**2012-2013 4-H DAIRY REPLACEMENT HEIFER APPLICATION FORM**

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| **MEMBER:** | | **CLUB:** | | **YEARS IN 4-H:** |
| **ADDRESS:** | | **CITY:** | | **ZIP:** |
| **PHONE:** | **AGE:** | **DOB:** | **GRADE IN SCHOOL:** | **ACRES:** |
| **BREED CHOICE: 1.** | **2.** | | **Email address:** | |
| **HAVE YOU EVER HAD A REPLACEMENT HEIFER BEFORE?** | | | **IF YES, HOW MANY?** | |
| **OTHER PROJECTS NOW ENROLLED IN:** | | | | |
| **DAIRY LEADER'S SIGNATURE:** | | | | |

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| **RECOMMENDATION OF LEADER:** |
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The deadline for the 4**-H Dairy Replacement Heifer Application is NOVEMBER 30, 2012.** Please mail application to Katie Lundy, 3422 Gravenstein Hwy, So., Sebastopol, CA 95472. Since 1958 the 4-H Dairy Replacement Heifer Project has been popular. Heifers will be placed from January to April. These heifers will be from one week to two months old (usually three weeks of age). Members enrolled in this program raise the heifers, show them at fairs, have them bred, and sell them two and one half years later as heavy springers at a special 4-H Dairy Replacement Heifer sale. The process for securing a heifer is:

1. The 4-H member and parents should understand that this is a commitment to a two and one-half year project. The applicant must be currently enrolled in a 4-H Club.

2. Once a decision has been made to apply, the member should fill out the above application and contact the local dairy leader for a recommendation and signature.

3. The dairy leader will make a recommendation to the Replacement Heifer Committee by the application deadline. When making a recommendation, the leader should note interest, dependability, and parental support. These criteria are very important!! In the past, some members have been very negligent in turning in required information such as vaccination, breeding dates, Bill of Sale, and contact.

4. The Dairy Replacement Heifer Advisory Committee will review all applications and select the members who will receive heifers.

5. Applicants will be notified in December, by mail, whether or not they will be receiving a heifer.

1. Only in rare cases do first-year members receive heifers. Primary membership does not apply. 4-H members residing on dairy ranches can apply.

1. Members are not eligible after they are 16 years of age **or** reached their junior year in high school.