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## Obligatory application for the presentation of pets

Acknowledging the Special Conditions of Participation and the specific presentation guidelines (see next page), we hereby apply for the presentation of the following animal species on our exhibition stand:

## Ornamental freshwater fish and marine fish

Tank number	Dimensions in cm <i>L × W × H</i>	Species, breeding form <i>scientific name</i>	Total length of the largest animal <i>in cm</i>	Quantity <i>per species</i>

☐ I confirm that I have read and understood both the specific presentation guidelines and the general information/regulations for exhibitors in the appendix of this document.

Place and date

Company stamp and authorized signature



## 1. Presentation of fish

### 1.1 Ornamental freshwater fish and marine fish

Fish may only be presented in aquaria with a minimum capacity of 54 litres. An aquarium must be at least five times as long, three times as deep and twice as high as the total length of the largest fish in the tank, provided all other criteria are met. Exceptions may apply for fish with special body shapes – extremely high or elongated shape – as well as very low activity, exceptions may apply after prior agreement of the organizer. The presentation of ornamental fish in smaller aquariums (so-called Nano aquaria) cannot be approved.

All aquaria must be provided with suitable substrate. Tanks have to be structured, e.g. with driftwood, stones, clay tubes or plants. Aquariums should also have a depth of at least 30 cm. For aquariums with a shallower depth, the back walls should be darkened. If aquariums with a depth of more than 30 cm are visible from all sides, sufficient hiding places and retreats must be provided for the animals.

The stocking density should comply with the rule of thumb for permanent keeping in home aquaria (max. one centimetre of fish length per litre of water content).

When co-housing fish, please make sure that no incompatible species or individuals are kept in the same tank.

Suitable technical equipment (heating, suitable filtration) has to be provided in order to ensure that the water parameters (temperature, salt concentration, electrical conductivity, hardness, pH) are appropriate for the fish species kept. All aquariums must be equipped with a clearly visible thermometer.

At booths with aquaria, suitable equipment for heating water (e.g. instantaneous water heater, hot water connection) has to be available to prevent excessive drops in temperature when filling or changing water.

**The water parameters of the water supplier (Nuremberg central) are:**

- pH 7.6
- GH 15
- KH 13
- Nitrate 15 mg/l
- Electrical conductivity approx. 550 µS/cm
- Sodium 8 mg/l
- Chloride 25 mg/l

Suitable food has to be provided at the booth. The animals have to be fed appropriately during the exhibition.

Please note the information on products which may affect animal welfare negatively.



### 1.2 Koi carp

In the Federal Republic of Germany, Koi herpes virus (KHV) is a notifiable animal disease. The regulations currently in force do not distinguish between an infection and the detection of a vaccine. Koi vaccinated with a live vaccine are therefore considered to be infected with KHV and there is a notification obligation. The competent authorities are also obliged to euthanize and remove Koi vaccinated with a live vaccine, or at least to impose a ban on transportation. Any vaccinated Koi presented at Interzoo 2024 may therefore not be transported back again. The presentation of Koi vaccinated with a live vaccine against KHV can therefore not be approved by the organizer.

The worldwide-spread of the KHV-disease forces us to take special precautionary measures with respect to the presentation of ornamental carp (koi) during the Interzoo 2024. We ask for your cooperation in order to reduce risk of transmission of KHV from one exhibitor to another to a minimum when presenting ornamental carp.

Subject to the statutory regulations applicable at the time of Interzoo 2024 and any resulting additional precautionary measures, the Special Conditions for Participation are therefore supplemented by the following provisions: At Interzoo 2024, ornamental carp (koi) may only be presented if they originate from stocks of which at least 10 specimens in each case achieved a negative result when tested for possible KHV infection using the PCR method after being kept together for at least 14 days.

A copy of the certificate of the testing institute about a negative PCR test result of has to be submitted to the trade fair organizer in German or English language until Wednesday, 24 April 2024 at the latest, either by email: [interzoo@zzf.de](mailto:interzoo@zzf.de), fax: +49 611 447553-33 or post: WZF GmbH, Postfach 6164, 65051 Wiesbaden, Germany.

