

Somerset County 4-H “Lend A Lamb” Program

Somerset County 4-H recognizes the educational value of animal projects. The “Lend A Lamb Program” allows a greater number of members to participate in the sheep program. The objective of this program is to include youth who do not have the revenues or facilities to raise a sheep project on their own. The 4-H Member will gain first-hand experience in the management and showing of sheep with the cooperation of local sheep breeders and/or sheep owners.

1. To be valid, the lease agreement must be signed by the owner, the 4-H member, a parent or guardian, the member’s 4-H Club Leader, and the County Extension 4-H Agent.
2. The term of the lease/loan shall be the date the legal owner of the animal signs the form, until the conclusion of that 4-H year. “All “Lend A Lamb” agreements must be filed with the County Extension Office and 4-H Leader by May 1 of the current project year.
3. The 4-H Member must keep a 4-H Sheep Project Record Book and a Diary to document actual time spent caring for the project animal. Care includes the number of visits and specific work/care performed.
4. Care Schedule will be worked out between the owner of the animal and the project member. (Attached checklist can be completed.)
5. At the end of the project year, it must be mutually agreed and a new agreement signed if the “Lend A lamb” Project is to be renewed.
6. The lamb owner has the right to cancel the lend agreement at any time if the 4-H Member is not caring for the animal properly to where the 4-H Member has caused harm to the health and welfare of the animal.
7. The land owner, leader or legal owner must be held harmless by the 4-H Member, friends, family, etc. if any injuries occur unless gross negligence can be attributed to the land owner, leader or legal owner. (Attached Indemnification agreement should be signed.)

Any amendments to this written agreement must be in writing and attached to this agreement, with a copy to the owner, member, leader and agent.

Somerset County 4-H “LEND A LAMB” FORM

- This form is to be filled out by all 4-H’ers whose project animal(s) fall under the Leased/Loaned category of ownership. A Leased/Loaned animal is an animal whose Legal Owner is anyone other than the 4-H Member.
- A copy of this form should be retained by the Legal Owner of the animal, the 4-H Member who is leasing/borrowing the animal, 4-H Club Leader and the County Extension Office.

Somerset County 4-H Sheep Lease Indemnification Agreement

Release of Liability for Lend a Lamb projects

I understand that there is an element of unpredictability involved in animal behavior that cannot always be controlled by the 4-H volunteer leader(s) or staff. The following is a non-inclusive description and examples of possible specific, significant, non-obvious dangers and risks associated with this activity:

- Animal or participant contracting an illness at an event;
- Animal or participant causing or suffering an injury during an event;
- Injuries suffered to participants or animals during transport to and from an event;
- Injuries incurred by one animal to another animal at the event.

I understand that each participant and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) if under the age of 18 years, will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal or participant occasioned by my child's actions, or for loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her as included in the separate lease agreement with the animal's owner. I also understand that the Rutgers University does not require me as an owner, or my child to participate in this activity, but I want to do so / to have her/him to do so, with the assistance of a screened 4-H volunteer leader(s) or staff despite the possible dangers and risks and despite this Release.

I therefore agree, in consideration of and return for the services, facilities, and other assistance provided to my child and myself by the owner and Rutgers University in this activity, to RELEASE the owner and the University (and its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, and agents) from any and all liability, claims and actions that may arise from injury or harm to my animal / property or to my child, from my child's death or from damage to my property in connection with my consent or participation in this activity. I understand that this RELEASE covers liability, claims and actions caused entirely or in part by any acts or failures to act of the owner and the University (or its Trustees, employees, or agents), including but not limited to negligence, mistake, or failure to supervise by the owner and the University.

I recognize that signing this Lease Form means I am giving up, among other things, rights to sue the owner and the University, its Trustees, employees, and agents for injuries, damages, or losses that my child or I may incur. I also understand that this Release binds myself and my child, and my child's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

I have read the entire lease agreement; fully understand it and I agree to be legally bound by it.

Witnesses

4-H Member

Owner

Parent/Guardian

4-H Club Leader

County 4-H Agent

Date filed at 4-H Extension Office

**4-H Sheep Lease Agreement
4-H Member & Owner Responsibilities**

Subject	Owner Responsible	Member Responsible	Comment (i.e. times/week/month)
Routine Care			
Daily feeding			
Foot trimming			
Shearing			
De-worming			
Housing of Animals			
Breeding			
Cleaning facilities			
Exhibition			
Transportation to/from			
Veterinary Inspection			
Expenses			
Feed			
Veterinary (routine)			
Veterinary (exhibition)			
Transportation costs			
Rental fee/animal			
Equipment			
Buckets			
Halters			
Shears			
Fitting equipment			
Other			
Fleece (who owns it)			
Insurance			

Member Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Owner Signature _____