



Kiwi Safety Plan for Upper Hutt

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Action Steps for Residents

- Put dogs through kiwi aversion training, especially dogs that go in the bush often or live near kiwi habitat areas.
- Keep dogs on a lead if they are walking in the bush near kiwi habitat. Keep dogs inside at night if your property is in or near kiwi habitat. If they must be left outside at night, ensure dogs are on a lead or fenced in.
- Increase individual trapping on private properties to eliminate predators like stoats and possums.
- Get involved in volunteer opportunities with conservation organizations like Pest Free Upper Hutt.

Action Steps for Pest Free Upper Hutt

- Provide kiwi aversion training sessions in Upper Hutt and advertise these sessions to residents through social media, including working with Upper Hutt Dog Training Club.
- Work with kiwi aversion trainers like Willy Marsh to create a uniform kiwi aversion training procedure.
- Increase the social media presence of Pest Free Upper Hutt.
- Host informational sessions on kiwi and how to get involved in conservation efforts, including specific sessions on getting started with trapping.
- Hold educational sessions at nearby schools to educate students about kiwi.
- Declare areas as kiwi habitat through local announcements and social media.
- Trap feral cats.
- Create a system of communication for conservation organizations.

Action Steps for City Council and Regional Council

- Add road signage indicating the presence of kiwi in applicable areas.
- Make Upper Hutt parks “lead only” for ones that are near kiwi habitat.
- Create a requirement for dogs trained to hunt to go through kiwi aversion training.
- Place informational guides about kiwi and how to keep them safe in common areas like parks.
- Implement registration for domestic cats.

