

**From:** s9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 12:01 PM

**To:** s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Catch up to discuss future plans for kākā in Te Anau

Kia ora s9(2)(a) and s9,

This morning myself, s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(a) had a quick catch-up. Here's a brief summary.

#### 24 Jan catch-up notes

Purpose: Catch up to discuss future plans for kākā in Te Anau

General notes:

- Speak Up process underway - careful that we need to respect that the process is underway during conversation.
- Not sure how much progress we can make (including decisions about Jimmy) until the Speak Up process is completed.
- Something to celebrate - 20 x chicks for release from this 23/24 breeding season!
- Annual flocking plan - comes out for 24/25 season around Easter.
- Ideally we will do consultation once in Autumn for the 24/25 flocking plan.

Jimmy notes:

- He is back in with Cleo now, back to normal behaviours and monitoring the medicam to look at histamine levels.
- s9(2) shared local context with s9(2) and s9(2)(a) around:
  - Rata and Charlie are doing well.
  - Aviary readiness if Jimmy is to return soon, Te Anau well prepared.

- Staff capacity - currently the Te Anau team have good availability of staff and time to make the necessary observations of Jimmy, or trips for check-ups as required.
- The Captive Kākā Breeding Programme will wait for the Speak Up process to conclude before making a decision around any movement of Jimmy.
- Jimmy still requires ongoing rehabilitation, he will not be moved while that continues.
- April is the tentative planned month for young kākā movement.
- Good relationships are key in order to care for a high priority bird - relationships need the baseline trust of all parties to work effectively together.
- Dunedin Botanical Gardens have made an amazing contribution toward this breeding season - they took on all stock and care at their own cost.
- There is a lot to think about for next year's flocking plan, for example:
  - Where birds will be distributed.
  - What chick sexes are.
  - Also looking to retire some of the reliable breeding females who are no longer producing as many viable eggs.

Actions:

s9(2)(a) to email s9(2) post-catch up with s9(2) and Dunedin Botanical Gardens - s9(2) to email s9(2)(a) on Friday for those updates & share with Te Anau team.

Summary for Te Anau Rangers:

1. No decision will be made on kākā movements until the Speak Up process has reached a resolution and there's a good working relationship between all parties.
2. Good relationships are key in order to care for a high priority bird.
3. Specifically, the working relationships between DOC Te Anau and the Captive Kākā Breeding programme (including Dunedin Botanical Gardens, Wildlife Hospital etc) needs baseline trust in order to work together effectively.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a) [Redacted]

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From: s9(2)(a)

Sent on: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 8:27:40 PM

To: s9(2)(a)

CC: s9(2)(a)

Subject: Fwd: Getting Jimmy home

Hi s9(2), just re-sending this in case it gets lost and hoping you're in today.

Thanks

s9(

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From: s9(2)(a)

Sent: Sunday, February 4, 2024 12:34:56 PM

To: s9(2)(a)

Cc: s9(2)(a)

Subject: Getting Jimmy home

Hi s9(2) Hope all the bugs are gone and everyone is well.

Now that Jimmy is due home, and his injury should be stable, we are only awaiting Information re managing his post injury care for his return. We will need to lead the facilitation of this and ensure there are no further undue delays. As there is a public holiday shortening this week it's important to get this under way. The first action will be to re-establish communication with DWH to understand his recent injury and treatment.

We will need all the relevant information about his injury, treatment and ongoing medication. There should be no reason not to have this directly from DWH. It is actually a requirement as per the Kaka Husbandry Manual to have that relationship with our avian vet provider. It would be most efficient to send our requests and questions directly by email with you cc'd in, but alternatively you could forward our request on to DWH? Once we have this information we can make arrangements to collect him at a suitable time.

s9(2) wouldn't ordinarily need to be part of that conversation as he doesn't have input into the usual management of Kaka care, only the AI, which has now finished. We should not need his permission to contact DWH about Jimmy and we are not waiting on a decision about Jimmy's return as we have been assured already that he would be returning post-season.

