October has been about Kiwi in trouble, out of the 3 Adult Kiwi one that was caught by a dog has died, that saying, my dog would never hurt a Kiwi because it has never seen one is starting to wear a bit thin these days.

When a dog catches a Kiwi, the dog gets into trouble, don’t blame the dog, blame the owner, 9 times out of 10 this is the trouble, but every now and then a Kiwi will wander into a house section looking for food only to be caught by the dog, in this sort of a case it’s the Kiwi to blame.

If you find a Kiwi that is injured contact us strait away, we can be contacted 24/7 on 4381457, the sooner we get the Kiwi the better chance of it surviving.

The Kiwi chick season is well underway and with the hot weather just around the corner is when Kiwi chicks get into trouble with the heat.

The Kiwi chick we hatched in the Bayer incubation unit has now reached its hatch weight and will be going to Limestone Island until it reaches Adult size.

The egg was over 400 grams in weight when found, this is classed as a big egg.

It was found in a nest which the Male Kiwi had decided he had enough of this big egg leaving unattended in the nest, When the DOC Ranger found it the egg was very cold and was around 50 days into the incubation period.

I washed the egg and placed it in the incubator to see if it would respond to the heat, at this age and stone cold it should have died but after 2 days it started moving, which brought a big smile to my face.

Good on the DOC Ranger for removing the egg and getting it to the Recovery Centre.

Last week we received and Adult Female Kiwi that had some bad wounds on one side of its hip, this could have been caused by getting caught in barb wire or a very keen Male trying to mate with her, during mating season, Kiwi and sex is a very rough time for both the Female and the Male, they have very sharp claws and are not afraid to use them.

Kiwi have very powerful legs and razor-sharp claws so when handling them you must be very careful or you can cop the full force to your hands or face.

She is now ready to go back to Kerikeri for release.

Robert and Robyn Webb.