An official written and signed test certificate has to be provided in German or English language stating that the fish did not have any direct or indirect contact to other ornamental or common carps after they underwent the examination.

This certificate has to be made available at the booth of the exhibitor for inspection by the organizers or the competent authorities during the installation, exhibition and dismantling period.

The exhibition of ornamental carp (koi) at Interzoo 2024 has to be carried out in such a way that the transmission of KHV between the tanks stocked with ornamental carps of the respective exhibitors will be excluded. In particular, measures have to be taken to effectively prevent visitors from direct contact with the water from tanks stocked with ornamental carp. For this purpose, transparent shields between the tanks with ornamental carp and the areas accessible by visitors may be considered. For this purpose, corresponding tank covers, which also prevent water from splashing out, would be ideal. Warning signs should also be supplied in German and English language and in the national language of the respective exhibitor.

As an alternative, generally understandable pictograms may be considered. Text for prohibition signs:

- Caution! In order to protect our fish against transmission of diseases / Achtung! Zum Schutz unserer Fische vor Krankheitsübertragung
- Please do not reach into the tanks! / Bitte nicht in die Becken greifen!



Booths exhibiting live ornamental carps (koi) may not be left unattended at any time during set-up, exhibition and dismantling periods. If water splashes out of the tanks, it has to be removed immediately with the appropriate equipment. The equipment used has to be air-dried outside the halls and inaccessible to unauthorised persons.

Koi exhibitors may only use their own equipment for placing, catching and packing the fish presented. Separate equipment should be used for each tank. In particular, no equipment from other ornamental carp exhibitors may be used.

Not obeying the rules will result in a ban of the Kois at Interzoo 2024. Any Koi already in the exhibition halls have to be removed in order to avoid additional risks of infection. The organizer holds the right to impose specific conditions on site. The instructions of the organizers have to be followed at any time.

### Contact

If you have any questions about the presentation guidelines and general regulations, please contact our team of experts.

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## 2. General information and regulations for exhibitors

During Interzoo, the provisions of the [German Animal Welfare Act](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/tierschg/BJNR012770972.html) (<https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/tierschg/BJNR012770972.html>) apply to any exhibitor who wants to present live animals at the fair. In consultation with the competent authorities, the organizers have laid down guidelines which have to be obeyed otherwise an exhibition of live animals is not possible.

### 2.1 Application and Approval

Presentations of live animals at the booth must be registered in advance by the exhibitors. Registration is mandatory. The [application must be made on a form](https://www.interzoo.com/en/exhibit/plan-your-stand/pet-presentation) (<https://www.interzoo.com/en/exhibit/plan-your-stand/pet-presentation>). The organizers decide on the approval of the animal presentation and may refuse applications for objectively justified reasons. If the application is rejected, the exhibitor will receive a written notification.

The approval is valid only for the registered animal species, animal numbers and enclosures/tanks specified in the approval. Keeping the animals in different or additional enclosures/tanks is not allowed.

Approval and compliance with the requirements for the presentation of live animals in accordance to the respective specific guidelines, („2.3 *General guidelines for the presentation of live animals (except dogs)*“ on page 5) will be checked by the organizers and the competent authorities on site. For protected animals, the [legally required original documents](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/966/oj) (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/966/oj>) (CITES certificate or proof of origin) must be carried with the exhibitor and presented to the competent authorities on site.

Please note the supplementary provisions regarding koi carp („1.2 *Koi carp*“ on page 3) and ornamental birds („2.3.5 *Birds*“ on page 5).