We'll need to let s9(2)(a) know where we are at in the process of preparing for both Rata and Jimmy's returns as timing will be important for preparation, quarantine, and so Charlie is not alone for too long. This is probably best as a separate communication and, again, most efficient if we are now allowed to do this directly with you cc'd in?

Please let us know how you would like to proceed. We will miss our Tuesday catch up due to the holiday and it would be good to get something sent today (Monday).

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From: s9(2)(a)

Sent on: Thursday, February 8, 2024 11:18:28 PM

To: s9(2)(a)

Subject: FW: Catch up re: Jimmy

From last week, apologies I missed this last Monday

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From: s9(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 9:19 AM

To: s9(2)(a)

Cc: s9(2)(a)

Subject: Catch up re: Jimmy

Hi s9(2),

Sorry, I had quite a busy Friday and have been under the weather this holiday weekend.

In my catch up with s9(2), she said Jimmy is back in the aviary with Cleo. They are getting along well. It is unlikely there will be anymore breeding efforts this season.

We currently have 17 chicks but 2 are quite tiny and in need of some supplemental feeding to hopefully get them off to a good start. 🐣

I hope to be back to work tomorrow.

Cheers,

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)

**Sent on:** Thursday, February 8, 2024 8:49:06 PM

**To:** s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Fwd:

Hi s9(2)(a),

Just touching base on preparations for getting Rata and Jimmy home now the season is over.

We have sent a faecal sample from Rata away for screening and are in touch with s9(2) at the Invercargill aviaries. Rata will be going into an empty aviary, and they are ready for him as soon as we have the faecal screen results. Likewise, Jimmy can be adjacent to Charlie for quarantine requirements as necessary as we understand he is currently housed with Cleo.

We will need Jimmy's medical information re his recent injury and requirements for ongoing medication/treatment and would like to reestablish communication with the Wildlife Hospital in due course.

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**From:** s9(2)(a)

**Sent on:** Thursday, February 22, 2024 8:53:11 PM

**To:** s9(2)(a)  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]  
[Redacted]

**CC:** s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Kaka breeding season- wow! a summary

**Attachments:** 23-24 Breeding Season Summary.docx (17.14 KB)

Hi team,

As summer is nearing a close, we have a lot of kaka news to share. DOC is looking to put on a couple of stories about our successes this breeding season.

I've been in touch with a few of you, and some of you have chatted with s9(2)(g)(ii) during the season regarding the breeding pairs you sent to her so you may have heard some of this. I have written and attached a summary. There is repetition in the summary as I wrote it out for each pair because we did a fair bit of egg swapping and chick fostering.

I am still waiting on some information from meetings taking place this week and early next week that could impact our breeding plan/recommendations for next season.

I will be sending out the new flocking/breeding plan very as soon as I can once I've heard back or participated in the meetings.

Cheers,  
s9(2)(a)

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From: s9(2)(a)

Sent on: Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:07:51 PM

To: s9(2)(a)

Subject: RE: Update from Friday - catch up with s9(2)

Thanks for this.

Some questions/comments below in blue..

From: s9(2)(a)

Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 4:38 PM

To: s9(2)(a)

Subject: Update from Friday - catch up s9(2)(a)

Kia ora s9(2)(a)

Thank you for your patience waiting for an update.

On Friday I outlined to s9(2) that s9(2)(a) and s9( ) would like to restart direct communications with s9(2)(a), the s9(2)(a). We also looked at the last email from s9(2) asking for clarification on restarting BAU.

Decisions:

- Restart day-to-day communications with s9(2)(a). Awesome.
- Keep questions around Jimmy's/Charlie's movements with s9(2) at this stage while we work through next steps. I'm assuming this means movements for the next flocking plan and not to be confused with Jimmy's scheduled return post 2023/24 as was already agreed and assured. You can check with s9( ) if you like, and there was emailed assurance from s9(2)(a) as well. s9(2)(a) advised that Jimmy's return should be BAU – which would be day to day communications.

