

## Co-Sponsorship of Activities for Young Children and Animals

Ohio 4-H Youth Development supports collaborative programming for children and values its partnerships with other youth serving organizations. On occasion, these partnerships involve co-sponsoring activities. Such co-sponsorship is supported and recommended when they meet the overall needs of youth and are mutually beneficial to the sponsoring organizations. Activities are sometimes proposed that meet the policies and criteria of one organization, but not the other. In such cases, the following policies apply for 4-H Youth Development.

**Activities that are not currently supported by 4-H Youth Development must have a clearly stated sponsor. In such cases, the specific sponsor of a given activity must be clearly noted in writing on promotional materials, and the sponsoring organization must take overall responsibility for the activity.**

**Example:** Horse shows with classes for children age eight and under are not acceptable according to the Cloverbud parameters and objectives if they involve competition and/or contact with animals. Consequently 4-H involvement in such shows would require that these classes be clearly marked on show bills as being sponsored by another organization. The rules/policies of the sponsoring organization would apply to these classes and the sponsor should assume primary responsibility and liability for the activities.