

**Background Information**  
Captive Wildlife Draft Rules  
68A-6.0011, Possession of Wildlife in Captivity: Permit Requirements  
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**68A-6.0011 Possession of Wildlife in Captivity; Permit Requirements.**

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Title, no person shall possess any native or non-native wildlife in captivity except as authorized by permit issued in accordance with Section ~~372.921~~ 379.3761 or ~~372.922~~ 379.303, F.S., and as provided in this chapter.

(2) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to entities operating solely as research facilities, which are registered and regulated as such in accordance with Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131, et. seq.) and regulations promulgated thereunder. Provided the following requirements are met:

(a) Such facilities shall maintain on premises a detailed research proposal which shall state with particularity the research objectives, methodology, and study duration, and outline planned safeguards to assure proper containment of the wildlife. Maintain an annual record of progress toward research project objectives. Such research proposal and record of progress shall be available for inspection upon request of Commission personnel.

(b) Such facilities housing wildlife shall maintain such wildlife in cages or enclosures which meet the structural requirements as specified in Rule 68A-6.003, F.A.C.

(3) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to persons possessing the following non-native wildlife species exclusively for the purpose of production of meat, skins or hides, feathers or progeny thereof, and not for personal possession or public display or exhibition:

- (a) Ostrich
- (b) Cassowary
- (c) Rhea
- (d) Emu
- (e) Bison

*Specific Authority Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., 372.021, ~~372.921~~ 379.3761, ~~372.922~~ 379.303 FS. Law Implemented Art. IV, Sec. 9, Fla. Const., ~~372.921~~ 379.3761, ~~372.922~~ 379.303 FS. History—New 6-21-82, Amended 7-5-84, Formerly 39-6.011, Amended 6-1-86, 5-10-87, 4-13-88, 12-19-89, 7-1-90, 4-20-93, Formerly 39-6.0011.*