**Actions:**

- s9(2) to call s9(2) and clarify next steps – BAU or otherwise, he will let us know ASAP Not sure why s9(2) should have input into BAU now? It's not normally the case and s9(2)(a) has advised us otherwise. We have a clear plan to follow team process going forward regarding flocking plan for next season which should be the only thing s9(2) has input into. Please clarify. Would it be helpful if we share the communication from s9(2)(a) on this at closure of the speak up process? s9(2) being involved in BAU is contrary to it.
- s9(2) to draw up accountabilities table to clarify who does what at present (Rangers/Snr Ranger/Supervisor/Ops Manager etc)

out of scope [redacted] s9( see  
you Tues. Thanks!

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(a)

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

Sent on: Monday, March 25, 2024 3:11:09 AM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Captive Kaka catch up

Urgent: High

Kia ora koutou,

I have a few updates and news to share. I've outlined some notes below that, and I'll follow up these notes with a text/phone call.

- On Thursday, s9(2)(g)(ii) spoke to s9(2)(g)(ii) on the phone.
- s9(2) decided that s9(2) as a s9(2)(g)(ii) who is supporting the Bird Sanctuary with technical advice, will lead the communications regarding the captive kākā breeding programme. Details of this need to be worked out between s9(2)(g) [REDACTED], which I will share once we have sat down to write up the accountabilities table.
- s9(2)(g)(ii) contacted s9(2) and set up an intro call with him for Friday. The call was between s9(2)(g)(ii) and s9(2).
- s9(2) received an update which he shared with me via email on Friday. I was on TOIL on Friday, hence will share his email with you below now.

I understand that the news in s9(2)(g) email will be distressing. Please let me know if you would like me to call you or catch up in person this afternoon or tomorrow. I will be at the Bird Sanctuary tomorrow for our normal catch-up s9(2), or we can meet off site if you'd prefer.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

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s9(2)(a)

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 3:44 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: Captive Kaka catch up

Hi ya

Just had a quick introductory catch up with s9(2) and s9(2)(g)(ii)

On the most part this was just an introduction to what the CKC do for my part as s9(2)(g) at Te Anau and future consultation with the Bird Sanctuary team on the upcoming 24/25 flocking plan.

s9(2) will e-mail the team in the near future, with they're plan and invite all to a consultation/meeting where we can discuss and explain all

One thing that was bought up was that it is not in the current plan to return Jimmy to Te Anau, s9(2)(g)(ii) and s9(2) are keen to explain why and be open and clear about the process and keep the bird sanctuary team in the loop regarding Jimmy.

Some good news is that they have 17 chicks from this season captive birds, some of these will be used to replenish an ageing captive population but most will head off to Okarito (or is it Orakanui? some place beginning with O) to add to the wild population

\* Assume you know all about the following but just in case...

My understanding is that s9(2)(g)(ii) is keen to have a more centralised breeding plan (as happened this year?) making it easier/cheaper to get lots of happy fertilised eggs. They also took the decision to change some long established pairs due to some ageing birds and getting genetics of previously unbred birds.

Have a great weekend

Ta

s9(2)

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent on: Monday, April 1, 2024 10:40:15 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

CC: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: Jimmy/flocking plans

s9(2), we would like to clarify some points as below and raise this issue to s9(2)(g)(ii) as per s9(2)(g)(ii) guidance on this.

Firstly, We need to be very clear that Jimmy's planned return post-season is an entirely separate issue to discussions re the upcoming season. We had an agreement in place that he was on loan only, for that season only. I've included an excerpt from an email from s9(2)(g)(ii) (her reply in red) stating this was the case. This has also been confirmed verbally with s9( ) and s9(2) numerous times.

