



KEEPING KIWI SAFE

SAFETY AWARENESS FOR DOG OWNERS

HELPING YOU TO MANAGE YOUR DOG(S) IN KIWI AREAS

We are extremely fortunate to have kiwi living in our area. Please take the time to review these safety measures so your beloved dog(s) and kiwi can both stay safe.

ANY dog can kill a kiwi. Kiwi lack flight muscles and even the gentle investigation of a well trained dog can be fatal. Dogs should **never** approach a kiwi.

DOGS find kiwi exciting! Kiwi have an extremely strong smell and will run. North Island Brown Kiwi live on average 50 years, but in Northland their lifespan is only 13 – 15 years, largely due to incidents involving dogs.



DO please keep your dog(s) on a leash and be aware of prime kiwi habitat such as long kikuyu and pampas grass, gorse and scrub, and pine forests.

DO keep your pet safely enclosed at night. If your dog(s) needs to go out after dark, accompany them and keep them on a lead, as kiwi are largely nocturnal.

DO be aware that during long dry summers kiwi extend their feeding hours and may be found around drains and dams (even venturing out during daylight).

DO consider Kiwi Avoidance Dog Training if you plan to frequent kiwi habitat areas with your dog.

DO look at taking a "Know Your Dog" training session.

DO get in touch with Tris@theforestbridgetrust.org.nz for more information or to sign up for our dog workshops and training sessions.



**IN THE FOREST BRIDGE TRUST AREA OF INTEREST THERE ARE THREE KNOWN POPULATIONS OF
NORTH ISLAND BROWN KIWI GLORIT, TAMAHUNGA AND TAWHARANUI.**

If you should find an injured or deceased kiwi, secure your dog(s) away, then call DOC on 0800 262 468

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A KIWI

Kiwi are now all around the Matakana region. Please support the community's hard work to keep them safe. If you spot a kiwi, keep still and quiet, even if it approaches you. Only qualified handlers are legally allowed to touch these birds, because it's very easy to harm them.

Please don't ever touch a kiwi.

Kiwi adapt beautifully to lots of unusual habitats: long kikuyu grass, pampas bushes, gorse and other scrub. They really can be very close without you realising! Kiwi will walk down the beach, hide in the dunes and sleep in old logs or even culverts. Juveniles will sometimes roost above ground – **be prepared to be surprised.**

Your dog will know where there are kiwi.

Dogs, even family pets, can pose a threat to kiwi due to their keen sense of smell. Kiwis lack flight muscles, making them vulnerable to injuries or fatalities from even the most friendly dogs.

Jasmine & Delilah have been volunteering as trappers for four years because they want to help all native birds to thrive. “Please keep your dogs on a lead, and don’t let them out at night!”



Eliane is a founding member of Tamahunga Trappers. “Please remember the kiwi this summer and ask any of your guests with dogs to keep them under control at all times”.



Tamahunga Trappers was established back in 2013 to make a huge area safe enough for kiwi to roam free. Many locals from all walks of life volunteer with this team

Alex was born in Warkworth and has been protecting the environment in our region since he was a child. “Dogs and kiwi don’t mix, don’t give yours the chance to meet one!”