An exhibition of poisonous and/or dangerous animals is not allowed. See the instructions provided by the City of Nuremberg: [Exemplary list of dangerous animals](https://www.nuernberg.de/imperia/md/ordnungsamt/dokumente/internet/beispielliste_gefaehrlicher_tiere_stand_maerz_2017.pdf) ([https://www.nuernberg.de/imperia/md/ordnungsamt/dokumente/internet/beispielliste\\_gefaehrlicher\\_tiere\\_stand\\_maerz\\_2017.pdf](https://www.nuernberg.de/imperia/md/ordnungsamt/dokumente/internet/beispielliste_gefaehrlicher_tiere_stand_maerz_2017.pdf)).

### 2.2 Revocation of approval / exclusion of animal presentations

Animal presentations that have not been registered in advance as well as presentations which deviate from the specifications laid down in the approval, may be expelled from the fair at the exhibitor's expense. We kindly ask for your understanding..

### 2.3 General guidelines for the presentation of live animals (except dogs)

For all animal enclosures, species-specific minimum sizes and animal-specific appropriate stocking rates have to be provided.



All enclosures containing animals have to be placed at least at table height (min. 60 cm) and reliably secured with suitable methods (e.g. a lock) against unauthorised opening and escape of the animals. Appropriate measures have to be taken to prevent visitors to the fair from reaching into the enclosures and touching the animals against their will.

Suitable food and fresh water must be provided for all animals at the booth at any time. Animals must be placed in enclosures not later than the official start of the fair. The stock of animals shall not be changed during the course of the fair.

All enclosures shall be equipped with species appropriate hiding places in sufficient quantity.

The species-specific guidelines for the presentation of pets at Interzoo must be observed.

### 2.3.1 Inspection of animal and species protection

In the case of the exhibition of animals, compliance with legal requirements related to protected animal and species shall be checked by the competent authorities and by the organizers on site. For protected animals, the **legally required original documents** (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/966/oj>) (CITES certificate or proof of origin) must be carried and presented to the authority on site upon request. The control is carried out by the competent species conservation authority.

### 2.3.2 Products contrary to animal welfare

Certain husbandry systems and products are considered to be in violation of animal welfare in Germany and may not be filled with animals or used together with/on animals. **Download List of products in violation of animal welfare** ([https://www.zzf.de/fileadmin/ZZF/Dokumente/Allgemeine\\_Downloads/ZZF\\_Liste\\_Gefaehrliches\\_Zubehoer\\_fuer\\_Heimtiere\\_10\\_2008.pdf](https://www.zzf.de/fileadmin/ZZF/Dokumente/Allgemeine_Downloads/ZZF_Liste_Gefaehrliches_Zubehoer_fuer_Heimtiere_10_2008.pdf))

### 2.3.3 Invasive species

Plants and animals listed on the list of invasive alien species of Union wide importance **„Union list“ according to Regulation (EU) 1143/2014** (<http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/1143/2019-12-14>) may not be exhibited. **Download the current list** ([https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg\\_impl/2022/1203/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/1203/oj)).

Contact us if you have any questions.

### 2.3.4 Extreme breeds

Animals which, due to their characteristics, give rise to the assumption that they represent an extreme breed according to §11b of the German Animal Welfare Act, may not be exhibited. Characteristics may include extreme morphological characters. The organizer checks together with the competent authority at the time of registration whether these animals may be exhibited or not. The organizer also asks to present such breeding forms when advertising animals.



This includes, for example, fish which are missing fins and/or that have been altered in shape and fins in such a way that they can no longer be used in a manner appropriate to their species. They also include reptiles with altered scales or neurological disorders. In the field of small mammals, this includes animals that do not wear fur (e.g. naked guinea pigs) or have extremely long ears (e.g. ram rabbits).

Please contact us if you have any questions.

### 2.3.5 Birds

Due to the legal regulations issued in the context of the prevention of animal diseases and the associated possible consequences for exhibited animals, the organizer refrains from presenting live ornamental birds. We ask for your attention and hope for your understanding.

## 2.4 Data protection notice

Information relevant to data protection, in particular your rights, can be found at: [www.interzoo.com/en/data-protection](http://www.interzoo.com/en/data-protection)

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