

**4-H MEMBER MEDICAL CONSENT, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RELEASE FORM**

MEMBER CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

(To be completed by Club Leader)

Name of 4-H Member:
Emergency Telephone Number:
Name of Doctor:
Doctor's Telephone Number:

As parent/legal guardian of the above individual, I permit the individual to participate in 4-H sponsored activities during the period from October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005.

The following medical conditions, allergies or medications related to my child are important to know in the case of an emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

As parent/guardian, I also approve of emergency care (including hospitalization and surgery) for the above individual, under direction of the event leader or consulting doctor, even if I cannot be contacted. I understand that every reasonable effort will be made to contact me. I have read, understand and agree to the above listed statement (cross out this statement if you do not wish to grant medical consent) *and risks listed on the back*, and do sign this agreement of my own free will.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
Home Phone: (    )	Work Phone: (    )
4-H Club Name:	
Name of Medical Insurance Carrier:	
Medical Insurance Identification Number:	

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISKS and RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

The purpose of this warning is to inform youth and parents/guardians of the dangers associated with voluntary participation in some activities. This warning does not list every risk. Members and parents must learn about the potential risks and ask questions so they will make the appropriate, informed decisions. If a member decides to participate in these activities, youth and adults must take responsibility for learning as much as possible about these activities and how to keep safe. Members are not required to participate in these activities. Therefore, should a member choose to participate, he/she is required to take a very active role in personal safety. Youth are instructed not to participate in anything they do not regard as safe.

In consideration for being allowed to enroll in a 4-H animal project, I understand the following risks:

- o Riding and /or working around animals can result in personal injury.
- o Animals may become more excitable and difficult to control in large, noisy crowds.
- o Other animals that are unknown may act in unpredictable ways (especially in confined areas).
- o Loading and unloading animals often involves leading nervous animals up and down narrow ramps.
- o Caring for animals in their stalls may require carrying buckets of water weighing as much as 50 pounds and pushing a cart full of manure up a ramp.
- o Cleaning an animal's hooves may involve bending over; putting a saddle on a horse's back may require lifting a heavy saddle over one's head.
- o Cleaning manure from an animal's stall may result in exposure to *E. coli* or other harmful bacteria, such as tetanus, or material.
- o As a part of herdsmanship and club activities, a member may need to control misbehaving animals, or she/he may be responsible for cleaning the stalls of animals that are unknown to them and that have unknown health histories.

After reading the above conditions, I promise that:

- o I have read this document and understand the warnings given.
- o I have secured health insurance and our personal physician has approved this activity for my child.
- o I will inform those sponsoring a 4-H event of any personal, relevant medical condition that could have a bearing on my child participating in these events.
- o I understand my child must personally make determinations about what is safe to do.
- o I understand my child's personal belongings are our own responsibility.
- o My child agrees to not use illegal drugs or alcohol while involved in this event.
- o I agree that any costs incurred for any emergency medical care will be my responsibility.
- o I agree that as consideration for allowing my child to participate in this event, I will not hold Washington State University or any part of it nor the State of Washington, or any of its officers, employees, and agents responsible for what happens to my child in connection with this event. I accept full responsibility for any injuries that may occur as a result of my child's participation in this event.