

# Rescue for the Turopolje Pig from Croatia

## General Management Program for the Turopolje Pig

The Turopolje pig originates from the Save-Auen in Croatia. The animals were there until 1991 as yearlings in the overgrown areas with large overflooded areas. The pigs found their own food, there was only a small amount of supplementary feeding. Due to the war in former Yugoslavia, the stock in the home region has largely disappeared (1997 ca. 40 animals).

## Interest Group Turopolje Pig Breeders

Very recently, an interest group for the preservation of this pig breed has been founded in Austria. The animals of this breed came into Austria as part of a fire brigade action of the Save Foundation in cooperation with the Zoo Schönbrunn in Vienna. In the meantime, some breeders for the preservation of this breed have been established. The purpose of the interest group is to set standards, to maintain and secure the Turopolje pigs.

## This can be achieved through the following measures:

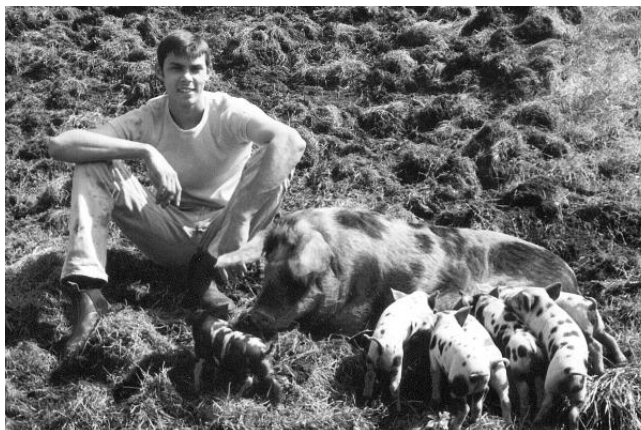
- A) Marking and evaluation
- B) Creation of a breeding book
- C) DNA analysis for pedigree security
- D) Selection and pairing recommendation
- E) Provision of suitable breeding material for breeding and security

## Breed Standard and Breeding Goal

**Type:** Outspoken weaned pig in combined type with very good basic feed utilization. Lively but good-natured temperament. Medium-bodied.

**Head:** Profile straight to slightly curved, broad forehead, half-length snout, light neck, long, broad and half-hanging ears.

**Body:** Slender, curved forms, broad chest and back, no hanging belly, moderately sloping, rounded bottom. Weakly curved tail.



The enthusiastic breeder Karl Schardax with one of his Turopolje sows and piglets.



The animals search for their food as far as possible. Photos: Schardax



Turopolje pigs are, due to their original living space in the Save-Auen, excellent swimmers.



Breeding young with Turopolje pig

Photos: Schardax

**Fundament:** Short but very strong and correct with outstanding marching ability.

**Claws:** Rather small, correctly set, dark pigmented and very hard.

**Pigmentation:** Dark pigmented skin over the whole body, outer mucous membranes pink.

**Coat:** Straight, smooth, occasionally slightly wavy, densely set bristles of uniform strength. White to grey base color with black patches. Also under white bristles should be dark pigmented.

Priority breeding goal is the consolidation of the phenotype set in the breeding goal under preservation of the line diversity.

## Registration

The registration of the breeding piglets is done with the responsible organization. All with a life number. The animals are registered and managed with the population management program OPTIMATE. The phenotypic evaluation of breeding animals is done by qualified assessors of the responsible organization.

The board of the IGT consists of three honorary regional representatives, one representative of the VEGH and one representative of the Federal Institute for Agricultural Biology in Wels.

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