

## Livestock Care Agreement

There are instances when a 4-H member is not able to fully provide care of their animal. In order to make sure the youth, parent(s), 4-H advisor, and Extension Office are informed and in agreement about the expectations of the 4-H member and the requirements of the 4-H project, the following agreement should be completed. This form is to be used any time a situation impacts the ability of the 4-H member to deliver/fulfill the daily care requirements of the animal (e.g. shared parenting where parents are a great distance apart; living away from home such as attending college; medical need and/or physical injury; military service; study abroad; etc.).

A 4-H member should complete this agreement form and submit it to the County Extension Office prior to the annual project enrollment deadline. The agreement is for one 4-H project year and should be submitted annually for each livestock project taken. If there are extenuating circumstances that arise and a 4-H member is not able to fully provide care of their animal after the project enrollment deadline, please contact the County Extension Office and submit the agreement within 15 days of the known extenuating circumstance.

Name of 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_ Project Year \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond to the following questions:

- 1) Why is the 4-H member not in continual care of the 4-H project? If the reason is due to joint/shared parenting, what is the parental agreement for the youth member? (e.g. when will they be with one parent and when will they be with the other parent.) If it due to medical need, military service, or study abroad, please provide documentation.

- 2) How will the 4-Her meet the meeting, QA, and/or other requirements to complete the project?





3) If planning to exhibit at the county fair, how will the 4-Her meet any additional fair related requirements? (e.g. tag ins, weigh ins, project registration, etc.)

4) How will the 4-Her meet the requirements of being in continual care of the project?

5) What are the 4-Her's goals for the project (e.g. how will they learn and grow from the experience, what is their health/nutrition plan/etc.)?



We understand that the 4-H member must:

- be a 4-H member in good standing (meet club/county attendance/participation requirements, follow code of conduct, etc.)
- complete project and exhibition requirements (e.g. project record book, skillathon, tagging, etc.)
- enroll in their project by the county deadline
- if required, complete Quality Assurance by the county deadline (or exhibition deadline if sooner than county)
- be involved with the decisions regarding care of the animal (e.g. nutrition, exercise, etc.)  
This includes regularly communicating with the person who is providing care for the animal when the member is not physically present.

We understand that if the member is not in compliance with the above stated items, the member may be ineligible to represent 4-H and / or receive awards, financial support, or other recognition at shows, exhibitions, fairs, events, and other competitions for the respective project.

_____ Member Printed Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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_____ Parent/Guardian Printed Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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_____ 4-H Advisor Printed Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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_____ 4-H Professional Printed Name	_____ Signature	_____ Date
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