

**LESSEE (4-H MEMBER):** Reason for leasing a horse \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSOR (OWNER):** Must be willing to relinquish all rights to train, handle and care for the horse during the term of the lease in order for the youth to complete the requirement of a 4-H Horse project. Owners should not lease horses they want to ride or show on regular basis during the term of the lease. Owner cannot take back the horse prior to the end of the lease unless 4-H youth is not caring for the horse properly or the youth agrees to return the horse for the duration of the lease. **Lea County Extension should be notified if the lease is terminated.** The lease can be terminated by the Lea County Extension Service if Lessee or Lessor is found to be in violation of any rules of the Lea County 4-H Program Guideline for leasing a 4-H Horse Project.

If Lessee does **not** have facilities to house the leased horse, the horse may be kept at the **Lessor's** facility. However, the **Lessee** shall be responsible for **the total care, feeding and hands-on training and riding of the horse.** The **Lessor** may give the **Lessee** verbal instructions and advice on training, but, the horse is to be trained and ridden **only** by the **Lessee** during the lease period.

Lessor will also determine who is responsible for veterinary care and foot care. Lessor is relieved of any liability in cases of property damage, injury to the youth, or injury to a third party while the horse is under Lessee's supervision.

Proof of hauling papers and vaccinations required for showing of said horse shall be the responsibility of the **Lessee.** Hauling of the horse to and from horse shows shall be the responsibility of the Lessee. The **Lessee** will be responsible for **total care** of the horse for the duration of the lease or until lease is terminated.

This agreement and copies of registration papers (if horse is registered) and the Lea County 4-H Horse Certificate must be turned in (**no faxes accepted**) to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm by April 1, 2026. All forms must be signed by the 4-H member (Lessee), both parents and the horse owner (Lessor).

**Both parents, or legal guardians and Lessee and Lessor must sign before notary.**

**Lessee:** I certify that I have allowed \_\_\_\_\_, a 4-H member, the use of the described horse for his/her use in the 4-H Horse Project. I have read and do understand the lease agreement set forth above for the 4-H Horse Project.

Signature of Lessor \_\_\_\_\_

**Lessee:** I hereby certify that I agree to the above rules and by signing this form I agree to follow the rules and policies.

4-H member signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents:** I verify my child's statement and will assure his/her adherence to it.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to, before this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_

My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_ Seal

Notary Public Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**This notarized lease agreement has been reviewed and approved by:**

4-H Club Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Lea County Agent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_