

DIENSTGEBÄUDE

9. – 24. April 2010

**ich tier! (du mensch) – du tier! (ich mensch) // i animal! (you human)
– you animal! (i human)**

abrupt interspecies encounters a group show spanning two spaces

with the participation of bankleer, Sabina Baumann, Beni Bischof, eggenschlatter, Christian Eisenberger, Klara Hobza, huber.huber, Line Skywalker Karlstrøm, Jakob Lena Knebl, Flo Maak, Lin May, Silke Nowak, Evi Rüsseler, Hans Scheirl, Gisèle Schindler, Bertold Stallmach, Jens Ullrich, Nives Widauer.

The idea of the project is not to “advocate here something like a ‘return to nature’.” Rather to devote our energy to transgressing the limited formal vocabulary upon which our own privileges as participants in the present consumer culture stand. Language magnifies the human perception of reality. Interesting to us are the shady places in which the categorical boundaries between human and animal are blurred. Of particular importance is a consideration of the history of modernity as a project of progress in which “animals figured principally as a resource for human progress.” Following present debates around the social and cultural forces of change, we witness how perceptions in a broader public space are altered towards “respect for the animal being” as this space opens up under the confrontation of our immediate reality with the digital and global dynamic environment of a planet in crisis, reaching the limits of natural resources. These shape conceptual horizons in which humans do not perceive themselves as total owners of the environment. We share a special commitment to creating a cultural ecosystem in which a variety of ideas co-exist and interact without giving rise to linear structures, without turning into ideological clichés.

between Perla-Mode and Dienstgebäude in the streets of Zurich, 7 pm:
performance “Social Disorder and a World Turned Upside Down” by eggenschlatter; the audience and passersby are invited to actively participate in hauling two workhorses from Perla-Mode to Dienstgebäude and back, connecting the two spaces through a procession along Langstrasse

About the exhibition and program of events

www.ichtier-dumensch.ch

Curators:

“Du Tier! (Ich Mensch)” at Dienstgebäude: Cathérine Hug, Isabel Reiss

“Ich Tier! (Du Mensch)” at Perla-Mode: Dimitrina Sevova

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DIENSTGEBÄUDE:

Freitag/Samstag, 9./10. April

Donnerstag/ Freitag/Samstag, 15./16./17. April

Donnerstag/Freitag/Samstag, 22./23./24. April

jeweils 14 bis 18 Uhr