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Kunst für Tiere. Ein Perspektivwechsel für Menschen, 2020, installation view at Kunst und Kulturstiftung Opelvillen Rüsselsheim, Rüsselsheim, DE.



Gestalt, 2018, exhibition view at Klemm's, Berlin, DE.



Gestalt, 2018, exhibition view at Klemm's, Berlin.



Gestalt #32, 2018, gelatine silver print (barite print) mounted on aluminum composite panel, 42 x 53 cm,



Gestalt #61, 2018, gelatine silver print (barite print) mounted on aluminum composite panel, 42 x 53 cm,



UR, 2015, exhibition view at KLEMM'S, Berlin

Berlin							Tierpark Berlin						
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1	Klaus	F	Gesäßdrück		18.10.1956	6.1.1970 ex*							
2	Schultheiss	M	9.10.1956 München	München S. Anna	28.9.1958	10.12.1960 geschlachtet							
3	Brailli	F	4.6.1959 Berlin	Schultheiss Anna		7.9.1970 abgetötet							
4	Schnieferke I	M	29.4.1966 Berlin	Schultheiss Anna		11.10.1974 geschlachtet							
5	Schmutz	F	20.3.1967 Berlin	Schultheiss Anna		6.11.1969 geschlachtet							
6	Wuschel	F	20.7.1968 Berlin	Schultheiss Anna									
7	Wiegfried	M	12.4.1969 Berlin	Schultheiss, od. Schmutz Schnieferke I		9.4.1970 abgetötet							
8	Schnieferke II	M		Altenfelden	2.6.1972	17.10.1979 Altenfelden geschlachtet							
9	Wurks	F	5.1.1974 Berlin	Schnieferke II Rieke		28.5.1976 mehrj.**							

München							Münchner Tierpark Hellabrunn						
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1	Elisabeth	F		München		20.5.1959 Münster							
2	Anton	M	1954 München			21.7.1964 ex*							
3	Anna	F	1949 München	Anton I	Ungarisches Steppenrind	21.10.1966 geschlachtet							
4	Abel	M	1950 München			8.1.1991 Aschersleben							
5	Agnes (5)	F	7.7.1963 München	Steppenrind Antje 52		5.8.1975 vom Stier verletzt u. geschlachtet							
6	Adolf	M	10.3.1965 München	Abel 21/45 Agfa		24.11.1965 Schweden							

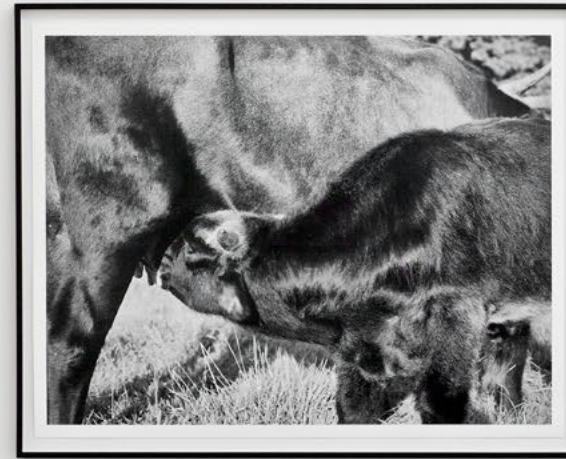
2) Es erfolgte keine Vergabe einer Lfd. Nr., da die seitens des Tierparks Hellabrunn vornehmen Nummerierung (vgl. unter Zusammn. bzw. Nr.) aus verschiedenen Karteimitteln Registrierungen resultierend, nicht durch eine zusätzliche noch komplizierter zu gestalten

