

Faunistische und naturkundliche Kurzmitteilungen

Überwinterung von Teichmolchen (*Triturus vulgaris*) in einer Kräuterspirale

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Hibernation of smooth newts (*Triturus vulgaris*) in a spiral herb wall

In January 1999 a spiral wall of quarry-stones was taken down stone by stone. 10–15 specimens of smooth newts hibernated separately in the gaps of the wall, 10–30 cm away from surface, and only in southern direction. However, about 60 newts were found in a depth of 70 cm inside the spiral wall. Using an old mouse pass and nest the newts reached this shelter.

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