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Permission to Participate & Informed Consent 4-H Dog Projects & Activities

I/we understand that my/our child/ward, _____, participating in the _____ in the _____ calendar year and engaged in activities and programs that involve direct and indirect contact with dogs of all sizes. Activities, events, and programs give rise to risk of physical injuries to 4-H members, volunteers, parents/guardians, and/or their accompanying dogs. I/we understand that participation in the 4-H Dog Program is strictly voluntary and is not a requirement for 4-H membership.

FOR 4-H MEMBER.

I hereby wish to participate in the _____. I agree that I will abide by all Rutgers Cooperative Extension/4-H Youth Development rules and regulations. I further agree that I will abide by all the directions and requirements specified in the project manual, safety guidelines manual, and/or specified by the club leaders.

4-H Member Name: _____

4-H Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

FOR PARENT(S) OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S).

As parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of the above named child/ward, I/we agree to have my/our child/ward abide by directions and requirements specified in the project manual, safety guidelines manual, and assessment criteria provided for the _____ County 4-H Program and/or 4-H Dog Project. I/we understand the program and activities involved, consent to my/our child/ward's participation, and agree to have my/our child/ward abide by all the applicable rules, regulations, and directions specified by the club leader(s). I/we are fully aware that this can be a dangerous activity and there are many serious risks of injury inherent within the handling of animals and participating in the 4-H Dog Project. Animals can be unpredictable and may react to sudden movement, unfamiliar surroundings, or persons or other activities. I/we also recognize and understand that some travel may be required and are aware of the risks associated with that activity. I/we understand and agree that Rutgers Cooperative Extension - 4-H Youth Development of _____ County does not provide accident/medical insurance covering my/our children while participating in 4-H Animal Projects. I/we hereby assume all responsibility for any injury or illness my/our child/ward might sustain while participating in this program. In consideration of my/our child/ward's being permitted to participate in the 4-H Dog Project, I/we hereby assume all the risks associated with participation and necessary travel. I/we have fully read the foregoing permission and assumption of risk and sign of my/our own free will and accord.

I/we may or may not have had prior experience with or training dogs, but am/are aware of, agree to, and have discussed with my/our child/ward that: (please check box as reviewed)

- Some dogs have a propensity to behave in ways, which may result in injury to members or other persons in the immediate vicinity due to instinctive actions or provoked behaviors;
- Dogs may react in an unpredictable way to unfamiliar environments, sounds, strange odors, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals;
- 4-H members are to listen to adult volunteers when working with their dogs in group settings and when around other dogs and 4-H members;
- Other 4-H members involved in the 4-H Dog Project may fail to maintain control of their dog or fail to act within their abilities, thus causing harm to my/our child/ward, my child/ward's volunteers, or spectators;
- Other participants in an activity, event, or program may act in a negligent manner which otherwise may result in harm to my/our child/ward and/or their dog; and
- If a dog that my/our child/ward is using for a 4-H project has been or becomes aggressive towards other people (youth and adults) when not provoked, my/our child/ward may not use this dog for a 4-H project.

- I/we understand and agree that if a dog that my/our child/ward is currently using or plans to use, has been or becomes aggressive (unprovoked) towards other youths and adults, I/we will not allow my/our child/ward to use the dog as a 4-H project.

- I/we understand that my/our child/ward is not required to participate in the 4-H Dog Project, but grant permission for her/him to do so despite the possible risks. I/we recognize that by participating in this activity, as with any activity involving live animals, my/our child/ward, volunteers, my/our child/ward's dog(s), or other dogs may risk injury. I/we hereby attest and verify I/we have been advised of potential risks, have sought clarification if I/we have not understood, that I/we have full knowledge of the risks involved in this activity, and that I/we assume any and all expenses that may be incurred in the event of an incident, including accident, illness, or other capacity, regardless of whether I/we have authorized such expenses.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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