

Hancock County Horse Council

2023 Equine Sample Lease Agreement

This contract is the written agreement for the lease of _____ (name),
_____ (year of birth) _____ (breed) _____ (registration #)
_____ (mare/gelding), hereinafter "Equine". This lease agreement is between
_____ (Lessor) who resides at _____
_____, the Lessee _____ (4-H'er name), and
his/her Parents _____ (Parent Names)

General Terms:

1. This lease will begin on June 1, of the current year and end on Labor Day of the current year.
2. The consideration for this lease will be _____ dollars, due _____.
3. The Equine will reside at the **Lessor/Lessee/Boarding** (circle one) farm located at _____.
4. **Lessor/Lessee** (circle one) will be responsible for all routine maintenance and veterinary expenses related to Equine including but not limited to:
 - Farrier visits on a 6-week schedule
 - Appropriate wormer rotation on monthly schedule
 - Annual vaccines to be acquired from _____ veterinary service
5. **Lessor/Lessee** (circle one) will be responsible for adequate daily care of Equine, including procuring & distributing to Equine all necessary feed, supplements, hay, and bedding.
 - *If there are specific feeds, supplements etc., I strongly encourage you to itemize those products in this section.*
6. **Lessor/Lessee** (circle one) is responsible for all transportation costs to and from the Hancock County Fairgrounds for training and/or horse shows.
7. **Lessor/Lessee** (circle one) may make welfare inspections on Equine, after providing a minimum 1 (one) hour notice.
8. In case of an Equine Emergency, Lessee must notify the Lessor of the situation immediately after becoming apprised of the situation.
 - Examples of emergency include:
 - i. Colic
 - ii. Injuries which may require stitches
 - iii. Lameness
 - iv. Other events/accidents which pose an obvious danger to the horse's welfare.
9. The **Lessor/Lessee** (circle one) is liable for any property damage and/or injury to a third party.

Lease Prohibitions – Lessee

10. Lessee may not engage in training methods, or lessons from any trainer without the direct supervision and/or written approval of the Lessor.
11. In the event that the Equine is lame, Lessee may not return to working Equine until Lessor has cleared the horse for activity.
12. Lessee may not use Equine for the following activities: (circle all that apply)
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| • English | • Trail/Trail in Hand |
| • Western | • Trail riding |
| • Jumping | • Parades |
| • Barrel Racing | • Petting Zoos |
| • Games (egg & spoon, ball race, etc) | • Other _____ |
| • Flag Bearing | |
13. In the event that the Equine becomes unable to compete at a show due to injury, loss of a shoe, etc., it is the Lessee's responsibility to:
- *It is a good idea to talk about situations like this ahead of time and lay out a plan of action.*

Lease Prohibitions – Lessor

14. Lessor **may not** remove Equine from Lessee's farm, identified infra if applicable, without the following:
- 48-hour notice – for temporary use, not termination of the lease
 - Agreement of the Lessee or Lessee's Parents
15. Lessor **may not** ride Equine within thirty (30) days of the Hancock County Fair.
16. Lessor **may not** handle Equine without the presence of the Lessee during the Hancock County Fair, until the 4-H competition is complete on Thursday afternoon.
17. Lessor **may not** ride Equine during the Hancock County Fair until the 4-H competition is complete on Thursday afternoon.
18. Lessor **may not** ride Equine at any 4-H Fun Shows and/or PAS State Fair Qualifying Shows.
19. Lessor **MAY/MAY NOT** (circle one) ride and/or compete on horse at Open shows **where the Lessee is also competing.**
- ****Show must not be within thirty (30) days of the Ohio State Fair and/or the Hancock County Fair, and the Lessee MUST be both present and also competing.****
20. Lessor **may not remove Equine from the Hancock County Fairgrounds during the Fair without the written approval of the Department Director or Superintendents.**

Ancillary Items included in Lease

21. This lease includes the use of the following equipment owned by Lessor:
- *Include an itemized list of all equipment that Lessee will be borrowing. This helps identify items for return at the end of the lease, and also will help identify which items the Lessee may use, in the event that the Lessor has duplicates. You may consider attaching pictures of specific items.*

22. Any of the items listed infra that are damaged, lost or destroyed during the lease are the financial responsibility of the Lessee. Said items will be replaced with quality equivalent items, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by both parties.

Breach of Contract

23. In the event of a Breach of Contract both parties should make reasonable efforts to resolve issues.
24. If a resolution cannot be reached, _____ a neutral third-party mediator has been chosen to resolve the conflict. _____(phone).
25. In the event that a resolution cannot be reached this contract can be terminated by the written agreement of both parties (and Lessee's Parents).
26. If an agreement cannot be reached, all matters will be litigated in the Hancock County Court of Common Pleas or the Findlay Municipal Small Claims Court, whichever is most appropriate.

Other Terms

This contract contains the entirety of the agreement between the Lessor and Lessee. Any modifications to this agreement must be in writing. In the event a situation arises not addressed in this contract, the OSU Extension Horse Uniform Rules will govern.

Lessor Signature

Lessor Print

Phone

Date

Lessee Parent Signature

Lessee Parent Print

Lessee Signature

Address

Lessee Print

Date

Phone

Date