

Fair rules for the Breeders' Expo Europe (BEE) on 13. September 2009

Event location: A2-Forum Rheda-Wiedenbrück

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1. Basics

- 1.1 The fair is meant for sale of animals and accessories through private and commercial vendors. Information stands of clubs, organizations or authorities and alike are permissible as well.
- 1.2 Professional breeders and dealers based in Germany need a permit corresponding to §11.1.3 of the German Tierschutzgesetz (animal welfare law) and need to be able to present this permit to the respective authority. For vendors from abroad this rule is similarly valid corresponding to the laws of their respective home country. BEES is not responsible for the presence of such permits.
- 1.3 The vendors are responsible to fulfill the guidelines of the EU verdict 1/2005 for the protection of animals during transport. The corresponding guidelines and necessary forms can be checked under Guidelines and Downloads on the web site of the BEE.
- 1.4 With taking part in the BEE the vendors attest that they know and obey the tax law etc. of Germany and their home country.
- 1.5 The fair organizer and his team and the householder are authorized to issue directives for vendors and visitors. They can exclude persons from the fair if those disobey orders given by authorities, the fair rules or animal protection guidelines.
- 1.6 All vendors are obliged to know and to stick to the relevant animal protection guidelines and the fair rules. By booking their stands they commit themselves to obey all corresponding guidelines.
- 1.7 Vendors or visitors that have aroused severe criticism by authorities etc. can be excluded from the current and future fairs. Each individual case will be judged by the respective authority and the organizer.
- 1.8 We kindly ask all vendors and visitors for cooperation. Please obey the guidelines to render discussions with our service personnel and authorities superfluous. In case of severe conflicts with laws animals can get confiscated. Problems with authorities don't help the herpers' community.
- 1.9 Within the A2 Forum there's a complete ban of smoking on fair day in the interest of humans and animals. Please avoid from drinking alcohol while handling animals.
- 1.10 The organizer or the householder are not responsible for accidents with animals or damage to the animals or goods. Neither are they responsible for any business taking place during the BEE, especially not for those that inflict with valid law.
- 1.11 If the vendor doesn't take up his stand 45 minutes before doors open for public entrance, his stand will be given to some other vendor without any claim for compensation.
- 1.12 In no case the vendor is allowed to rent his stand to a third party.
- 1.13 The vendor by himself is responsible for the goods and animals presented at his stand. He is also responsible for possible damage caused by his behaviour or his goods and animals to other vendors or visitors during the event. After the event he is responsible for leaving his stand in the condition he took it over. He is responsible for possible damage to the equipment caused by him or his helpers. Garbage must be disposed off, there are enough garbage bins available.
- 1.14 Displaying or distributing advertising media is restricted to the vendor's own stand. Advertising media that don't promote goods or services the vendor is offering on the fair is only allowed with written permission by the organizer. Advertising with sound or light systems is prohibited.
- 1.15 The operator of the show is entitled to expel persons from the show and the expo ground that obstruct the proper process of the show and/or harass, obstruct, or jeopardize other visitors and/or vendors or actively affect their sense of well-being. There will be no refund of entrance fees for those expelled.