Bern							Städtischer Tierpark Dählhölzli Bern						
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1	I/1 Abel III	M	14.3.1970 Schäfersberg		25.1.1972	7.2.1973 München abgetötet							
2	I/2 Aranka II	F	14.4.1971 München	Arthur	Aets	25.3.1972	26.9.1972 ex*						
3	I/3 Heinrich	M	1972 Altenfelden			25.6.1973	1.7.1976 Altenfelden abgetötet						
4	I/0 Josette ¹⁾	F	15.5.1975 Vellberg	Ares	Anna	24.5.1976	13.4.1994 Vellberg abgetötet						
5	I/9 Beno	M	2.6.1975 Berlin	Schnieferke II	Schmutz	10.8.1976	30.9.1982 ex. (Rivalen kampf)						
6	I/16 Ur 1	M	15.6.1980 Bern	Beno	Maya		18.2.1981 Reservat NL						
7	I/17 Ur 2	M	8.2.1981 Bern	Beno	Wally		16.4.1981 Steinberg						

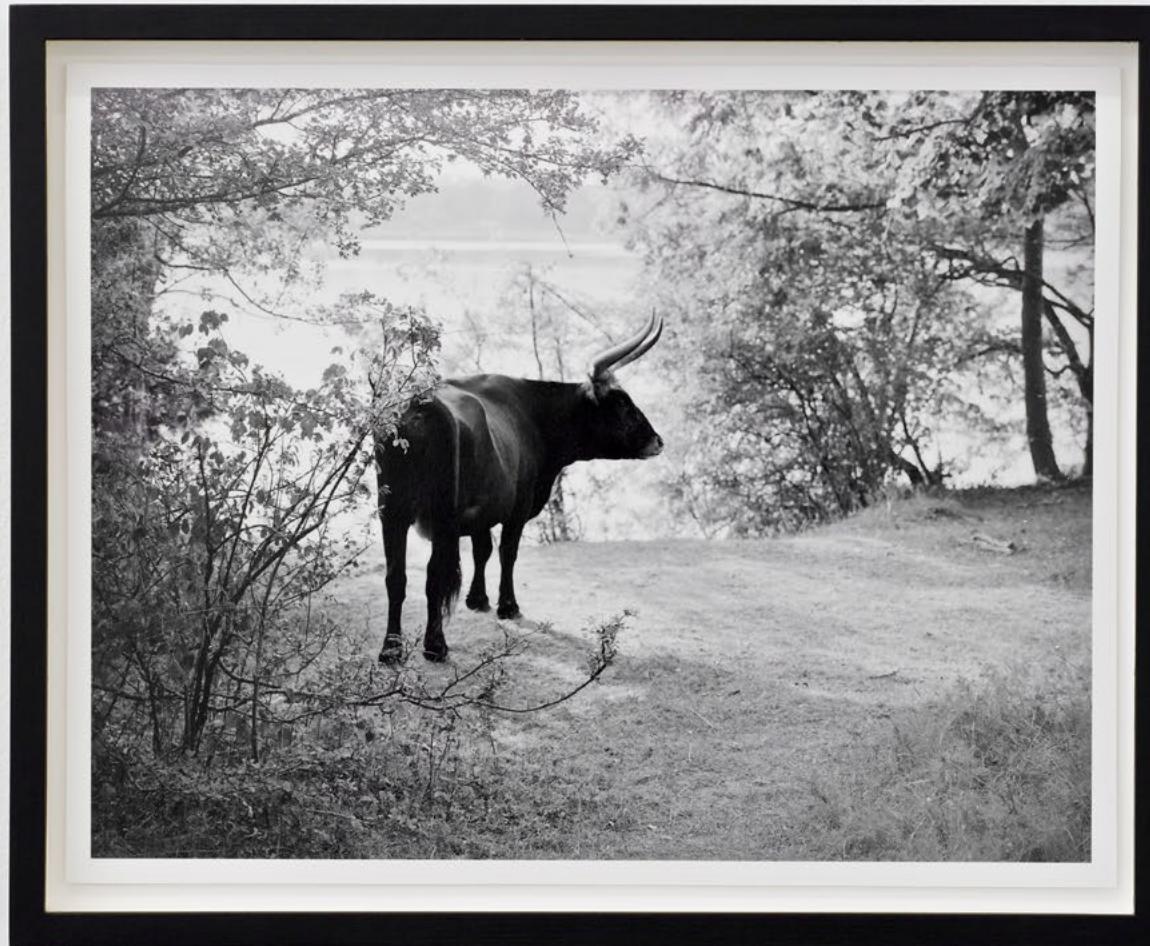
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Steinberg							J. u. W. FRISCH, Steinberg 2, D-8121 Wielenbach						
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1	Amanda	F	27.2.1974 München	Abel II	Aszi	6.2.1981 München							
2	Aurora	F	11.4.1975 München	Abel II	Anna II	6.2.1981 München							
3	Aszi	F	26.4.1980 Altenfelden	M f	W f	8.2.1981 Altenfelden unklar							
4	Baldur	M	8.2.1981 Bern	Beno	Wally	16.4.1981 Bern	15.8.1983 Balstring						
5	Attila	M	16.4.1981 Steinberg	Andros	Aurora		27.4.1983 Göttingen ¹⁾ ESTER						
6	Alma I	F	27.12.1981 Steinberg	Andros	Amrei		1.1.1982 ESTER						

