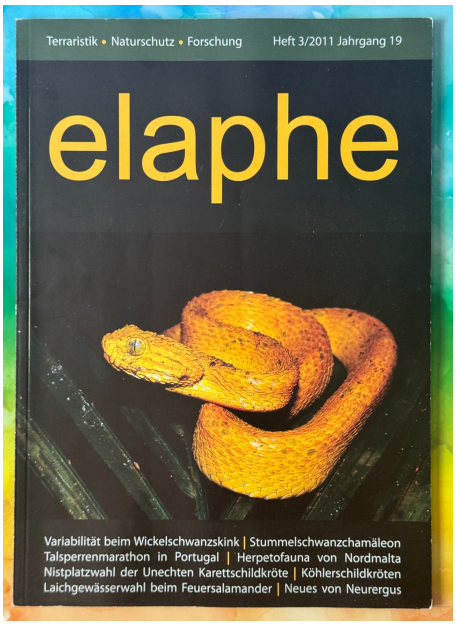
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Magazine Research Record



elaphe, Heft 3/2011, Jahrgang 19. Standalone DGHT publication.



TERRARIA, No. 13, September/October 2008. Standalone NTV publication.

Publication Identification

Field	Information
Country	Germany
Publisher	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Herpetologie und Terrarienkunde (DGHT); Natur und Tier Verlag GmbH (NTV). DGHT and NTV jointly published the combined title.
Publisher address	Pending research update
Magazine title	elaphe (standalone); TERRARIA (standalone); TERRARIA/elaphe (combined publication)
Publication status	elaphe: active as a DGHT publication. Standalone TERRARIA: ceased with No. 74 (November 2018). Combined TERRARIA/elaphe: ended in 2018.
Publication run	elaphe first appeared in 1979, was interrupted following German reunification, revived as a DGHT magazine, combined with TERRARIA beginning in 2012, and returned under its own title with issue 1/2019. TERRARIA existed independently by 2008; its precise first issue date is not established in the supplied record. Combined publication: 2012–2018.
Editor	Pending research update. Individual issue editorial personnel require verification; transition-era personnel are documented below.
Printer	Druck Center Meckenheim for elaphe, Heft 3/2011. Other issues: Pending research update
ISSN	elaphe (current DGHT record): 2627-6275. Historical TERRARIA and combined-title identifiers: Pending research update
Language	German
Publication type	Specialist herpetology, terrarium keeping, conservation and research publications
Publication frequency	TERRARIA and combined TERRARIA/elaphe: bimonthly for documented issues. elaphe: frequency varied over its history; four issues annually from 2024, according to DGHT.
Collection coverage	10 physical issues across 1999, 2003, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017 and 2021.
Earliest issue represented	elaphe, Heft 4/1999 (20 November 1999)
Latest issue represented	elaphe, Heft 4/2021 (2021)

Preservation Significance

The physical issues preserve a publishing relationship that is not apparent from the magazine names alone. The collection contains standalone examples of elaphe, standalone issues of TERRARIA, issues published under the combined TERRARIA/elaphe title, and a later issue of elaphe after the combined arrangement ended. Together, these copies document two distinct German herpetological publishing traditions, their temporary combination, changes in branding and production, and the return of elaphe as a separate DGHT publication.

Cataloging each issue under the title used at the time of publication protects this chronology. Treating all ten issues as one uninterrupted title would obscure the distinct origins and later changes in the relationship between the publications.

Publication Metadata and Masthead Documentation

Period / issue	Documented publication or production information
elaphe, 1979 origins	First issued in 1979 by the Zentraler Fachausschuss Terraristik in the former East Germany. The title was later revived as a DGHT membership publication.
elaphe, Heft 3/2011	Jahrgang 19. Publisher identified in supplied collection documentation as the Presidium of the DGHT; printer: Druck Center Meckenheim. Cover strapline: “Terraristik • Naturschutz • Forschung.”
TERRARIA, No. 13, 2008	September/October 2008; Jahrgang 3 (5) shown on cover. Publisher: Natur und Tier Verlag GmbH. Standalone magazine.
TERRARIA, No. 23, 2010	May/June 2010. Publisher: Natur und Tier Verlag GmbH, as identified in supplied collection inventory.
TERRARIA/elaphe, 2012–2018	Joint publishing arrangement between Natur und Tier Verlag and DGHT. Separate cover branding was combined for this period.
Transition in 2018–2019	Contemporary retrospective in elaphe 1/2019 identifies TERRARIA No. 74 (November 2018) as the last TERRARIA issue and elaphe 1/2019 as the restored independent DGHT members’ issue. NTV continued production for DGHT.
elaphe, 2021 and later	The collection includes elaphe 4/2021. DGHT confirms that elaphe continues as its members’ information publication; from 2024 it appears four times annually.

