

KIWI AVERSION – THE FACTS

DOGS ARE THE BIGGEST CAUSE OF KIWI DEATHS.

**THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE YOUR DOG DOESN'T KILL KIWI IS
TO NEVER LET THEM MEET!**

Kiwi aversion has been developed to reduce the number of kiwi killed by dogs.

It involves giving the dog an electric shock via an electric collar when they come in contact with kiwi scent (fresh dead kiwi and some fresh kiwi droppings). The shock is similar to that from an electric fence and does not harm the dog.

This method, combined with a good level of dog obedience and control, is a useful tool to help reduce the chances of dogs killing kiwi. It is predominantly used on hunting and farm dogs because they are regularly in kiwi habitat. They are more likely to be trained to ignore everything except their target animal, (e.g. pigs, goats).

Some parts of New Zealand now require dogs to have gone through this training before gaining a hunting permit. The Department of Conservation offers kiwi aversion training in Northland for **FREE**.

However, if your dog is a pet and doesn't need to be in areas where there are kiwi and doesn't meet the obedience and control criteria, then your dog is not an ideal candidate. Pets should not be taken into or allowed to roam in kiwi areas.

If you think your dog would be a suitable candidate, please contact the Department of Conservation, Bay of Islands Area Office, Landing Road Kerikeri, phone **(09) 407 0300**, to find out when the next aversion training day will be and to register your dog.

Trained dogs micro-chipped for free if the owner wishes.