Email between s9(2)(g)(ii) and ourselves from August 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a copy and paste from the email thread, the capitals are s9(2)(g)(ii). I've added the highlights of the relevant bits:

s9(2)(g)(ii) can you please confirm, so that we are all on the same page, that Jimmy is at DBG for nesting season only. s9(2), I think, was under the impression that this was a permanent move (?) As it is not necessary for Jimmy to have a partner to participate in AI, would it not be less stressful for both Cleo and Jimmy long term, to separate them to prevent bonding? ? Jimmy has been given the all clear to participate in the Ai programme for the season, and will remain at DBG for the season.

Cleo is a priority bird for AI, she needs to lay in order to participate in Ai. Housing her with Jimmy will increase the chances of that happening. Our focus for this breeding season is producing from high priority birds. I also don't have any problem if Jimmy and Cleo bond, he's not strongly bonded to Charlie, so if he gets on with Cleo that's a win-win for those birds. For both bird's welfare they should be housed together as we head into the breeding season.

The plan for this season was to move high priority birds and proven breeders to DBG, FOR THE SEASON. Future planning for all the current breeding adults and our necessity to future proof the captive breeding programme, is a discussion that will take place and centre around what juveniles we plan to retain, and future pairing options.

At our last communication from s9(2)(g)(ii), we were to be updated on Jimmy's recovery from his recent injury. s9(2) confirmed this with us via email on January 24<sup>th</sup> after a meeting with s9(2)(g)(ii).

Since then, s9(2) emailed s9(2)(g)(ii) asking for this update. She had no response.

From your conversation with s9(2)(g)(ii) and s9(2) you have passed on that it is not in the plan to return Jimmy at this stage, but it is/was still the plan as we had not been consulted or informed of any change to that.

We're not sure who the final decision would lie with, but it would seem (from s9(2)(g) advice) that it would be s9( ), and we're not sure what information he has. We would like, as a first action, to clarify that with s9( ).

In order to make a decision to change the agreement to return Jimmy now, the decision maker will need to be informed of all the implications (welfare and otherwise) that such decisions have on facilities and individual birds, and we have some legitimate concerns that s9(2)(g)(ii) will not be aware of (or may need reminding of) without that communication. This is why the process agreed through Speak Up, as outlined by s9(2)(g), has been put in place, to allow us to communicate these. Why would this not have been followed?

Excerpts from s9(2)(g) emails below confirming the chain of escalation:

From s9(2)(g) 20 March:

I've just dug out the agreed communications from s9(2) email and copied it below. The way I read this, is that the captive co-ordinator will provide emails on progress. So, could you email the captive co-ordinator to ask for an update? Suggest copying in s9(2), and maybe s9(2)(g)(ii) too, as s9( ) is the person that you'd escalate issues to.

And from 26 March:

Thanks for your further comments. I have followed up on this with s9(2) and also s9(2) and s9(2) today. I've asked that an update on Jimmy's next steps are shared with you as soon as possible.

It's unclear as to exactly why you haven't had the update yet, but there may be a miscommunication somewhere which I'm following up on with s9(2)(g)(ii). One possible reason that you've not had the update yet is that s9(2) may be under the

impression that Speak Up has not yet concluded, and as you recall, he wanted to wait until the outcome to make any BAU decisions.

Note that the update we were waiting on was regarding Jimmy's recovery from injury and therefore timing of his return, not a decision on his movements. s9(2)(g) may have this confused as s9(2) contacted her during the speak up process to assert that no decisions about Jimmy would be made until the process had finished, and this seems to have confused everyone's understanding that we already had a decision and agreement in place that Jimmy was on loan.

We're happy to discuss this further with you as soon as you have some time, just wanted to get some basics down in writing.

Thanks,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Monday, April 22, 2024 10:41:51 PM

**To:** s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] s9(2) [REDACTED]  
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(a) [REDACTED]  
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**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Draft of 24/25 flocking plan

**Attachments:** SI Kaka Captive Breeding Flocking Plan 24\_25 First draft.pdf (236.41 KB)

Hi Team,

In February, I sent out the summary of the 23/24 season with the fabulous results of 17 chicks including the priority genes.