1) Aufbau einer Auerossenschaft nicht geplant.



UR (1828) and UR (1838), 2014, archival pigment print, framed, 90 x 117 cm and 30 x 39 cm



UR (1000), 2014, archival pigment print, framed, 30 x 39 cm



Your Obedient Servant, 2012, wood, paint, lacquer, various sizes, dimensions variable



Your Obedient Servant (6), close, 2012, modified object, wood, lacquer, 171 x 33,5 x 50,5 cm



Your Obedient Servant (2), 2012, Modified Object, Wood, Lacquer, 146,5 x 48,5 x 27,5 cm.



A Rat is a Pig is a Dog is a Boy, 2013, exhibition view at basis, Frankfurt am Main



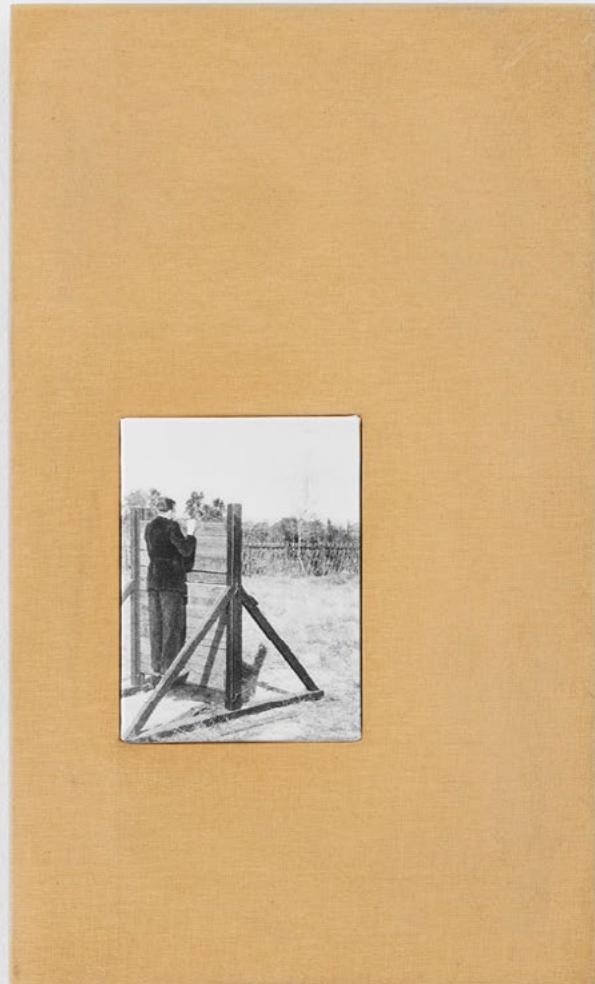
The Negotiated Order (1), 2012, gelatin silver print, wallpaper, dibond, mdf, 35 x 32 x 3 cm



