



## The Great Frederick Fair Youth Animal Lease Program Guidelines

*Adapted from the University of Maryland Extension (UME) Maryland GFF Youth Performance Animal Lease Program Guidelines (2022)*

### **OBJECTIVES:**

1. To develop character, knowledge, sense of responsibility and life skills in The Great Frederick Fair youth.
2. To expand the opportunities for youth to participate in an animal project that may not have access to facilities and/or performance animals.
3. To maintain or increase the number of youth carrying performance animals as a GFF Youth project.
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### **RULES:**

1. The Great Frederick Fair Youth Performance Animal Lease Program is applicable to performance animals of the GFF Youth project areas listed below:
  - a. Horses
  - b. Dogs
  - c. Alpacas
  - d. Llamas
  - e. Pack Goats
2. The program is available to any FFA and GFF Youth member participants at The Great Frederick Fair.
3. The **GFF Youth Member** will be required to keep the appropriate GFF Youth project record(s) on each animal. The record(s) must be submitted to The Great Frederick Fair Office by the required deadline.
4. The leased animal(s) must be a bona fide GFF Youth project. GFF Youth with leased animals will be required to follow the same requirements for exhibition as GFF Youth with owned animals.
5. A GFF Youth Member may have up to four (4) total animals in the Performance Animal Lease Program per GFF Youth year. However, The Great Frederick Fair may limit the number of animals GFF Youth Members may exhibit or may have other applicable rules pertaining to classes for performance animals.
6. During the GFF Youth year, the **GFF Youth Member(s)** leasing the animal(s) will be eligible to exhibit the leased animal(s) in Maryland GFF Youth shows. A performance animal may be leased by up to two (2) different GFF Youth Members or it may be owned by one GFF Youth Member and leased by another; however, in either case, the animal may not be exhibited in the same class at a GFF Youth show by more than one GFF Youth Member.
7. The owner of the leased animal(s), hereafter referred to as the **sponsor**, and the GFF Youth Member should jointly determine the specific responsibilities to be carried out by each party. The responsibilities should be attached to the Lease Program Form and should list items such as, but not limited to:
  - a. the **GFF Youth Member's** duties and responsibilities while caring for and working with the animal,
  - b. the GFF Youth Member's access to the animal,

- c. housing and transportation of the animal,
- d. a working schedule for carrying out the specified duties,
- e. any assistance the **sponsor** will provide to the **GFF Youth Member**,
- f. any insurance requirements, information, or provisions
- g. responsibility for expenses incurred with the lease animal such as, but not limited to, feed, veterinary care, transportation, entry fees, etc.

The above are only suggestions. For the protection of all involved, the parties may want to consider entering into a written Lease Agreement setting forth their respective rights and responsibilities. GFF cannot advise parties as to what should be included in such an agreement, and parties may want to consult with an attorney in this regard.

- 8. The **GFF Youth Member** will keep any GFF Youth premiums or awards received while exhibiting the leased animal(s) during the duration of the agreement – NO EXCEPTIONS.
  - 9. The **sponsor** and the **GFF Youth Member** must adhere to the GFF Youth Performance Animal Lease Program Guidelines, the Maryland GFF Youth Code of Animal Science Ethics, and any other County/City and/or State GFF Youth or UME guidelines as applicable.
  - 10. The leased animal(s) must be housed and maintained at the facility of the **sponsor, GFF Youth Member, or mutually agreed upon location as approved by the GFF Youth faculty/staff.**
  - 11. Ownership of the leased animal(s) remains with the sponsor. The title of ownership as stated on the registration certificate of the leased animal(s) (if purebred) will remain **in the possession of the sponsor.**
  - 12. **The Performance Animal Lease Program Form must be signed and filed in The Great Frederick Fair Office by July 15<sup>th</sup> and will be in effect through the end of the GFF Youth year (December 31). The sponsor is expected to and will make the animal available for the proposed purpose to the GFF Youth Member during the period of the GFF Youth year.**
  - 13. Participation in the GFF Youth Performance Animal Lease Program may be terminated by either party or by The GFF prior to the end of the project year for reasons such as, but not limited to:
    - a. failure of the **GFF Youth Member** or **sponsor** to carry out responsibilities as agreed by the parties,
    - b. changes in the farming operation for the **sponsor**,
    - c. changes in the circumstances of the **GFF Youth Member**,
    - d. mutual agreement of both parties,
    - e. on thirty (30) days written notice, or
    - f. failure to abide by and follow the GFF Youth Performance Animal Lease Program Guidelines and all other GFF Youth policies, procedures, rules, regulations, and other requirements or expectations, as applicable. Such failure may also result in the **sponsor** and/or **GFF Youth Member** being declared ineligible to participate in the GFF Youth Animal Lease Program(s) by The GFF Youth and/or other disciplinary action or sanctions as appropriate.
- The date and reason for termination prior to the end of the GFF Youth year must be given in writing and be placed on file in The Great Frederick Fair Office.
- 14. The GFF Youth Member, Parent/Guardian and Sponsor must sign The Great Frederick Fair Youth Animal Lease Program Statement of Understanding and Release Form.

## THE GFF YOUTH PERFORMANCE ANIMAL LEASE PROGRAM

This LEASE ARRANGEMENT is entered into on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

between owner (**Sponsor**) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address Telephone

and GFF Youth (**GFF Youth Member**) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Address Telephone

The sponsor agrees to allow the GFF Youth member listed above use of the following animal(s) during the GFF Youth year:

Animal Name	Registration Number	Description	Breed	Animal Birth Date

If the sponsor is a GFF Youth member, the sponsor will show in the following classes: \_\_\_\_\_

The GFF Youth member leasing the animal may show in any other classes in which they are eligible.

This Lease Arrangement will remain in force until the end of the project year or until terminated by either party as stated in the Rules of The GFF Youth Performance Animal Lease Program.

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of The GFF Youth Performance Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ Owner (**Sponsor**) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Legal Guardian if Owner is a minor \_\_\_\_\_ Date

I have read and understand the rules and responsibilities of the GFF Youth Performance Animal Lease Program and agree to abide by the requirements of the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ GFF Youth (**GFF Youth Member**) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date

The **GFF Youth Member** is a member in good standing of the GFF Youth program and is eligible to participate in the GFF Youth Performance Animal Lease Program. A copy of this Form will be placed on file in The Great Frederick Fair Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ GFF Programs Coordinator \_\_\_\_\_ Date