



# South Dakota 4-H Animal Lease Form

Due 11:59 p.m. CDT June 1

**Please contact your county extension office for more information**

This form must be completed by the 4-H member and a parent/guardian and uploaded to 4-H Online by 11:59 p.m. CDT June 1. If leasing multiple animals from the same owner, only one form will need to be completed with each animal listed. If leasing animals from multiple owners, complete a form for each owner.

4-H Member Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Owner's Farm Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Leased Animal(s):

Street Address	City	State	Zip
_____	_____	_____	_____

**By signing this form, all parties involved agree to the following terms:**

1. This lease is valid from October 1 through September 31 of the current program year and must be submitted to 4-H Online by 11:59 p.m. CDT June 1 to be eligible to exhibit at South Dakota 4-H shows.
2. We have read and understand the requirements for a leased animal project as outlined in the animal lease agreement information sheet.
3. We understand that the lease agreement is between the 4-H member/immediate family and the owner of the animal only.

4-H Member's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Animal Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**As the county 4-H professional, I acknowledge that this animal lease is taking place:**

4-H Professional Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





# South Dakota 4-H Animal Lease Fact Sheet and Requirements

Youth members in the project areas of beef, dairy, dairy goat, meat goat, poultry, rabbit, sheep, and swine that lease an animal must follow the requirements as listed on this document. Individuals leasing the animals to a youth member must also follow these requirements as it applies.

South Dakota 4-H allows lease agreements for animals. The best experience in animal projects can be found in daily care and management of the project, but that is not available to all youth. Like many 4-H project areas, animal projects provide an opportunity for youth to work with a caring adult/mentor to gain experience working with livestock or animal projects. From an experiential learning standpoint, eligibility for youth leasing animals can be considered when youth cannot gain experience due to:

- Lack or absence of adequate facilities to house livestock.
- Limited or no financial means to own and take care of livestock.
- Absence of adult/mentor with knowledge/experience to successfully raise livestock.

## Lease Agreement

The lease agreement is between the 4-H member/immediate family and the owner of the animal. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member(s) to select the animal they would like to lease, make necessary arrangements with the animal owner, and complete the animal identification process and animal lease form and upload to 4-H Online by June 1.

## Project Environment

The goal of the animal lease project is to provide youth with the opportunity to care for and show an animal that they may otherwise not have the chance to. With an animal lease agreement in place, the 4-H member(s) must be able to play an active role in the training, care, and other maintenance practices involved with the animal that is being leased. The leased animal may be housed at the owner's facility so long as the 4-H member(s) have access to the animal throughout the duration of the lease agreement.

## Lease Requirements

For an animal lease to be valid, the following requirements must be followed by both the 4-H member/family and the animal owner. Failure to comply with these requirements will result in an immediate termination of the lease and that animal will not be allowed to exhibit at any 4-H event.

- Members of Lease Agreement
  - An animal may only be leased to one 4-H member for the duration of the program year and is only transferable to immediate family members of the individual.
    - ▶ An immediate family member includes siblings, stepsiblings, or any other family member that resides in the same household as the individual listed on the lease agreement.
- Exhibition
  - A leased animal is only eligible for exhibition at a 4-H show by the 4-H member listed on the lease agreement or their immediate family members (see details of immediate family above).
  - The animal owner should not exhibit the leased animal during the time in which the animal is being leased.

## Animal Ownership

The animal owner can be defined as someone who has physically purchased the animal, raised the animal, or, in the case of registered animals, is registered in their name. Any 4-H member who does not fit this criteria, or whose immediate family member does not fit this criteria, must complete an animal lease agreement form. This includes anyone whose family farm name encompasses extended family. Please see the examples and chart below for further assistance.

## When is a lease form necessary?

### No Lease Required

- Sibling/Stepsibling
- Parent/Stepparent
- Legal Guardian

### Lease Required

- Cousin (non-household)
- Family Friend
- Grandparent (non-household)

### Example Scenarios

1. Carrie Klover and Chris Klover are siblings. Chris has a Duroc gilt registered in his name, but Carrie wants to show it at the county fair. Carrie is able to show the Duroc at the county fair without a lease paper because Chris is her immediate family.
2. John Smith is Carrie Klover's legal guardian who lives in the same household. John has a purebred Simmental heifer registered in his name. Carrie wants to show said heifer at the county and state fairs. Carrie is allowed to show the heifer at county and state fairs without a lease agreement because they are members of the same family living in the same household.
3. Jane Klover is Carrie Klover's grandmother, and she owns Four Leaf Acres, which is the Klover family farm name. Jane and Carrie also do not live in the same household. Carrie wants to show a Suffolk ram that is registered under the Four Leaf Acres family/farm name at county and state fair. Carrie needs to fill out a lease agreement form and submit to 4-H online in order to show the Suffolk ram at county or state fair.
4. Kelly Green is a good family friend of Carrie Klover. Kelly raises Mini Lop rabbits and Carrie has a dream of winning the SD State Fair Supreme Champion Rabbit, but she does not know much about them. Carrie plans to show one of Kelly's Mini Lops for the year and then return it once the state fair is complete due to her inability to properly raise a rabbit long term. Carrie will need to fill out a lease agreement with Kelly and submit to 4-H online by June 1 at 11:59 PM CDT so she can show it at county or state fair.