

**PROPOSAL 143**

**5 AAC 92.029. Permit for possessing live game.**

Add emu to the to the list of animals allowed to be possessed without a permit as follows:

It might read as follows: The Alaska Board of Game has adopted and approved the ownership of emus as a pet. The Board of Game recommends that a new owner of an emu to purchase a book that covers the keeping, care, housing, interaction, diet, and health.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** I would like to propose that you add emus to the clean list so I can legally have one as a pet. Emus are very docile and friendly birds. Australian farmers have found that emus make great pets because of their sweet and friendly nature. Emus are very docile and even tempered and are very predictable. Emus are very smart and can be easily trained. Emus like learning things because in part of the attention they get while training them. Emus usually retain what they are taught. A good example of this is the Liberty Mutual commercials with Lemu and Doug. In the first one it shows Lemu with his head out the window. He’s enjoying the wind in his face. When the car stops, he starts biting the seat belt. Lemu was taught to do that. In the most recent one, it shows Doug driving a motor bike with Lemu riding in the sidecar. Doug completes the jingle for Liberty Mutual then Lemu was taught to say “ pay for what you need “. Lemu speaks clear enough that you can understand the words pay for what you need. Emus are very good around children as they like the attention and like to play. That’s why emus are becoming a favorite as a family pet. Emus like lots of love and attention. Once you meet and bond with an emu, they become very attached to you and want the love and attention that you can give them. I bought and received a book from Amazon titled Emu-Emus as pets. It covers emus keeping, care, housing, interaction, diet and health. I am 59 years old, divorced and live alone. I would prefer a female emu as I feel that a female would be more receptive of me than a male would. I also would gladly accept the challenge of caring for an abused female emu that’s been kept in captivity by someone else. I would greatly appreciate it if you would take this proposal to heart and consider approving it. Thank you for your time and patience.

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