

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** (<https://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 enclosures) 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.

Inspection of animal welfare

The presentation of the registered animals will be checked on site by the competent authority and the organizer.

Invasive alien species

Plant and animal species listed on the list of invasive alien species of Union concern according to **Regulation (EU) 1143/2014** (<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/1143/2019-12-14>), may not be exhibited from the date the ban enters into force. **Download the current list here**

(https://www.zzf.de/fileadmin/ZZF/Positionen/Invasive_Arten/rpt_ZZF_Unionsliste_IAS_Listungsdatum_neu_compact_DE.pdf) (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202501422, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/1203/oj).

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).

Extreme breeding

Animals whose breeding characteristics suggest that they may represent a case of cruel breeding practices according to Section 11b of the German Animal Welfare Act are not allowed to be exhibited. This particularly includes over-typical breeding characteristics. The organizer will check with the competent authorities upon registration whether these animals may be exhibited or not. The organizer also requests that pictures of animals showing this type of characters not to be used in advertising.

These include, for example, small mammals that lack fur (e.g., naked guinea pigs) or have exaggeratedly long ears (e.g., lop-eared rabbits). Please contact us if you have any questions.

Dangerous animal species

The presentation of dangerous animals is not allowed. See the City of Nuremberg's guidelines: [Sample list of dangerous animals](#)

(https://www.nuernberg.de/imperia/md/ordnungsamt/dokumente/internet/beispielliste_gefaehrlicher_tiere_stand_maerz_2017.pdf).

In the case of violation of this order, the organizer may request that the animals are removed from the booth and housed in a suitable location at the exhibitor's expense. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Presentation of small mammals

For the presentation of small mammals, certain minimum sizes of the enclosures depending on the animal species and numbers have to be provided. A coarse orientation for enclosure sizes is provided by the **species- or animal group-specific leaflets of the Tierärztlichen Vereinigung für Tierschutz (TVT)** (<https://www.tierschutz-tvt.de/alle-merkblaetter-und-stellungnahmen/#c270>).

Examples of minimum sizes (length × width × height) in centimetres (cm) are for:

Animal species	Minimum size for enclosure in cm	Remarks
Rabbits	240 × 80 × 60	For up to two juvenile animals
Degus	100 × 50 × 100	For up to four animals of the same
Mice	80 × 50 × 80	For up to eight animals
Mongolian gerbils	100 × 50 × 50 and a flat grid of at least 30 cm	If an aquarium is used, a flat grid of at least 30 cm in height shall be provided
Rats	100 × 50 × 100 with several floors	For two to three rats

Suitable food (hay), water, bedding and gnawing material (e.g. branches of suitable tree species) should be available for small rodents at any time. The housing facilities have to be equipped with all necessary material according to the species' needs (e.g. climbing facilities for mice, burrowing facilities and suitable hiding places in sufficient numbers for gerbils).

The enclosures must be set up at least at table height (min. 60 cm) and reliably secured with suitable methods (e.g., a lock) to prevent unauthorized opening, reaching into the enclosure, or escape of the animals.

Animals must be in place no later than the official start of the trade fair. The animal stock must not be changed during the trade fair.

Data protection notice

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

www.interzoo.com/en/data-protection.