes are judged on the 4-H'er's ability to exhibit the animal, not on the quality of the animal.
- The 4-H'er agrees to provide a majority of the management, care, and training for this horse. This includes, but is not limited to, the management, proper feeding, grooming, exercising, health and veterinary expenses, farrier services, exhibitors' fees, training, boarding, etc.
- The 4-H'er agrees to make all reasonable efforts to keep the horse in safe stalls, pastures, or corrals, and to care for the horse as if he or she was the legal owner. The 4-H'er has the right to ride and exhibit this horse in all 4-H related activities.
- The 4-H'er is expected to manage and care for this horse at least from May 15 through the end of the exhibiting season (county fair, state fair or Ak-Sar-Ben).
- If a 4-H'er leases a horse, that horse shall be the only (riding) horse the 4-H'er may identify as a 4-H project horse.
- Iowa 4-H reserves the right to disqualify leased horses of owners who have previously violated 4-H rules.

**4-H'er:** I hereby certify that I agree to the above rules and by signing this form I agree to follow the rules and policies set forth in the 4-H Guide to Equine Shows in Iowa (4-H 511c).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Parents:** I verify my child's statement and will assure his/her adherence to it.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Legal Owner:** I certify that I have allowed this 4-H'er to use this horse for his/her 4-H horse project from at least May 15th of the current year through the county fair, state fair or Ak-Sar-Ben horse show. I agree to the objectives of the leased horse program, and commit to assisting the 4-H'er in developing his/her skills in feeding, management, care, and training of horses, and his/her skills of decision-making, information gathering, communication, responsibility, and self-confidence. I also certify that the stipulations concerning the lease have been or will be complied with. I have read and understand this agreement, and will abide by it. I understand that failure to abide by the above rules may result in disqualification of the 4-H'er, and my exclusion from future participation in 4-H activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date