

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 agreement with the competent authorities responsible 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 size of the housing facilities (aquaria, terraria or enclosure) 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 and species protection

The presentation of the registered animals will be checked on site by the competent authority, if necessary, by a representative of the species protection authority and the organizer. For **protected animals** (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/966/oj>), depending on the protection status, **the original documents required by law** ([https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022XC0811\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52022XC0811(01))) (CITES certificate or certificate of legal origin) have to be kept on site where they can be presented to the species protection authority.

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) (<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 German Animal Welfare Act](#)

(https://www.zzf.de/fileadmin/ZZF/Dokumente/Allgemeine_Downloads/ZZF_Liste_Gefaeerliches_Zubehoer_fuer_Heimtiere_10_2008.pdf)

Extreme breeds

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.

This includes, for example, reptiles whose scales are altered or which show neurological disorders. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Poisonous and dangerous animal species

The presentation of poisonous and/or 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 terrarium animals

For the presentation of animals in terraria such as amphibians and reptiles, a minimum size of the terrarium has to be provided for the respective animal species. This will be individually checked by the organizer at the time of registration.

In consideration of animal welfare, attention must be paid to animal-friendly furnishings and stocking density, as well as the compatibility of the animals with each other and the gender ratio.

All terraria must be equipped and structured with a suitable substrate and an adequate of retreat areas, drinking facilities and, if necessary, a bathing area. Depending on the animal species, sufficient opportunities for climbing and digging must be provided.

The enclosures must be placed 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.

Suitable technical equipment (heating, humidifier, ventilation) has to be supplied to ensure that the climate is suitable for the species being kept. The climate must be monitored at all times using a thermometer and a hygrometer. Terraria combined with an aquarium have to be provided with an additional thermometer in the water section.

Suitable food for the animals presented must be available at the booth at any time. They must be provided with sufficient food throughout the exhibition.

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

Date protection notice

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

www.interzoo.com/en/dataprotection.