



**Dog owners helping
to keep kiwi safe**

About kiwi avoidance training

The best way to protect kiwi is to keep dogs out of kiwi habitat altogether. However, kiwi avoidance training for dogs is one tool that can help reduce the threat hunting and farming dogs pose to kiwi in the wild.

Today's training

Today your dog was introduced to kiwi stimuli and taught how to avoid a kiwi should it stumble across one in the wild. Kiwi avoidance training is not guaranteed, but it will help dogs leave kiwi alone.

How to reinforce today's training

If your dog shows avoidance to something, it could be a kiwi. Do not investigate something that your dog has shown avoidance to, because if it is a kiwi your dog may think you are interested, and this will undo the training or reduce its effectiveness. Resist the temptation to look.

Contact

For more information or to provide feedback about the kiwi avoidance training programme, please email avoidance@savethekiwi.nz.

FAQs

How often should my dog be trained?

Once your dog has been trained you will be sent a reminder to let you know your dog is ready to be re-tested to check that it has remembered the initial training. This might be in six, 12 or 24 months' time, depending on the outcome of today's training.

Is kiwi avoidance training the only option?

No. The best option is simply to keep dogs away from places where kiwi live. If it is unavoidable to take a dog into a kiwi area, it should always be under control.

After I have kiwi avoidance trained my dog, can I take it anywhere?

No. A lot of public conservation land around New Zealand is off limits to dogs, regardless of kiwi avoidance training (unless they are covered by a hunting permit). Dog owners should visit the DOC website or check with their local DOC office to see where they can take their dog.

**For more information, visit
www.kiwiavoidancetraining.nz**

