

Ohio 4-H Llama Program Guidelines for Leasing a 4-H Llama Project

Introduction

One purpose of 4-H llama projects is to teach young people how to feed, fit show and care for their animal(s). The more important purpose is to provide an opportunity for personal growth and development of the young person. Ohio 4-H realizes that some youth are unable to have an actual llama for their 4-H llama project. Therefore, members have the option to:

1. Lease a llama from another individual.

What is the purpose of leasing a llama as a 4-H project?

A lease program is appropriate in the 4-H program when one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. The youth does not have the financial ability to purchase a llama.
2. The youth has a llama, but it is unable to be used (i.e. lameness, pregnancy, too young, etc.)
3. The youth has a llama, but it is of the wrong type for the educational experience the youth wishes to obtain.

What are the expectations of the llama's owner?

An individual (lessor) who leases a llama must be willing to:

1. Relinquish all rights to train, handle, to give riding lessons on the horse and to provide care for the llama so that the youth can complete the requirements of a 4-H project. Owners should not lease llamas they want or ride or show on a regular basis during the term of a lease.
2. Not take a llama back prior to the end of the lease unless the youth agrees to return the llama.
3. Have the youth (or parent/legal guardian) sign whatever agreements they decide upon in regard to care of the animal under lease.
4. Allow the youth to transport and show the llama in 4-H, open or breed shows.

What are the expectations of the 4-H participant?

An individual (youth) who leases a llama as a 4-H project:

1. To be responsible for the care of the animal in whatever manner that is mutually agreeable to both the owner(lessor) and the youth (lessee).
2. To complete a llama identification form as required by local county to identify the llama as a 4-H project.
3. As part of the educational experience of leasing a horse, to work in consultation with the owner(lessor) to develop a lease agreement on the horse selected for the Ohio 4-H program (see attached suggestions for developing a lease agreement).
4. Prior to the July 1st deadline submit to the Fairfield County office of OSU Extension a completed copy of the Llama Identification Form and lease agreement for verification purposes only.

What should be included in a Lease?

Every lease is unique in the items that must be covered to protect the owner(lessor) and the youth (lessee). A lease should be drawn and signed by the owner and the youth to insure adequate care of the animal, protect the investment of the lessor and to detail the responsibility for the youth in regards to caring for the animals .It is wise to have a written lease agreement any time you are using someone else's llama even if the owner is a family member. A lease can assist in preventing misunderstandings and unhappiness between llama's owner and the youth leasing the llama.

We suggest the following issues, but not limited to, be addressed in a lease:

1. Identification of the llama (name, registration number if registered): the name, Address, and phone number of the youth leasing the llama, name of parent or guardian if the youth is under 18 years of age: and the name, address, and phone number of the owner (lessor).
2. Who is responsible in case of injury or death of the llama. Who pays veterinarian bills and what would be the maximum amount you are expected to pay in a veterinarian costs if injury costs are your (lessee's) responsibility. In addition if the animals is injured and unusable who has to nurse the animal back to health. An owner (lessor) may require you to take out an insurance policy on the llama with the owner as the beneficiary to cover possible loss due to the death of the animal.
3. Where the llama will be housed and who is responsible for the daily care of the llama: any feed, health care (i.e. deworming, vaccinations, etc), foot care, and/or special stabling requirement by the owner.
4. The purpose(s) for which the llama will be used and that it can be transported at the youth's discretion to llama shows.
5. A statement on the time period covered by the lease and under what conditions and time frame the lease can be discontinued.
6. The owner should have a statement included relieving them of liability in cases of property damage, injury to the youth or injury to a third party while the llama is under the lessee's supervision.
7. A place for signatures for the owner (lessor) and the youth (lessee) with a line for a parent or guardian to sign for a youth under 18 years of age.
8. The above mentioned issues are only suggestions and we can not advise you as to specific terms or wording for a lease agreement. You may even want to consult an attorney.

LLAMA IDENTIFICATION FORM

LESSEE'S NAME _____ COUNTY _____

Llama's Name _____ 4-H Club _____

Llama Type _____ Sex _____ Age _____

Basic Color _____ Face and Leg Markings _____

On drawings below outline with dark solid lines all markings on Llama.

RIGHT SIDE VIEW

LEFT SIDE VIEW

