The female Kiwi that had a broken hip is progressing very well, she is putting on weight and can get around quite well, we still have a long way to go with her so she can get to the stage of putting more weight on her leg.

On the 10/09 at 9.45pm we hatched a Kiwi Chick in the Bayer Incubation unit, by the length of its bill I would say it’s a female.

You may have seen the Kiwi that was killed by a small dog in the Advocate, it’s a good time to remind people that any dog no matter how big or small can kill or damage a Kiwi, the one that died was an Adult Kiwi which means no more eggs or Kiwi chicks from her.

Most land owners that have Kiwi around know that Kiwi and dogs don’t mix, but some still feel that their dog would not chase a Kiwi as they have never seen one, wrong, a Kiwi has a scent that a dog can smell 100 meters away and like any dog to be able to chase something is good fun.

Just because you can’t her a Kiwi calling at night does not mean there are none around, at night a kiwi can travel a very long distance in a short time looking for food, it’s not uncommon for a kiwi to come to your house at night and eat cat or dog food without you knowing they have been there.

This time of the year there will also be baby Kiwi around so please be careful letting your dog roam at night, and remember, it’s not the fault of the Dog it’s the owner.

If you find a Kiwi in trouble or a kiwi egg please let us know strait away, you can phone us 24/7 on 094381457 the sooner we get them the sooner we can help.

We received our first Thrush chick the other day so the chick season is getting underway, last year we received a few calls about Bird caught on power polls, they get twine around their leg when making nests and when near power poles they get caught on the cross arms while resting, NEVER try and rescue these, call NORTHPOWER, they will get the Bird down and do it in the proper way, you don’t get a second chance with electricity, a few years ago I got a call about a person trying to help a Bird caught on a cross arm, he used an aluminium ladder, the only thing that saved him was the ladder was too short.

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