

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 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_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.

This includes, for example, fish that are missing fins and/or whose shape and finning have been altered in such a way that their use is no longer appropriate for the species. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Poisonous and dangerous animal species

The exhibition 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 ornamental freshwater fish

Freshwater fish may only be presented in aquariums with a minimum capacity of 54 litres. Aquariums must be set up at least at table height (at least 60 cm). Large aquariums and pond systems are exempt.

The stocking density and size of an aquarium must be adapted to the needs of the fish inside (1 cm fish length per 1.5 litres of water volume as rule of thumb). Stocking density should be appropriate for the requirements of home aquaria.

All aquaria must be equipped and structured with suitable substrate and an adequate number of retreat areas adapted to the fish species, e.g., driftwood, stones, clay tubes, or plants. Aquaria should be at least 30 cm deep. For aquariums with a depth of 30 cm that are visible from all sides, a taped back panel and a taped side panel are recommended. The organizer may request changes in order to animal welfare needs. Any emerging expenses are borne by the exhibitor. We apologize for any inconvenience.

When keeping fish in a community tank, care must be taken to ensure that incompatible species or animals are not kept together in the same tank.

Appropriate technical equipment (heating, temperature control with a clearly visible thermometer, suitable filtration, water treatment) has to be supplied to ensure that the water parameters are beneficial to the fish species kept.

Water parameters of tap water on site are:

- pH 7,6
- GH 15 (hardness)
- KH 13 (bicarbonate)
- Nitrate 15 mg/l
- Electrical conductivity ~ 550 μ S/cm
- Sodium 8 mg/l
- Chloride 25 mg/l

At booths with fish tanks, suitable equipment for filling and changing the water (e.g., hoses, buckets, and possibly a net) as well as for heating the water (e.g., instantaneous water heaters, hot water connections) in the tanks must always be available to prevent excessive temperature drops during filling or changing the water. To avoid possible infections, separate equipment (e.g., nets, hoses) must always be used for a single tank.

Appropriate measures must be taken in order to prevent unauthorized access to the enclosures and contact with the animals.

Suitable food for the exhibited animals must be available at the booth. Sufficient food must be provided throughout the exhibition.

The animals must be inserted no later than the official opening of the trade fair. The number of animals may 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.