Herpetofauna

Magazine Research Record



Number 10, January 1981, 3. Jahrgang. Earliest issue represented in the collection.

Publication Identification

Field	Information
Country	Germany
Publisher	herpetofauna-Verlags GmbH
Publisher address	Pending research update. Historical publishing locations include Ludwigsburg-Oßweil and Weinstadt.
Magazine title	herpetofauna
Publication status	Discontinued. A historical account reports cessation in 2004; exact final issue pending research update.
Publication run	First issue: 1. Jahrgang, No. 1, July 1979. Known publication period: 1979–2004. Exact final issue pending research update.
Editor	Pending research update
Printer	Pending research update
ISSN	0172-7761
Language	German
Publication type	German specialist herpetological and terrarium periodical
Publication frequency	Bimonthly / six issues per year
Collection coverage	20 issues represented from 1981 through 1999
Earliest issue represented	No. 10, 3. Jahrgang, January 1981
Latest issue represented	No. 122, 21. Jahrgang, October 1999
Original subtitle	Die Zeitschrift für den Terrarianer
Later subtitle	Zeitschrift für Amphibien- und Reptilienkunde
English sense of subtitles	The Magazine for the Terrarium Keeper; later, Journal for Amphibian and Reptile Studies
Subject	Herpetology, reptiles, amphibians, terrarium keeping, husbandry, field observations and natural history

Preservation Significance

Herpetofauna has preservation significance as a long running German specialist periodical documenting reptile and amphibian keeping, husbandry and herpetology across more than two decades of rapid change in European terraristics. The issues represented in the collection span 1981 through 1999 and preserve a nearly twenty year visual and bibliographic record of the publication, including sequential issue numbering, volume years, changing

cover prices, evolving subtitle language and a sustained emphasis on reptiles and amphibians. The earlier issues identify the publication as “Die Zeitschrift für den Terrarianer” (“The Magazine for the Terrarium Keeper”), while later issues use “Zeitschrift für Amphibien- und Reptilienkunde” (“Journal for Amphibian and Reptile Studies”), reflecting a shift in how the publication presented its subject and audience. The surviving covers also document the prominent place of snakes within the magazine’s visual identity, while the publication’s complete index records articles dating back to 1979. Preserving these physical issues retains evidence of German language herpetological and terrarium culture, publication practices and specialist knowledge that developed before online herpetological information became widespread.

Publication Metadata and Masthead Documentation

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Independent bibliographic records identify the first issue as 1. Jahrgang, No. 1, July 1979 and list the publication as bimonthly. The publisher’s surviving website maintains a searchable complete index of articles published since 1979. A historical account from the Terrariengemeinschaft Berlin states that herpetofauna ceased publication in 2004.

International Distribution

The represented covers show historical prices in Deutsche Mark for the German market. Specific international distributors, overseas subscription arrangements, and circulation figures are pending research update.

Issues Represented in the Collection

Issue	Volume year	Date	Cover price
No. 10	3. Jahrgang	January 1981	DM 4.80
No. 26	5. Jahrgang	October 1983	DM 5.30
No. 29	6. Jahrgang	April 1984	DM 5.80
No. 33	6. Jahrgang	December 1984	DM 5.80
No. 36	7. Jahrgang	June 1985	DM 5.80
No. 38	7. Jahrgang	October 1985	DM 5.80
No. 41	8. Jahrgang	April 1986	DM 6.20
No. 44	8. Jahrgang	October 1986	DM 6.20
No. 61	11. Jahrgang	August 1989	DM 6.50
No. 65	12. Jahrgang	April 1990	DM 6.50
No. 76	14. Jahrgang	February 1992	DM 7.00
No. 99	17. Jahrgang	December 1995	DM 8.50
No. 100	18. Jahrgang	February 1996	DM 9.50
No. 105	18. Jahrgang	December 1996	DM 9.50
No. 108	19. Jahrgang	June 1997	DM 9.50
No. 114	20. Jahrgang	June 1998	DM 9.50
No. 116	20. Jahrgang	October 1998	DM 9.50
No. 118	21. Jahrgang	February 1999	DM 9.50
No. 120	21. Jahrgang	June 1999	DM 9.50
No. 122	21. Jahrgang	October 1999	DM 9.50

