

## **Randolph County Fair Board Policy Regarding Ownership of Animals Exhibited by Youth/Junior Participants in the Randolph County Fair**

**Animals:** This policy covers all animals presented for exhibition by all youth exhibitors at the Randolph County Fair. Species include, but are not limited to, cattle, sheep, poultry, goats, cats, dogs, equine, reptiles, pocket pets and swine.

**Ownership Dates:** Each animal show and their respective chair(s) have established ownership dates for exhibited animals. Ownership of animals will occur on or before the date of ownership published in each species show bill. Ownership refers to **legal possession of animals by the youth exhibitor.** Animals are not to be owned jointly with adults or by farms or businesses.

**Proof of Ownership:** Proof of ownership must be presented **at the time of check-in** for the respective species and show. The Randolph County Fair Board will recognize the following documentation as proof of ownership for animals presented for exhibition.

- 1) In the case when an animal meets requirements for their respective registering breed organization, then registration papers showing the youth exhibitor as owner of the animal on or before the ownership deadline will meet the ownership requirement.
- 2) In the case where purchase of the animal occurs on or before the ownership date, but registration papers are dated after the ownership date, then the exhibitor may present a Bill of Sale (indicating the youth as the owner) signed by the seller and the exhibitor (or their parent/guardian in the case of minors).
- 3) If in the situation in case #2 above there is not a Bill of Sale, then documentation of a paid invoice (indicating the youth as the owner) will satisfy the proof of ownership.
- 4) In the case of home raised animals, youth exhibitors (or their parent/guardian in the case of minors) may submit an affidavit indicating that the animal presented for exhibition was bred and raised by the youth exhibitor and that the exhibitor has been the primary caretaker of said animal during that project year.

If none of the above forms of documentation are presented at time of check-in for any animals, then the animal is deemed **ineligible for exhibition for the current year** of the Randolph County Fair.

**Specific Policy Regarding Equine:** It is accepted and common practice that youth exhibitors in the equine project may lease rather than own equine for exhibition. In this case, the youth must present a lease agreement enforce for the current project year.