The Negotiated Order (7), 2012, gelatin silver print, wallpaper, dibond, mdf, lacquer, 31 x 23 x 3 cm



The Negotiated Order (6), 2012, gelatin silver print, linen on mdf, 42 x 43 x 3 cm



The Negotiated Order (4), 2012, gelatin silver print, wallpaper, dibond, mdf, 53 x 30 x 3 cm

Ulrich Gebert (*1976) examines in his metaphoric image-cycles and installations the relation of human beings to their environment, in particular to nature – whether civilized or untouched. However, he does not pursue the 'romantic' idea of a reunification between culture and nature but rather creates in form and content a background that critically questions our living conditions. The question is, "How does the individual or society inscribe into the habitat?" His approach combines an occasionally humorous enthusiasm for the subject with a rather critical and distanced view of the interested observer. His works prove how humans reveal insights into their very own being through their intercourse with nature, i.e. with animals and plants.

Order, hierarchy, power structures, categorization, functionalization and instrumentalization are the terms that play a vital role here. Ulrich Gebert finds images which provide this information and which convey something that is hard to be translated into language. His approach conflates an almost scientific inquisitiveness with subjective auxesis and a precise intensification of the respective subject. In his series 'Negotiated Order' (2012), 'Life among Beasts' (2011), and earlier 'Soft Land' (2007) and 'Typus' (2005) he selects from the variety of photographic possibilities and chooses forms of depiction according to the context, be it documentary, scenic, still life or based on found material. At first sight the viewer encounters an unusual composition of partial forms and abstract information that are arranged in loose tableaus. In trying to order it according to existing categories the visual familiarization process gradually reveals the formal and conceptual coherences. The result, however, is disturbing and hardly accords to what one has expected or maybe wished for. Impressions of drastic brutality alternate with awkward tenderness and absurd humor.

His installations and sculptural works consequently convey this atmosphere into the space. The wooden objects and architectures of antiquarian animal cages ('Beastly Buildings', 2011) or oddly shaped „birdcages“ ('Your Obdeiant Servant', 2012) refer only rudimentarily to their original purpose as animal housings – they rather seem to be located somewhere between 'rec room', 'Heimatfilm' (German sentimental film with regional background) and high-rise bunker.

The idea of the model discloses in the abstraction of these wall-tableaus and 'architectural landscapes': it is about 'the world in a nutshell', understanding the wild, collecting and exhibiting, and at last it is about taking control. Inherent to these 'microcosms' – and in the same manner in the tableaus on the wall – is a gesture of violent appropriation in the sense of cultivation and categorization.

„All aspects of the relationship between human mankind and nature solidify behind the bars of an animal cage: repulsion and fascination, the will for appropriation, control and knowledge, the gradual acknowledgement of the complexity and idiosyncrasy of different life forms and much more. The microcosm of the zoo herewith stands in close relation to the history of other modern phenomena such as colonization, ethnocentrism and the discovery of the Other, the civilization of men, the development of cultural and commemoration sites like museums, or the development of leisure time. The gaze at the animal cage hence allows us to comprehend an entire society.“

E. Baratay und E. Hardouin-Fugier: Zoo - Von der Menagerie zum Tierpark, Wagenbach, Berlin 2000



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Beastly Building (3), 2012, modified cage, wood, lacquer, steel, 165 x 31,5 x 16,5 cm



