



What to do if you find a sick or injured kiwi:

1. Only handle the legs and lower body of the kiwi if possible – a squeeze of the chest will kill even a healthy kiwi. Be careful of the claws because kiwi can kick hard, and hold the legs firmly together to move the kiwi.
2. Keep the kiwi warm, dark and quiet. A closed box with an old towel or newspaper is good.
3. Keep the box in a quiet place out of sunlight. If the weather is cold a heat pack or hot water bottle with warm water in it can be used to keep the kiwi warm.
4. If you are in Taranaki Ring/text or email Michelle Bird (022 424 1933 , michelle@taranakikiwi.org.nz), or the Department of Conservation New Plymouth Area office (ph: 06 759 0350). We will arrange vet treatment if needed.

What to do if you find a dead kiwi:

1. Stop and look around the where the kiwi body is, take photos to help work out the cause of death if possible. Have a look for any kiwi radio transmitter or metal band on or near the body.
2. Put the body in a plastic bag but DO NOT FREEZE. If possible put it in a chilly bin with ice or refrigerate.
3. If in Taranaki Ring/text or email Michelle Bird (022 424 1933, michelle@taranakikiwi.org.nz), or the Department of Conservation New Plymouth Area office (ph: 06 759 0350). We will collect the kiwi and it will be autopsied to ascertain cause of death and also used for scientific studies.