2. Supply and Display

- 2.1 The fair is meant only for sale or exchange of vertebrates and invertebrates, that are normally kept in terrariums (reptiles, amphibians, small rodents and alike, spiders, insects, crustaceans and alike) as well as accessories and specific literature directly through the vendors.
- 2.2 Animals that are not allowed to be sold on the fair ground, especially poisonous snakes (see 2.13) are not to be brought to the fair ground.
- 2.3 Supply, display and sale is only allowed in the exhibition areas.
- 2.4 For transport and temporary storage of animals thermostable containers must be used, which possibly need to be warmed or cooled by heat packs or other sufficient devices.
- 2.5 Animals must be displayed at least at table height. Display on the ground floor is not permitted.
- 2.6 Each animal must be presented individually. Storing more than one animal in one box or terrarium is not allowed. This includes so-called breeding groups. For invertebrates this is only valid for scorpions, bird spiders (exemption spiderlings) and centipeds.
- 2.7 The boxes for animal display must correspond to the following standards (equivalent to the German „Gutachten über Mindestanforderungen an die Haltung von Reptilien vom 10. Oktober 1997“ issued by the Ministry for Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Forsten):
 - a) Sufficient ventilation, illumination and (if necessary) heating.
 - b) Sufficient substrate to absorb excrements.
 - c) The size of the box must provide enough room to allow animals to turn around easily. For lizards and amphibians this means a minimum size of 150 % of the head/body length, for turtles and tortoises two times the carapax length. For snakes with a voluminous body e.g. Python regius each side of the box must have at least a third of the snake's body length. For slim species e.g. Ahaetulla spec., Gonyosoma spec. or the species of the former Elaphe group these requirements may be reduced as long as the basic rule (turn around easily) isn't violated.
- 2.8 Only one side and/or the top of the container shall be clear for inspection to protect animals from stress.
- 2.9 Each display box for animals must show a declaration providing the following data:
 - a) Name of the vendor, b) scientific name of the animal, c) sex of the animal as far as known by the vendor, d) natural range, e) origin: wild caught (WC), captive bred (CB), farm bred (FB), f) protection status corresponding to EU verdict 338/97 (appendix A, appendix B) or protection status according to the German BArtSchV, g) expected adult size of the animal, h) in case of food specialists information about the required food.A form to declare animals corresponding to these guidelines is available as PDF or MS Word document under Downloads from the BEE web site and secures the error-free declaration.
- 2.10 Animal protection laws allow vertebrates to be brought to the fair building not before 7 am on fair day.
- 2.11 Animals must be housed in their display boxes at 10 am at the latest. Vendors must have left the fair ground with their animals at 8 pm at the latest.
- 2.12 Each vendor needs to provide enough sufficient containers to allow buyers the transport of the animals without negative influences. Sold animals shall be brought to the storage facility or kept safely at the vendors stand.
- 2.13 It's strictly forbidden to display or offer poisonous snakes of the generae Viperidae, Elapidae or Crotalidae or of the rear-fanged generae Dispholidus and Thelotornis or bring them to the fair ground. Other rear-fanged snakes, Helodermatidae, spiders, scorpions etc. are allowed, but the following guidelines for the display of venomous animals apply:
 - a) Containers with venomous animals must be secured against unintentional opening e.g. if they are accidentally dropped.
 - b) The display boxes must show a reference to the poisonousness in addition to the declaration explained in rule 2.9.
 - c) Venomous animals are to be sold to minors under 18 only with permission of parents or legal guardians.
 - d) Purchased venomous animals must not be carried along on the fair ground but shall be kept at the vendors stand or brought to the storing facility for animals. The vendor is obliged to notify buyers about this rule.
 - e) In general the vendor must notify potential buyers of the poisonousness of animals.
- 2.14 Animals from wet areas must be displayed on a substrate storing humidity or with a device securing high humidity. During the course of the fair these

animals must be misted regularly.

2.15 Purely aquatic species must be displayed in water. In this case a land part must be provided or the water must be shallow so the animals don't need to swim permanently. Polluted water must be exchanged. Fresh water and used water disposals can be found on the lower level of the fair building.

2.16 Every large container should contain a minimum of structure and a water bowl.

2.17 Only healthy, not obviously gravid animals in a good state are to be displayed.

2.18 Sick or injured animals are to be isolated and to be treated if necessary. The address or phone number of a vet will be ready at the information desk.

2.19 The displayed animals are to be supervised by the vendor permanently.

2.20 Vendors will receive a sticker with a name plate. These stickers are to be filled out and worn clearly visible to ease communication with visitors, service personnel and authorities.

2.21 Rodents must have suitable substrate, hide-aways, food and drinking devices.

2.22 The size of boxes for feeder rodents must be large enough to house the animals sufficiently. The number of animals is restricted: 50 % of the surface area must be free.