Beastly Buildings (1)-(2), 2012, modified cages, wood, lacquer, steel



Grand national (2), 2012, wood, laquer, 170 x 220 x 70 cm



Grand national (4), 2012, wood, laquer, 195 x 140 x 65 cm



A Breed Apart, 2012, exhibition view at KLEMM'S, Berlin



A Breed Apart (3), 2012, gelatin silver print, dibond, 97 x 68 x 3 cm



A Breed Apart (1), 2012, gelatin silver print, dibond, 87 x 68 x 3,5 cm



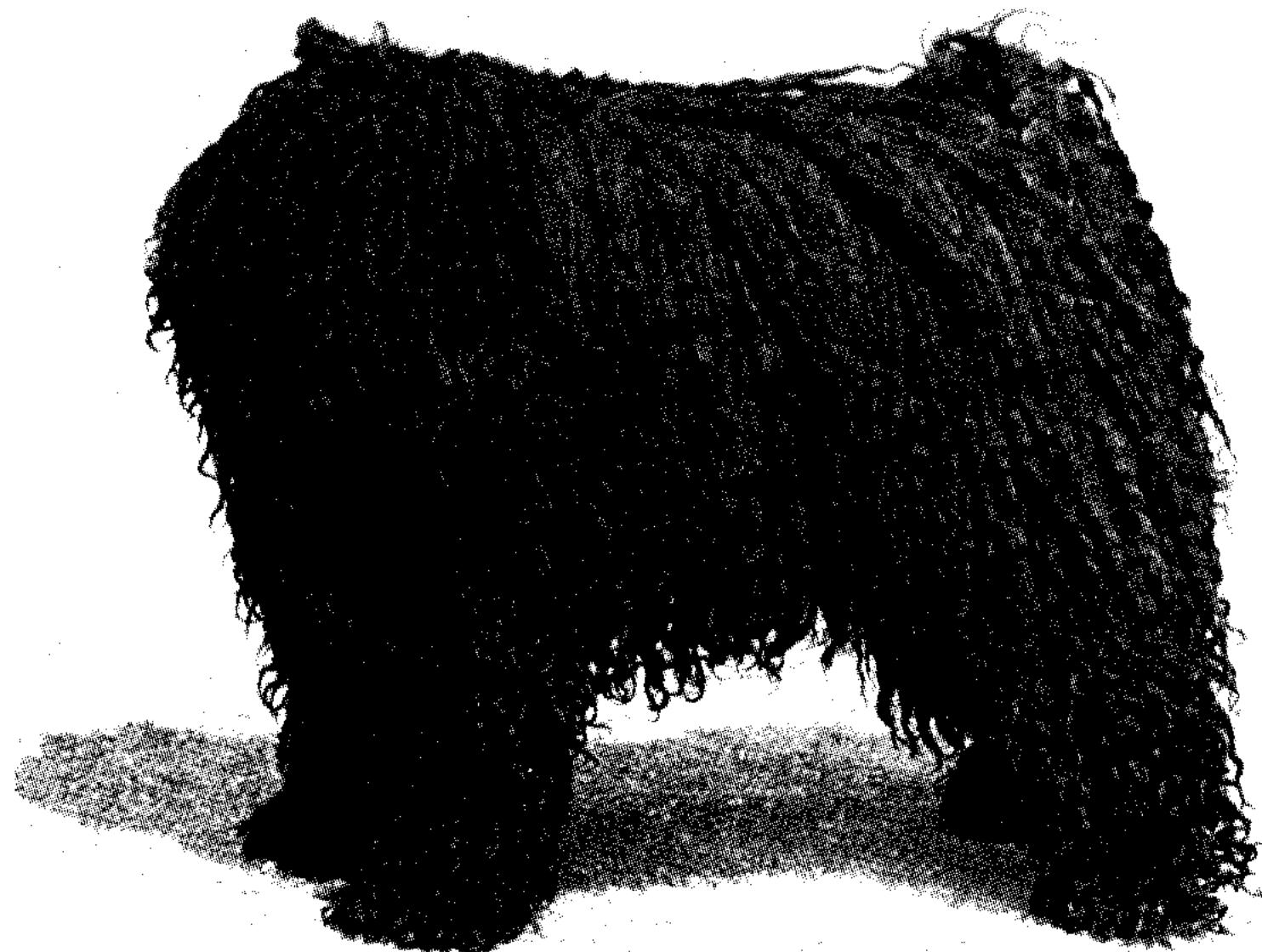
Dr. Kobers Sorge um die Zuchtwahl, 2010/2011; Über die Metapher des Wachstums, 2011, exhibition view at Frankfurter Kunstverein