Numbering and Publication Sequence

The photographed issues show continuous sequential issue numbering across changing annual volume designations. The sequence is consistent with a bimonthly publication schedule: No. 10 is January 1981, No. 26 is October 1983, No. 44 is October 1986, No. 65 is April 1990, No. 99 is December 1995, No. 100 is February 1996 and No. 122 is October 1999. The numbering should be preserved exactly as printed on each physical issue.

Subtitle and Presentation Change

The earlier photographed issues carry the subtitle “Die Zeitschrift für den Terrarianer.” By No. 100 in February 1996, the photographed covers use “Zeitschrift für Amphibien- und Reptilienkunde.” The change is significant because it broadens the publication’s stated identity from a magazine directed explicitly toward terrarium keepers to a journal framed around the study and knowledge of amphibians and reptiles. The exact issue at which the subtitle changed has not yet been established from the physical holdings represented here.

Cover Price Evidence

The physical covers preserve a clear record of price changes in Deutsche Mark. The represented issues rise from DM 4.80 in January 1981 to DM 5.30 in October 1983, DM 5.80 in 1984–1985, DM 6.20 in 1986, DM 6.50 in 1989–1990, DM 7.00 in 1992, DM 8.50 in 1995 and DM 9.50 from 1996 through the photographed 1999 issues.

Publication History and Independent Corroboration

Bibliographic cataloging identifies herpetofauna-Verlags GmbH as publisher beginning in 1979, with places of publication including Ludwigsburg-Oßweil and Weinstadt. A 1985 Austrian herpetological literature survey independently lists herpetofauna as a German bimonthly periodical and identifies it as “Zeitschrift für den Terrarianer” in Weinstadt. A historical account of German terrarium periodicals describes herpetofauna as one of two specialist magazines that appeared in 1979 to serve the terraristic field and states that the publication ended in 2004.

Website Category Placement

Field	Information
Primary website section	Magazine Preservation
Publication Identification	Country, title, years represented, publisher / organization and frequency
Issue Metadata	Issue number, volume year, date, cover price and cover subject where identified
Publication History	1979 launch, bimonthly schedule, subtitle evolution, publisher and 2004 end date
Preservation Significance	German specialist herpetological and terrarium publishing; long term record of changing presentation, pricing and reptile/amphibian culture

Source Notes

Field	Information
Physical copies	Primary evidence for issue numbers, volume years, dates, cover prices, subtitle wording and cover imagery.
herpetofauna publisher website	Complete searchable index of articles published since 1979 and confirmation of the publication’s herpetological / herpetocultural identity.
CiNii Journals bibliographic record	Independent evidence for the July 1979 first issue, herpetofauna-Verlags GmbH, ISSN 0172-7761, German language, German publication and bimonthly frequency.
1985 Austrian herpetological literature survey	Independent contemporary identification of herpetofauna as a German bimonthly periodical for terrarium keepers in Weinstadt.
Terrariengemeinschaft Berlin historical account	Historical context for the magazine’s 1979 emergence and evidence that publication ceased in 2004.

Research Cautions

- Do not confuse this German herpetofauna with the separate Australian and New Zealand journal also titled Herpetofauna.
- The physical holdings represented here begin in 1981, but independent records establish that the publication began in July 1979.
- The exact issue at which the subtitle changed from “Die Zeitschrift für den Terrarianer” to “Zeitschrift für Amphibien- und Reptilienkunde” has not yet been established from these holdings.
- The 2004 end date is supported by a historical account, but the final issue number and exact final publication date should remain open until directly verified.