2.23 Rodents may be offered only if they are completely independent from their parents. Sale and display of baby mice or rats, young chickens, naked mice or other so-called torture breedings is prohibited.

2.24 These rules will be controlled by the respective authorities throughout the whole fair day and service personnel of the organizer. Please obey directives of these persons to avoid unnecessary problems.

2.25 The authority that controls animal welfare laws demands a list of all animals you will offer at the expo. With the rest of you vendors' materials you will receive a form where you must fill in all animals. In case your stand gets controlled please show this list to the controlling veterinarian. This is simply to ease communication and control. Afterwards you will get the list back.

3. Protection Guidelines

3.1 Wild caught animals of species included in appendix A of the EU verdict 338/97 and of species in appendix 1 of the German BArtSchV are not permitted on the fair.

3.2 The vendor must inform buyers about the obligation to register protected animals at their local authorities. For every animal protected by appendix A of the EU verdict 338/97 the original documents (certificate form according to EU verdict 338/97) must be available and shown on request. The vendor must hand over the original document together with the animal. Sale of animals of appendix A of EU verdict 338/97 is only permitted if the certificate entitles the vendor to market the animal. Sale through third parties is not permitted.

3.3 Animals listed in appendix 6 of the German BArtSchV must be marked according to article 36 of EU verdict 939/97 and to the §§ 8, 10 and 11 of the BArtSchV. The marking must be registered according to EU verdict 338/97 in the original document by the respective authority for the vendor.

3.4 While selling animals of species contained in appendix B of EU verdict 338/97 and of species listed in § 1 of the BArtSchV, the vendor has to hand over a declaration of origin to the buyer. This declaration shall contain all data necessary for registration of the animal according to § 6, 2 of the BArtSchV. This declaration must include a notification of the obligation to register the animals according to § 6,2 BArtSchV. A form taking all these rules into consideration is available in PDF and MS Word format from the Download section of the BEE web site.

3.5 For marketing protected animals imported from countries outside the EU the import permits issued by the German Bundesamt für Naturschutz (BfN) must be available as far as there is an obligation to get an import permit for said species. The import must have taken place exclusively via those customs posts published in the Bundesanzeiger and in the EU bulletin. When importing the import permits must be presented to customs officers. When handing over the declaration of origin to the buyer please hand over a copy of the import permit to the buyer as well or at least note the import number on the declaration. When selling CB animals of protected species it's advantageous to note the import number of the parent animals. This will ease the registration for the buyer because some local authorities insist on seeing these import numbers.

3.6 The original reception and delivery books mentioned in § 5,1 of the BArtSchV and breeding books are to be brought by the vendors in original and must be shown to the respective authorities on request. Vendors from outside of Germany which don't necessarily need to have a breeding book must bring a list of the protected animals they are selling showing origin of each animal.

3.7 Animals of the species *Chelydra serpentina* and *Macroclmys temmincki* are not permitted for display, marketing or sale.

3.8 The respective authority will control compliance of all activities to the mentioned rules during the fair.

4. Buying Animals

4.1 The vendor has to see that visitors stick to these rules in his own interest.

4.2 The containers shall not be knocked at or shaken.

4.3 Photographing animals using flash lights is not permitted due to animal protection guidelines during the fair.

4.4 Animals may be taken out of their containers only in presence of the vendor and in rare justified cases. Sexing with probes is absolutely prohibited.

4.5 Purchased animals shall not be carried along on the fair ground but shall be kept at the vendors stand or brought to the storing facility for animals. Animals must be transported according to animal protection laws and must be protected from negative influences. Venomous snakes and lizards are not permitted to be carried around on the fair ground at all.

4.6 Animals are to be bought by minors under 16 only with the consent of parents or legal guardians.

4.7 Venomous animals are to be bought by minors under 18 only with the consent of parents or legal guardians.

4.8 Public entrance to the exhibition areas starts at 10 am and ends at 4 pm only through the main entrance.