

## Kurzmitteilungen

### Die aktive Rolle des Weibchens bei der Partnerwahl und Paarung des Laubfroschs (*Hyla a. arborea*)

HEINZ DURRER<sup>1</sup>, JOSÉ LACHAT<sup>2</sup> & ANDREAS OCHSENBEIN<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Talstr. 7, CH-4104 Oberwil, heinz.durrer@unibas.ch

<sup>2</sup>Anatomisches Institut, Pestalozzistr. 20, CH-4056 Basel  
jose.lachat@unibas.ch / andreas.ochsenbein@unibas.ch

#### The active role of the European treefrog female in mate choice and mating (*Hyla a. arborea*)

In video recordings of the mating procedure in seven European treefrog pairs, the females were observed to play an active role. After the female approached the male from the front or from behind, the female used its forelimb to touch the male at its side, head, or at the vocal sac. It then ducked its head and moved in front of the male, and the calling male mounted the female. **Key words:** Amphibia, Anura, Hylidae, European treefrog, *Hyla arborea*, mating behavior, mate choice.