

Information and formalities for the presentation of live animals at Interzoo

During Interzoo, exhibitors presenting live animals are subject to the provisions of the **German Animal Welfare Act** (www.gesetze-im-internet.de/tierschg/BJNR012770972.html). In consultation with the competent authorities for the trade fair, the organizer has defined guidelines that must be observed when presenting live animals.

Registration

Exhibitors must always register live animal presentations/demonstrations at their booths with the organizer in advance. The organizer will decide on the approval of the registered animal presentation, including the species, the number of animals and the number and size of the housing facilities (aquaria, terraria or cages) as exclusively registered by the exhibitor. Housing in different or additional housing facilities is not permitted. If the registered animal presentation is rejected by the organizer for objectively justified reasons, the exhibitor will receive written notification.

Demonstrations/presentations of dogs

For the dog's well-being, the owner/keeper or person responsible on site must provide the dog with sufficient food and water. Drinking water has to be supplied ad libitum in a suitable vessel at the location.

The dog has to be permitted adequate time for a walk outside the exhibition halls between demonstrations/presentations and immediately after each show. Permanent accommodation (for more than two hours per day) in transport cages or restricted areas is prohibited. The owner/keeper of the dog or the person responsible on site/at the booth must, without request, immediately clean up any soiling caused by the dog on the exhibition grounds. The use of dog diapers, heat pants outside of heat periods, or male dog bandages is not permitted.

The owner/keeper or the person responsible on site must have all the necessary documents for the dog (e.g., an EU pet passport with a valid rabies vaccination (dogs from the EU and Germany)) on site. Special requirements apply to dogs from third countries (see "**Rules on traveling with dogs, cats or ferrets within the EU**": <https://www.bmlh.de/EN/topics/animals/pets-and-zoo-animals/pet-passport.html>).

The organizer reserves the right, for special reasons (such as high temperatures or similar), to temporarily or permanently prohibit initially approved demonstrations/presentations during the trade fair.

Dogs can be accommodated at the guest animal station during the day. A valid vaccination certificate is mandatory. The guest animal station is located between the East Entrance and Hall 7A and is supervised by staff from the Nuremberg Animal Shelter. Dogs are housed individually in dog kennels. The number of places is limited. Reservations in advance are not possible.

Products contrary to animal welfare

Certain housing systems and products are considered as detrimental to animal welfare in Germany and may not be used with or occupied by animals. Download the [list of pet products for which there are doubts about compliance with the requirements of Sections 1 and 2 of the Animal Welfare Act](#)

(https://www.zzf.de/fileadmin/ZZF/Dokumente/Allgemeine_Downloads/ZZF_Liste_Gefaehrliches_Zubehoer_fuer_Heimtiere_10_2008.pdf) and the [TVT information sheet](#) (https://www.tierschutz-tvt.de/alle-merkblaetter-und-stellungnahmen/?no_cache=1&download=TVT-MB_194_Hund_Tierschutzwidriges_Zubeh%C3%B6r.pdf&did=369).

Extreme breeding

According to the German Dog Welfare Act, it is prohibited to exhibit dogs or organize exhibitions with dogs whose body parts (e.g., ears, tails, or whiskers) have been amputated in violation of animal welfare, or whose body parts or organs are missing, unfit, or altered for their proper function due to a genetic defect, causing pain, suffering, or damage.

Animals whose breeding characteristics suggest that they show extreme breeding characteristics as defined in Section 11b of the German Animal Welfare Act are excluded from exhibitions. This particularly includes over-typical breeding characteristics, such as dogs without fur (e.g., hairless dogs) or brachycephalic dog breeds.

Traits of extreme breeding include, at a minimum, the [traits published by the Verband für das Deutsche Hundewesen \(VDH\) e.V.](#)

(https://tierschutz.vdh.de/fileadmin/VDH/media/tierschutz/VDH_Merkmaliste.pdf). If the organizer has reasonable doubts about the presence of these traits, a [veterinary assessment](#)

(https://tierschutz.vdh.de/fileadmin/MESSEN/HUP/media/Hundeaussteller/2023/Klinische_Untersuchung-DE-20230829.pdf) must be submitted which has to meet the requirements of the VDH (<https://tierschutz.vdh.de/downloads>). Please note that animals with relevant traits according to [Section 10 of the German Animal Welfare Ordinance for dogs](#) (<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/tierschhuv/BJNR083800001.html>) may be excluded from the exhibition at any time by the responsible veterinary authority or the organizer at their own discretion.

A veterinary health certificate requested by the organizer has to be sent to the organizer by email (animals@interzoo.com) before the start of the event.

The organizer will review, together with the responsible authority, whether these animals may be exhibited upon registration.

The organizer also kindly requests refraining from using images of such breeding forms in promotional materials involving animals.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Data protection notice

Information relevant to data protection, in particular your rights, can be found at:

www.interzoo.com/en/dataprotection.