Editorial personnel: A retrospective in elaphe 1/2019 identifies the Werning/Kwet editorial team, assisted by Kriton Kunz and Matthias Schmidt, at the 2018-2019 transition. This does not establish that the same people edited every issue represented here. Individual issue mastheads should be consulted before assigning editor names to specific copies.

International Distribution

The publications originate in Germany and cover herpetological and terrarium subjects beyond Germany, as indicated by articles on Portugal, Malta, South Thailand, Romania, Vietnam, Guadeloupe and North American reptiles. This editorial coverage does not itself establish international circulation. DGHT currently describes overseas postage arrangements for members, including addresses outside Europe, but the geographic circulation of the historical issues in this collection has not been verified.

Issues Represented in the Collection

Standalone elaphe

Issue	Date / number	Selected cover subjects
Heft 4/1999	20 November 1999	Snake keeping and breeding; South Thailand snake fauna; Mount Hermon lizards; conservation project
Heft 1/2003	20 February 2003	European adder; European pond turtle; Vietnamese warty newt; Romanian herpetofauna
Heft 3/2011	2011; Jahrgang 19	Eyelash viper; stump-tailed chameleon; North Malta; loggerhead nesting; fire salamander
Heft 4/2021	2021	Aesculapian snake; Taubleguan; turtle rescue station

Standalone TERRARIA

Issue	Date / number	Selected cover subjects
No. 13	September/October 2008; Jahrgang 3 (5)	Overwintering terrarium animals; Namib sand

		gecko; Andean kingsnake
No. 23	May/June 2010	Green tree python; construction of a misting system; Guadeloupe

Combined TERRARIA/elaphe

Issue	Date / number	Selected cover subjects
4/2012	2012	Breeding giant snakes; Gray's keeled skink; Portugal
6/2012	2012	Corn snakes; Maya mythology and reptiles; dwarf crocodile
No. 63	January/February 2017	North American snakes; tree iguana; Piedmont viper
No. 65	May/June 2017	Reptile and amphibian photography; new species of 2016; 2017 Reptile of the Year

Publication History and Title Relationships

Phase	Historical relationship	Catalog title
1979–2011, with interruption	Original elaphe lineage; revival as DGHT members' magazine after reunification.	elaphe
Before 2012	Separate commercial TERRARIA magazine from NTV.	TERRARIA
2012–2018	Joint DGHT and NTV publication bringing the titles together.	TERRARIA/elaphe
From 2019	Standalone elaphe title restored for the DGHT members' publication; NTV continued as production partner.	elaphe

Cover Text and Translation Notes

German original	English translation
Terraristik • Naturschutz • Forschung	Terrarium keeping • Nature conservation • Research
Überwinterung von Terrarientieren	Overwintering terrarium animals
Namib-Sandgecko	Namib sand gecko
Anden-Königsnatter	Andean kingsnake

Research Documentation and Verification

Primary evidence: photographed physical copies and the supplied "Elaphe Terraria Publication Identification" research document. The collection inventory and the per-issue production information above are taken from that supplied record except where a separate historical source is identified.

External historical references consulted:

- DGHT, "Geschichte der Terraristik": https://dght.de/startseite/terraristik-sachkunde/terraristik/geschichte-der-terraristik/ (1979 origins, 2012 combination, late-2018 title change).
- DGHT, "elaphe": https://dght.de/startseite/publikationen/elaphe/ (current status, frequency from 2024, ISSN 2627-6275).
- DGHT, "Publikationen": https://dght.de/startseite/publikationen/ (role as DGHT central publication).
- Historical retrospective, elaphe 1/2019, reproduced on DGHT Yumpu kiosk: https://www.yumpu.com/kiosk/dght-ev/elaphe-2019-1-online/68607818/28 (TERRARIA No. 74, editorial and production transition).
- DGHT, "Mitglied werden": https://dght.de/startseite/mitglied-werden/ (current overseas distribution/postage provisions).

Evidence boundary: No complete masthead image for every listed issue was included with the two cover photographs. Historical editors, exact start date of standalone TERRARIA, print runs, and circulation by country are therefore not asserted as verified facts for every issue.