Dr. Kobers Sorge um die Zuchtwahl (4), 2010, gelatin silver print mounted on aluminum construction, 48 x 63 cm



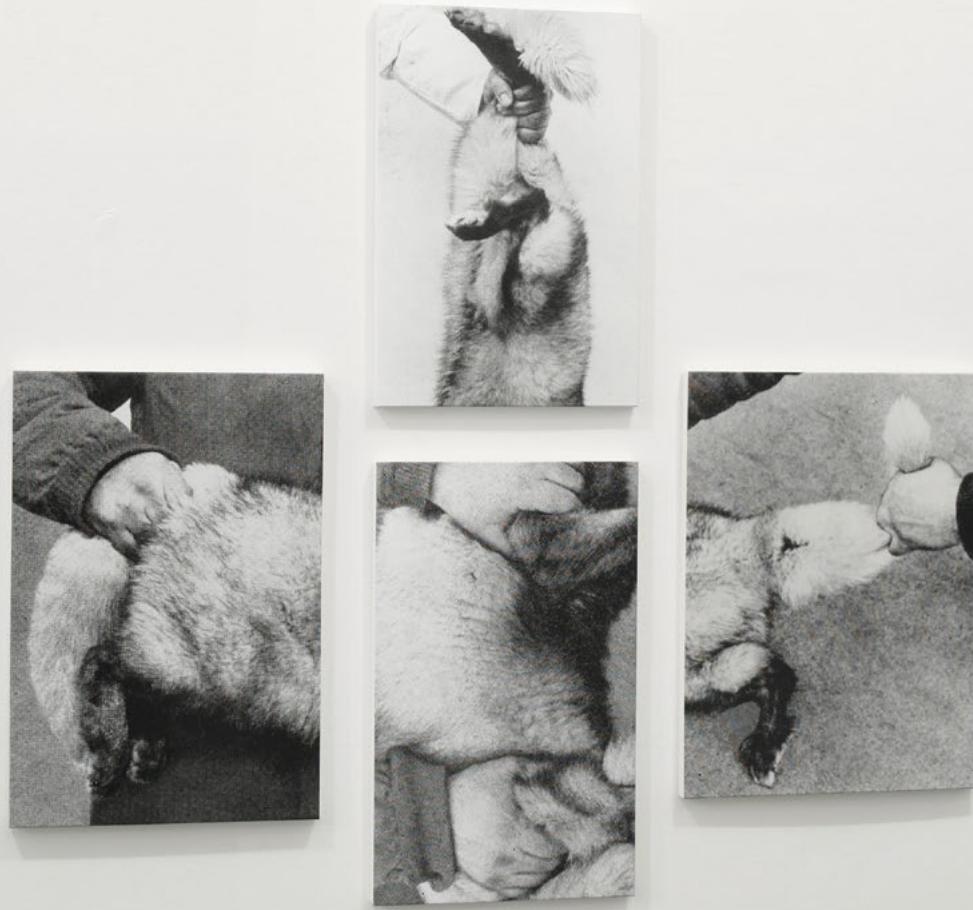
Dr. Kobers Sorge um die Zuchtwahl (1), 2010, gelatin silver print, dibond, cardboard, aluminum 40 x 30 x 3 cm



Dr. Kobers Sorge um die Zuchtwahl (5), 2010, gelatin silver print, dibond, cardboard, aluminum 60 x 90 x 3 cm



Among Beasts, 2010, exhibition view at KLEMM'S, Berlin



Life among beasts B, 2009, 4 gelatin silver prints mounted on honeycomb sandwich structure, 165 x 146 cm



Life among beasts D, 2009, 3 gelatin silver prints mounted on honeycomb sandwich structure, 105 x 98 cm



