

# Iowa 4-H Horse Lease Agreement

**This form must be uploaded to your 4hOnline Horse ID by May 15.**  
<https://iowa.4honline.com>

**Directions:** Please type in the form below, print off, and obtain all signatures. To upload to 4hOnline, choose one of the following ways:

- Scan the completed document, with signatures, to your computer and save as a .pdf or .jpg format; upload to 4hOnline
- Take a clear photo of the document, complete the signatures, and upload to 4hOnline as a .jpg
- Take the completed form to your county office for staff to upload the document to 4hOnline

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

Name of Horse \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 in 4hOnline by May 15.
- 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.
- A 4-H'er is allowed to lease a maximum of two (2) horses.
- 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).
- 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 Rules and Regulations for 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