Attached is the first draft of the 24/25 flocking plan. Building on the success of this past season and taking on board what we have learned from it, next seasons plans are quite similar. We will focus on the remaining high priority birds that didn't produce and try to increase productivity of the Top of the South birds. The multiple foster pairs were key to the survival of both eggs and chicks through out the season and we intend to utilize our proven breeders again in this role. The plan outlines proposed transfers of birds between facilities, so read through it and get in touch with any concerns you have regarding those proposed transfers.

Please send your questions or concerns to me and s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED] by then end of next week (May 3<sup>rd</sup>).

I would like to schedule a call to workshop the flocking plan the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kind regards,

s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

s9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Sunday, April 28, 2024 11:58:10 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Details on Charlie's hospital visit

Hi ya

s9(2)(g)(ii) has requested an account of why and when Charlie was taken to the vet and any findings you received.

Wondered if you had time before our meeting tomorrow if you could send me a email detailing that?

Cheers

s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Monday, April 29, 2024 9:32:57 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Agenda - South Island captive kākā – Te Anau consultation

**Attachments:** SI Kākā Flocking Plan - Te Anau consultation meeting - agenda & minutes - 30 April 2024.docx (625.83 KB)

Morning all

Please find attached agenda for this afternoon's meeting

Thanks

s9(2)

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# Agenda & minutes: South Island captive kākā – Te Anau consultation

Date: 30/04/2024 Chair: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Time: 15:00-15:45 Minute taker: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Venue: Teams

Attendees: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Apologies: s9(2)(g)(ii)

## Context:

The flocking plan for captive South Island kākā for 2024/2025 has been shared with all captive sites. The plan proposes that Jimmy and Charlie join the captive breeding programme in Dunedin for 24/25. Jimmy is currently in Dunedin, Charlie would be transferred. out of scope

## Purpose:

To address questions outlined by the Rangers at Te Anau Bird Sanctuary as part of the consultation process for the South Island Kākā Flocking Plan.

## Agenda:

1. Charlie - On twice weekly medication, this could effect her ability to regurgitate food for chicks
2. Jimmy – Prone to falling, concerns that if he is in a large (high) aviary he may injure himself, he is also easily spooked in busy environments, which can lead to falls
3. Timeline – When would proposed changes happen? out of scope
4. Other questions or concerns
5. Actions (actions table at base of document)
6. Expectations from here



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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Monday, April 29, 2024 1:24:28 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: Quick catch up?

Hi s9

Thanks for the info regarding Charlie I'll pass that on.

Yep happy to catch up tomorrow, does 1030 suit?

Cheers

s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** 29 April 2024 12:44

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Quick catch up?

Hi s9(2) ,

Are you available for a quick catch-up prior to our meeting tomorrow?

s9(2)(g) has been called away to an unexpected family emergency and is unlikely to be able to attend.

Given everyone's tight schedules, and the uncertainty of when she will return, I'd be OK with keeping the appointment rather than attempting a re-schedule but would like to touch base with you first if possible.

Cheers,

s9

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Monday, April 29, 2024 8:44:21 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: Quick catch up?

I can come over to the bird park if you like

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** 29 April 2024 14:30

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: Quick catch up?

Yep. Perfect. Shall I come to you or would you like to come to the bird park?

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2024 1:28:06 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: Quick catch up?

Oooh do you have a date for Charlie's trip to the vet?

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Monday, April 29, 2024 12:40:46 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Details on Charlie's hospital visit

Hi,

This was essentially a follow-up visit to ascertain whether inflammation around her old injury sites had changed at all and to check that her current level of medication was appropriate to continue with. Her previous visit was around a year prior when she started medication to manage pain/discomfort. At that stage we were uncertain if it would be necessary to continue medication indefinitely.