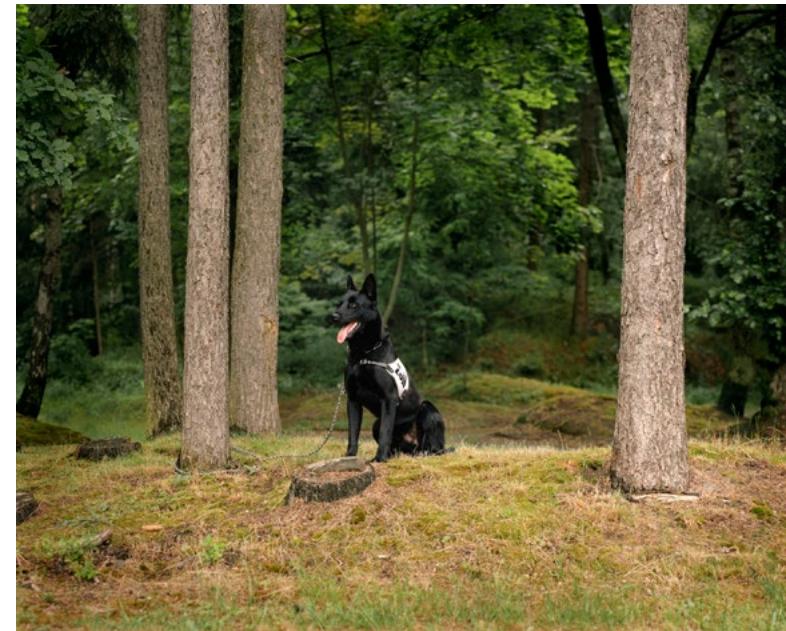
A Breed Apart (3), 2012, silver gelatin print, dibond, 97 x 68 x 3 cm



A Breed Apart (1), 2012, silver gelatin print, dibond, 87 x 68 x 3,5 cm



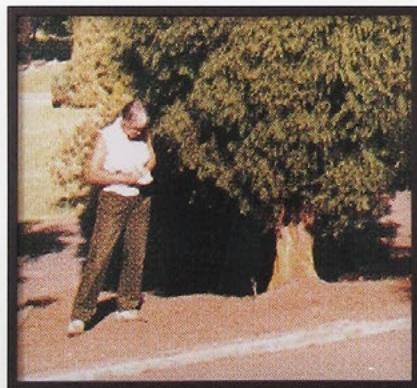
Hinterland 5 (from a series of 5), 2008, c-print, oak framed, 140 x 175 cm



Hinterland (series of 5), 2008, c-prints, oak framed, 140 x 175 cm



Soft Land #3; Soft Land #5 (from a series of 5), 2007, c-prints, framed, dimensions variable





Lab Rats, 2009, polysterene, plaster, lacquer, foam, vitrine, 145 x 160 x 35 cm





Typus, 2005, 9 tableaux, various c-prints, framed and with taxonomic plates, each 170 x 150 cm



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Biography**1976**

born in Munich, lives and works in Leipzig

1998-2003

HGB Academy of Visual Arts Leipzig, class of Prof. Timm Rautert

2001-2002

Glasgow School of Art

2005

Meisterschüler of Timm Rautert, Leipzig

2006

MA Photography at the Royal College of Art, London

Scholarships and Awards**2013**

working stipend of DZ Bank Collection, Frankfurt a.M.

2011

working stipend by Kunstfonds Bonn
promotion award of the city of Munich

2010

working stipend of the Endowment Foundation of the Free State of Saxony

2007

laureate of the Marion-Ermer-Foundation

2006

working stipend by the International Photography Research Network EU Culture 2000 "Changing Faces" commission by the University of Valencia

2005

Grosvenor Photography Commission 6, London, Great Britain

2004

DAAD yearly scholarship for studies abroad in London

2003

grant award for documentary photography from the Wüstenrot Stiftung

Publications**2012**

A Rat is a Pig is a Dog is a Boy; Kerber Verlag

2007

artist book AMERIKA , Kerber Verlag, edition young art laureate-catalogue for the Marion-Ermer-Award, ed. by the Marion-Ermer-Foundation

