

# Ulm Reptile Market: Rules and Guidelines for the Welfare of Reptiles and Amphibians

*Please take a few moments to read in full all the regulations valid for the Reptile Market.*

*Every participant at the Reptile Market has sufficient time in advance to take note of the following rules. These market rules, above all, are to ensure the proper and humane treatment of animals brought to market.*

## **General Guidelines**

These rules and guidelines for Ulm Reptile Market are binding on all exhibitors and visitors. Market opening and closing times are 7.00 – 16.00 hrs. The market is open to visitors from 10.00 – 16.00 hrs.

The responsible party for the organisation and management of the market:  
TerraristikEvent GmbH, Cannstatter Str. 115, 70734 Fellbach, Germany.

Telephone number on market day 0173 – 241 8204

The market is exclusively for the sale and/or exchange of reptiles and amphibians as well as other accessories in keeping with animal protection laws and specialist literature offered by the vendor.

Commercial breeders and traders must have a permit in accordance with Art. 11, Para. 1, Clause 1, Number 3 of the Animal Welfare Act (TierSchG) and, on request, must provide proof of the same to the relevant authorities.

1. The list of animals, with details of the number of animals and their species, must be completed in full.
2. For the protection of animals, smoking is prohibited in all areas of the exhibition hall.
3. Dogs are not allowed in the market area.
4. The event organisers and supervising officials are authorised to issue instructions to exhibitors and visitors.
5. General regulations as well as provisions concerning animal and species protection must be unconditionally adhered to; moreover, it is also compulsory to carry the relevant papers providing proof of the proper animal species protection.

## **Special Regulations To Guarantee Protected Species**

Specimens of **Appendix A-species** may only be offered and sold with a valid EC certificate authorising the vendor to engage in marketing/selling activities. Third parties are not permitted to conduct marketing/selling activity.

Specimens of **Appendix B-species** may only be sold with proof of pedigree. Proof of the animal's original pedigree is required (e.g. breeder's certificate, import papers, previously valid EC or CITES certificates). Information provided solely by the previous owner is inadequate.

**To find out if an animal is a specially protected species, you can visit [www.wisia.de](http://www.wisia.de)**

A breeder's certificate must contain the following information:

Breeder's name and address, animal species, classification (breed), size, weight, age, sex, parent animals with proof (of legal acquisition).

As far as required, the animals must be listed with the correct classification (breed).

The original papers must be transferred to the purchaser with the animal. If applicable, the purchaser must be informed about his obligation to register in accordance with Art. 7 Para. 2 of the Federal Ordinance on the Conservation of Species (*Bundesartenschutzverordnung*).

The original versions of relevant registers such as registration and issuing records are to be carried, or only in exceptional cases copies of the records may be eligible for the completion of the relevant monitoring checks.

**The Regional Administrative Authority (*Regierungspräsidium*) in Tübingen offers standard forms for download free of charge at: <http://www.rp-tuebingen.de/servlet/PB/menu/1158517/index.html>**

Specimens of the *Chelydra serpentina* species (Common Snapping Turtle) and *Macrolemys temmincki* (Alligator Snapping Turtle) must neither be exhibited nor offered for sale. *Python reticulatus* (Reticulated Python) may only be offered for sale with the prior authorisation of the organiser.

Participants who have registered with the event organiser may only offer animals for sale. Vendors offering animals who wish to team up with two or more people at one stand must register separately and each individual vendor must submit a separate list for his/her animals.

Please note that the relevant authorities will complete monitoring checks during the market's opening hours. The city of Ulm and Regional Administrative Authority (*Regierungspräsidium*) in Tübingen are authorised to carry out such checks.

6. Animal containers (for animals at the sale) are to be clearly marked.

**The following details must be provided in writing for each animal offered for sale, and must also be clearly visible to each interested party:**

- **Name of Vendor**
- **Scientific name (animal species)**
- **Sex: 1.0 / 0.1 / 0.0.1**
- **Distribution**
- **Pedigree: wild animal / breeding (captivity)**
- **Species status: Washington CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) Appendices I to III**
- **Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 Appendices A/B**
- **German Federal Ordinance on the Conservation of Species (BartenSchV)**
- **Estimated size (of mature animal)**

7. In particular, containers that are too small or restricted should be avoided.

8. To ensure that the animals are kept in atmospheric conditions appropriate for the species, it is compulsory **that blankets or insulating mats are placed between the table and the animal container, or that the container's base is sufficiently robust**. For animals that require a higher temperature than ambient room temperature, terrariums are to be heated,

naturally with due consideration for the correct humidity – if necessary, an air spray must be used.

9. At the close of the market, the **stand is to be left in a clean and tidy condition**, cartons and refuse must be disposed of.

**For all animals offered for sale, plants and other objects subject to material damage, theft and accidents as well as damage caused at car parks, the organiser accepts**

**no liability and no responsibility**

### **Rules Concerning Animal Protection Rights**

1. During transport to and from the market and for temporary accommodation of specimens that are not exhibited, it is important to use thermally stable containers, e.g. in the form of polystyrene boxes and, if applicable, these are to be kept at the right temperature using heat batteries or hot-water bottles.
2. Containers for the animals must correspond to the provisions of the Report on the Minimum Requirements for Keeping Reptiles, dated 10 Jan 1997 of the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection.

Additionally, the following points should be noted:

- a) A suitable tray should be provided to collect excretion, etc.
  - b) There should be adequate ventilation as well as supply of heat and light.
  - c) The size of the container should allow the animals to move or turn around easily, e.g. for lizards or tortoises at least 1.5 times the body length from head to tail, or for snakes the side of the container should at least be 1/3 of the animal's entire length.
  - d) Animals should only be visible for inspection from the side or the top of the container.
  - e) All animals must be accommodated in separate containers; it is strictly forbidden for more than one animal to be housed in the same container.
  - f) Multiple stacking of animal containers (e.g. on top of each other) is not permitted.
3. The containers accommodating the animals must be exhibited at least at table height.
  4. Original documents are to be carried for every protected animal and must be presented on request.
  5. The vendor must notify the buyer of the obligation to register protected animals.

### **6. It is forbidden to offer poisonous animals for sale.**

7. It is only permitted to remove animals from the container for a valid reason, and this must be done exclusively in the presence of the owner and with the owner's consent.
8. It is forbidden to knock on and shake the animal container.
9. Exhibited animals are to be constantly supervised by the owner. If necessary, the owner shall instruct another qualified person to undertake supervision.
10. Only healthy animals and those in an excellent state of health may be offered for sale. Ailments or diseases, which are identified at the market, must be immediately reported to the market director.
11. Animals may only be transferred to children and young adults up to the age of 16 years with the consent of legal guardians.

12. Feed species must have a constant supply of fresh drinking water for the duration of the market.
13. The dimensions of the containers for food (i.e. feed species) or the density of feed species must be in sufficient proportions for each animal to have an appropriate minimum surface space and height.
14. Rodents may only be offered for sale if they have already left the parent couple and already lead an independent life. Offering and selling live mice and baby rats as well as day-old juveniles is strictly prohibited.
15. Identification of an animal's sex using assisting appliances may only be carried out by the veterinary present at the market, Dr. Brames.

The market directorship can be contacted on the day of the event on the telephone number  
0173- 2418204

**“Exhibitors who are in serious breach of the market rules will be excluded from Ulm Reptile Market and from any follow-up events – with no reimbursement of the stand fee”**