The findings were as per s9(2)(g) forwarded from the vet earlier. There was no sign that inflammation had changed, and the medication is appropriate to continue at the current level.

There were blood tests done between these two visits but were inconclusive.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

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s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:57:28 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: SI Kākā 24/25 Flocking plan overview

Hi

I've asked for feedback on the draft flocking plan by 3 May.

I realize that your initial feedback was to an email that summarized how the draft flocking plan impacted holdings at Te Anau (and in particular Jimmy and Charlie).??

If you have further feedback to the draft plan, can you please send that through tomorrow.

Cheers,

s9(2)(g)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 10:09 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: SI Kākā 24/25 Flocking plan overview

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii)

Thanks for the overview, I've forwarded it on to s9(2)(g)(ii), who are keen to meet and discuss the plans, they have 3 points they were keen to get across and I've forwarded they're questions below.

s9(2)(g)(ii) will set up a meeting for us in the near future.

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Cheers

s9(2)

Critical issues re the draft plan for 2024/25:

s9(2)(g)(ii) will not be aware of some of these as they have arisen/become apparent recently).

1. Charlie is now on twice daily medication to manage her pain and discomfort/arthritis from her old injury. Because of this, she unfortunately will not be able to raise chicks again as she would regurgitate the medication to the chicks when feeding.
2. Jimmy is known to have falls. We did raise this early in proceedings last year but in light of his recent injury, it will need further consideration to keep him safe going forward.

Jimmy prefers a calm environment as he is easily spooked. When he is spooked, he runs (along perches) as he doesn't fly. He can have trouble balancing in that situation due to his wing injury preventing him from using that wing effectively for balance, which can result in a fall. This has been witnessed by Bird Sanctuary staff on several occasions.

Consideration needs to be given to whether a very tall aviary with a very high perch is suitable for his needs. As Dunedin is, by everyone's admission, a very stimulating environment, the likelihood that he will spook and suffer another fall is increased. Note that he has a metal pin in his original injury site and if another injury occurs at the that site repair would be very difficult, or potentially not viable at all.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** 04 April 2024 15:25  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** SI Kākā 24/25 Flocking plan overview

Greetings s9(2)(g)(ii)

As we discussed in our most recent phone conversations, we have delayed dissemination of the 24/25 flocking plan to the kaka holders until we had clear and direct lines of communication established again with the Te Anau team.

The first draft of the plan is ready to go out, and the recommendation is that Jimmy remain at DBG for the 24/25 season. I think it is important to address the team's expectation that Jimmy would return to Te Anau after the 23/24 season, prior to them reading it in the plan.

The reasons around the recommendation are clearly focused on programme objectives. Jimmy is the most valuable bird in the captive programme as he is unrelated to any other captive bird, and his genes have not been released to Orokonui. A key goal of the plan is to focus on obtaining Jimmy's genes in 24/25 to help diversify the population and future proof the programme. We have an aging population (Jimmy ~24y, Charlie ~34y, Cleo ~24y), and need to plan for succession of our breeding pairs, so the sooner we capture Jimmy's genes the better.

We have also taken Jimmy's age and medical condition into consideration. Jimmy is being treated for arthritis, and suffered a fracture of the coracoid bone last season. We feel it is prudent to keep him in Dunedin where he can be more closely monitored/treated by the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital for any changes in his condition. Jimmy was housed in DBG prior to being moved to Te Anau, he has settled back in and seems quite happy with Cleo. out of scope

. We don't believe that moving him back to Te Anau, to then move him back to DBG for the 24/25 season is in his best interest.

Jimmy's welfare is of the utmost importance to all of us.

