

**PLEASE SIGN THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY MARCH 1, 2022.**  
**NO MENTORS WILL BE ASSIGNED WITHOUT THIS SIGNED FORM BEING ON FILE IN THE EXTENSION OFFICE.**

Mini 4-H members will be allowed to show animals in an **Exhibition Showmanship Class** sometime during that particular livestock specie show at the 2021 Noble County Community Fair. No Mini 4-H'er will be allowed to auction animal(s).

Mini 4-H'ers will only be allowed to show animals that are already enrolled in 4-H by a "regular" member. Mini 4-H'ers will be "partnered" with a regular 4-H member who will mentor them in the care of, fitting, grooming and showing of their chosen animal species. Mentors and Mini 4-H'er shall work together a minimum of 2 times before the County Fair. Mini 4-H'ers will not be allowed to bring their own animals because of space issues (see exceptions below).

\_\_\_\_ Rabbit    \_\_\_\_ Alpaca/Llama    \_\_\_\_ Beef    \_\_\_\_ Dairy    \_\_\_\_ Dairy Feeder Steer    \_\_\_\_ Dairy Steer    \_\_\_\_ Dairy Goat  
\_\_\_\_ Boer Goat    \_\_\_\_ Pygmy Goat    \_\_\_\_ Draft Animal    \_\_\_\_ Horse & Pony    \_\_\_\_ Poultry    \_\_\_\_ Sheep    \_\_\_\_ Swine

If there is a regular 4-H member you would like to mentor your Mini 4-H'er, please contact that person to make sure they are agreeable, and list their name here, along with the animal species they will be providing to your Mini 4-H'er.

Mini 4-H members will be allowed to bring their own animals in the following livestock projects (day of show ONLY). It is recommended that they attend the educational workshops that may be offered for these projects.    \_\_\_\_ Cat    \_\_\_\_ Dog    \_\_\_\_ Pets

### **Mini 4-H Liability Release Form**

***MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN BEFORE MINI 4-H'ER WILL BE ALLOWED TO WORK WITH ANIMALS***

The safety and well being of our 4-H youth is of the utmost importance. Although Kindergarten is specified as the time when a child may begin participation in some 4-H events and activities, parents are encouraged to take into consideration their child's physical and mental development before agreeing to let the child begin to show, work with, or care for animals. Each child matures at a different rate, and children in grades K—2 may still be too young to begin showing, working with, or caring for animals.

The Indiana 4-H Youth Program at Purdue University has agreed to allow 4-H members in grades K-2, to participate in some animal projects subject to certain conditions. These conditions are specified below.

"Mini 4-H members, in grades Kindergarten through 2, will be allowed to show, work with, or care for animal projects after their parent or legal guardian has signed a liability release. Mini 4-H members may independently show, work with, or care for animals that weigh 300 pounds or less."

"Mini 4-H members may only show, work with, or care for animals over 300 pounds when they are assisted by a parent, legal guardian, or another adult designated in writing by parent or legal guardian." (*The word assisted means that the adult has control of the animal at all times.*)

Mini 4-H members exhibiting horses must wear ASTM or SEI standard F1163 (or above) certified helmets whenever mounted. The parent/guardian is responsible to see that this specified headgear is properly fitted with the approved harness in place and fastened whenever a rider is mounted.

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Mini 4-H member's name (please print)

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Township

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date

