

## Non-Human Vertebrate Endorsement

These rules are strictly enforced. Students and advisors using non-human vertebrates in their project must complete this form. The signature of the student and the advisor indicate the project was done within the rules and regulations of

1. Intrusive techniques used cannot exceed momentary pain and must comply with commonly accepted livestock management procedures.
2. Changing an organism's normal environment by using either aversive stimuli or predatory/prey conditions to study behavior/operant conditioning is prohibited.
3. Food and water cannot be used or withheld for more than 24 hours for maze running and other learning or conditioning activities.
4. The student and advisor have the responsibility to see that animals are properly cared for in a well-ventilated, lighted and warm location with adequate food, water and sanitary conditions. Care must be taken to see that organisms are properly cared for during weekends and vacation periods.
5. Chicken or other bird embryo projects must be terminated at or before ninety-six hours.
6. Projects that involve behavioral studies or newly hatched chickens or other birds will be allowed, provided no change has been made in the normal incubation and hatching of the organism and all vertebrate rules are followed.

In this space, briefly describe the use of vertebrate animals in your project. Use the back of this page if necessary.

The signatures of the student \_\_\_\_\_  
and the FFA Advisor or County Agent indicate this project conforms to the above rules.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature) (Advisor or County)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

**THIS FORM IS REQUIRED FOR S.A.L.E. AGRISCIENCE FAIR COMPETITION**