

2023 St. Joseph County Grange Fair

4-H PROJECT ANIMAL CERTIFICATION/CARE FORM

**ATTENTION: Use only one form for ALL species* (with the exception of Horses/Ponies) to be exhibited at fair.
* Horse Certification/Care Forms to have Negative Coggins Test attached.**

Failure to complete this form as required will result in ineligibility to exhibit in 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division animal classes at fair.

Exhibitor Name _____ Club _____

Species to be exhibited: _____

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Project Animal Certification:

We, the above signed 4-H exhibitor and parent/guardian, certify that we have read, acknowledge, accept and will abide by all the rules as set forth in the St. Joseph County 4-H Participation/Conduct Policy and the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book as they pertain to exhibition of this species. We further certify that we have not administered to the above identified animal(s), nor has it received, any substance not approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and/or the St. Joseph County Grange Fair for slaughter/breeding stock/exhibition animals. This includes, but is not limited to, diuretics, steroids, repartitioning agents and tranquilizers. We also certify with respect to any drug, chemical or feed additive approved by the FDA and/or USDA for slaughter animals, that no illegal use of approved chemicals/compounds has taken place, and that the applicable withdrawal period will have expired prior to load-out of livestock on Sunday, September 24, 2023 for any and all approved chemicals/compounds administered to market livestock.

We acknowledge and accept the fact that all animals entered in 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Division classes at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair are subject to blood, urine and tissue testing, and that the Fair reserves the right to disqualify any animal, either live or slaughtered, found in violation of the use of drugs, chemicals or feed additives as described above and in the St. Joseph County 4-H Participation/Conduct Policy and/or the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book.

Disqualification will result in voiding of the placing(s) of the animal(s) in question; forfeiture of any and all ribbons/trophies/ special awards earned with the animal(s); assessment of a fine equal in amount to the total premiums earned with the animal(s); voiding of the sale(s) if the animal(s) has already been sold in the 4-H/FFA Market Livestock Sale and disbarment of the exhibitor from exhibiting at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair for a period of three (3) years. In addition, the exhibitor will be subject to any and all of the penalties for misconduct as detailed in the 4-H Participation/Conduct Policy. Other animals will not be moved up in placing.

We will allow the designated tester/veterinarian to draw any and all samples deemed appropriate from our animal(s). We will indemnify and hold harmless the Fair and all of its sponsors and assisting organizations, their employees and agents, against all legal or other proceedings in connection with said drug testing. We will indemnify and hold harmless the Fair and its sponsors and assisting organizations against all claims of injury to the animal and any damage or injury to any person or property caused by the animal.

Project Animal Care:

We the above signed 4-H exhibitor and parent/guardian have read, acknowledge, accept and will abide by all the animal care/ housing maintenance rules as set forth in the St. Joseph County 4-H Participation/Conduct Policy, the 4-H/FFA & Other Youth Fair Premium Book and those listed below:

Proper care (feeding, handling, etc.) of project animals and maintenance (cleanliness, neatness, etc.) of assigned fair housing is the responsibility of the 4-H member. Project animals must be cared for in accordance with commonly accepted feeding/ handling practices, and the animal's pen/stall cleaned and re-bedded as necessary on a daily basis.

If animal care and/or housing maintenance do not meet commonly accepted practices (as defined by the superintendent), a written warning will be given to the exhibitor in question. (The written warning will be in the form of a "**yellow tag**" placed on the pen/stall directing the member to "**Report to Your Superintendent Immediately!**") If the exhibitor fails to correct the animal care/housing maintenance problem after receiving the first warning, or if he/she corrects the initial violation, but a second violation occurs in the form of a "**red tag**", his/her animal(s) will be sent home immediately upon report by the superintendent. In addition, the exhibitor will be barred from exhibiting that particular species of animal at the St. Joseph County Grange Fair the following year.

We acknowledge and accept the fact that the 4-H superintendent/assistant superintendent for a given animal species and St. Joseph County MSU Extension personnel have the authority to examine a given project animal in our absence for identification purposes and/or health-related concerns, including obtaining the temperature of the animal in question.