

Thurston County 4-H

Replacement 4-H Project Animal Request Form

Thurston County 4-H Policy on Substitute Animals - In the event that a 4-H member's project animal **gets sick, injured, or passes away** and can no longer be exhibited at the Thurston County Fair the 4-H Office will consider allowing a substitute animal if this form is submitted to the 4-H Office explaining the circumstances that lead to the situation. The 4-H Office cannot guarantee that all requests will be approved. Some requests may be approved for county-level exhibition only. 4-H members with multiple project animals, for example more than one rabbit already entered in the fair, the member would be expected to use one of their other animals already entered rather than submitting a late fair entry for another new animal. *Fair Superintendents and 4-H Leaders are not to make substitutions without consulting the 4-H Office first.*

Deadlines –

Requests for substitute animals **made by June 1** will be reviewed by **June 15**.

Requests for substitute animals **made by July 1** will be reviewed by **July 15**.

Requests **made after July 1** will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Successful requests made after July 1 will be able to participate only in Fit&Show/Showmanship; they will not be eligible for call backs or championships.

Additionally, for the Horse Project only – The Horse Contest Guide states “Counties have the option to use an appeal board or variance committee process to determine if the animal in question can be replaced in the case of **death or severe injury**. A successful appeal may show at the county level, but will not be allowed to exhibit at the state fair.” Page 5, publication PNW0574 [Horse Contest Guide](#)

Date: _____ 4-H Club: _____

4-H Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone/Cell Phone Numbers: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Details on Animal(s) to be Replaced

Please list species and other identifiers such as names or identification numbers

Animal(s) to be replaced: _____

Do you own or lease the project animal or animals to be replaced: (please check)

Own Lease

Please check the reason for this request: (please check)

Animal Illness Animal Injury Animal Death Other _____

Please explain the circumstances that prevent you from exhibiting your original 4-H project animal or animals at the Thurston County Fair. Please provide documentation, such as a letter from your veterinarian and/or 4-H Club Leader to support your request.

(Please attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.)

Veterinarian Contact Information

Veterinarian Name: _____

Telephone/Cell Phone Numbers: _____

4-H Club Leader Contact Information

4-H Leader Name: _____

Telephone/Cell Phone Numbers: _____

Details on Substitute Animal(s)

Please list species and other identifiers such as names or identification numbers

Substitute Animal(s): _____

Do you own or lease the project animal or animals you wish to substitute: (please check)

Own Lease

Please explain how you will be providing regular care and management of the substitute project animal or animals. For example, will the substitute animal be housed at your home location or housed somewhere else? If the substitute animal is not housed at your home location, please explain what arrangements you have made to care for and work with your animal(s) in the limited time you have between this request and the Thurston County Fair. Regular care is defined as the 4-H member making the decisions for and/or providing the care, handling, and training of their project animal the majority of the time. (Please attach additional sheets of paper if necessary.)

I hereby certify that the above information is truthful and accurate:

_____ 4-H Youth Member Signature	_____ Date
_____ Parent/Guardian's Signature	_____ Date
_____ 4-H Leader's Signature	_____ Date

Your request for a replacement 4-H project animal or animals has been:

Approved Denied

_____ 4-H Office Representative Signature	_____ Date
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Notes: _____

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Thurston County Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through the local Extension office. All programs comply with federal, state, and county regulations.