2005

artist book TYPUS, edition of 50

Exhibitions**2020**

Kunst für Tiere. Ein Perspektivwechsel für Menschen, Kunst und Kulturstiftung Opelvillen Rüsselsheim, Rüsselsheim, DE
natürlich! {sic!}, Klemm's, Berlin, DE

2019

Thoughts about animals, Galerie M29 Richter, Köln, DE

2018

Pendulum - Moving Goods, Moving People, Fondazione MAST, Bologna, IT
Gestalt, KLEMM'S, Berlin, DE (s)

2016

Echo of untouched matter, Lothringer 13, Munich, DE / ZOOZOO-ZOO, Kunsthalle Kassel, DE

2015

UR, KLEMM'S, Berlin, DE (s)

2014

exhibition of the DZ Bank stipend laureates, Art Foyer DZ Bank, Frankfurt am Main, DE / Was war und was ist, Museum Folkwang, Essen, DE / In Context: The Portrait in Contemporary Photography, Wellin Museum of Art, Clinton, US

2013

Now here. Contemporary Art. From the Kunstfonds, Staatliche Kunstsammlungen, Dresden, DE

2012

Field, MACRO, Rome, IT / 5 x 2, Lothringer 13, Munich, DE / The Negotiated Order, Winkleman gallery, New York, US / Reich mir die Hand, DZ Bank Kunstsammlung, Frankfurt am Main, DE / Für Hund und Katz ist auch noch Platz - photography from the DZ Bank collection Frankfurt am Main, Kunsthalle Recklinghausen, DE / A Breed Apart, KLEMM 'S, Berlin, DE (s) / Ulrich Gebert: A Rat is a Pig is a Dog is a Boy, basis, Frankfurt am Main, DE (s)

2011

Für Hund und Katz ist auch noch Platz, DZ Kunstsammlung, Frank-

furt am Main, DE / Über die Metapher des Wachstums, Frankfurter Kunstverein; Kunsthalle Hannover; Kunsthaus Baselland, CH / Förderpreise 2011 der Landeshauptstadt München, Lothringer 13, Munich, DE / Leipzig. Fotografie seit 1839, Museum für Bildende Künste, Leipzig, DE

2010

Lovingly, Rose Peebles, Brand Library & Art Center, Glendale, US / Amerika, Laboratorio de Arte Joven, Murcia, ES (s) / Walking the Dog, Kunsthalle Dominikanerkirche, Osnabrück, DE / Mit Abstand ganz nah, Opelvillen Rüsselsheim, DE / (Out of) Control, 7th Biennial of Photography, Liège, BE / This much is certain, Winkleman gallery, New York, US (s)

2009

Life among Beasts, KLEMM 'S, Berlin, DE (s) / Pete and Repeat, project space 176/Zabludowicz Collection / Cocker Spaniel and Other Tools for International Understanding, Kunsthalle zu Kiel und Ursula-Bickle-Stiftung, DE / Trophäenzimmer, Kunsthalle Hildesheim, DE (s) / Traces, Foto Colectania Foundation, Barcelona, Centre for Photography, University of Salamanca, Exhibition hall of Caja Sol, Seville, ES (cat.)

2008

Mutations II – Moving Stills, Berlinische Galerie, Berlin, DE/ Close the gap #3, UBS Ermatingen and Zurich, CH; Stadtgalerie Kiel, DE / Mit Abstand – ganz nah, Kunstsammlungen der Städtischen Museen Zwickau, Museum der Stadt Ratingen, Kunstmuseum Cottbus, DE (cat.)

2007

exhibition of the Marion-Ermer-Award laureates, Oktogon at HfBK, Dresden, DE / AMERIKA , KLEMM 'S, Berlin, DE (s) / Arbre(S). Des regards photographiques – Images au Centre '07 im Château de Fougères-sur-Bièvre, FR / Changing Faces, u.a. Scheltama, Leiden, NL, MUVIM, Valencia, ES (cat.)