

South Dakota 4-H allows lease agreements for animals with the exception of swine projects. 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 should be considered when youth cannot gain experience due to:

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

Please take the time to explain the situation:

- Why leasing is a necessity
- What experience will be gained
- What arrangements have been made

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Through the signatures on this document, all parties agree to the development of the youth's project area through necessity of a lease agreement. It is understood that all rules, requirements and deadlines are followed the same as if the youth was involved in sole ownership of the Animal Project.

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby lease a \_\_\_\_\_ to 4-H member \_\_\_\_\_ who resides in \_\_\_\_\_ County.  
4-H Youth Sig: \_\_\_\_\_ Animal Owner Sig: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ the parent or guardian approve of this lease agreement.  
Parent Guardian Sig: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ the 4-H Club leader approve of this agreement.  
4-H Leader Sig: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ the 4-H Youth Program Advisor approve of this agreement.  
4-H Youth Program Advisor Sig: \_\_\_\_\_

A lease agreement can be used in addition to a registration paper without transferring the ownership. Identification of the animal for the purposes of this agreement are as follows

Name or Registered Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Tattoo \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. Number \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Tag (4-H Green, Scrapie, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filled in Ext. Office: \_\_\_\_\_