The plan also recommends that Charlie is moved to DBG for the 24/25 season to serve as a foster parent. This past season, we utilised our over represented breeding females to foster/raise the eggs/chicks of our first time priority. This was extremely successful but required multiple females and multiple movements of eggs and chicks at different stages to ensure the eggs/chicks were properly cared for. Charlie is a good mother, often double clutching in a season, and would serve as a valuable foster. The plan for 24/25 is that Charlie will be available at DBG to foster the high priority eggs and chicks. The amount of hatch (17 Chicks ) put enormous pressure on keepers, having the right females (eg Charlie) in the right place to support fostering would have relieved this and providing for this is part of our planning for 24/25.

You have received a copy of the summary of last season to give him an idea of what went on and how important the foster females were.

This is not a permanent arrangement. Utilising the birds we have to get the best balance of available genes through the captive population is a short term project, but it means that we future proof the captive population for the objectives of the CMP. The plan provides that Stumpy and Gimpy will stay at Te Anau for the 24/25 flocking plan.

Once you have had a chance to consider this and discuss with your team, I'm happy to set up a teams meeting to check in and clarify any points.

Best wishes

s9(2)

[REDACTED]

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Monday, April 8, 2024 9:37:11 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Draft flocking plan an getting Jimmy home

Hi s9(2) Please would you forward the text below to s9(2)(g)(ii) and include s9(2)(g)(ii) so he has full context re any deviations from what has been proposed if it needs to be escalated to him for final decision.

Critical issues re the draft plan for 2024/25:

s9(2)(g)(ii) will not be aware of some of these as they have arisen/become apparent recently).

1. Charlie is now on twice daily medication to manage her pain and discomfort/arthritis from her old injury. Because of this, she unfortunately will not be able to raise chicks again as she would regurgitate the medication to the chicks when feeding.
2. Jimmy is known to have falls. We did raise this early in proceedings last year but in light of his recent injury, it will need further consideration to keep him safe going forward.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Monday, April 29, 2024 3:25:45 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Charlie

1st visit Feb 2023, prescribed metacam.

Vet contacted in July when Charlie had been alone (after Jimmy transfer) for 8 weeks and showing pain/discomfort symptoms. Meds increased and split into 2 doses. Bloods taken.

Last visit March 21st.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:39:07 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Agenda - South Island captive kākā – Te Anau consultation

Hi Team,

s9(2), thank you for so promptly sending out these action items.

See below, as it appears that we are actioning them quickly as well.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 4:19 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: Agenda - South Island captive kākā – Te Anau consultation

Kia ora all,

Three key actions came out of our catch-up this afternoon:

1. s9(2) will follow up with s9(2)(g)(ii) vets and email relevant information on Charlie to s9(2) and s9(2)(g)(ii). Achieved- Charlies' history sent through this afternoon
2. s9(2) will ask vet about an ethogram and will ask s9(2) about issues with spooking and falling. s9(2) will share feedback from these discussions with s9(2)(g)(ii). In progress
3. s9(2) will share additional context (in writing) about Rata with s9(2). This context should be shared with the team at Queens' Garden as well. It's not relevant to a decision being made about Rata. It was agreed that Rata was there to keep Charlie company, and would return to Invercargill. It is shown in the chart in the Flocking plan Rata being held in Invercargill. He can go back as soon as both facilities are ready. We will still need to work through the recommendations for Charlie and Jimmy in the flocking plan. I would flag that there could be a period of time where there is no companion for Charlie.

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In all of the above comms, please CC the following people in: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Meeting recording below if anyone who was absent wants to watch:

[South Island Kākā Flocking Plan](#)

Thanks,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 April 2024 9:32 am

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Agenda - South Island captive kākā – Te Anau consultation

Morning all

Please find attached agenda for this afternoon's meeting

Thanks

s9(2)



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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:50:09 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Charlie - Kaka history

Cheers.

Looks like what I was after. I'll take a look.

s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:45 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Charlie - Kaka history

Hi all

Here's Charlie's Vets report.

s9(2)(g) [REDACTED], shout if it missing something, hopefully all relevant details are included

Cheers

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s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)

**Sent:** 01 May 2024 13:31

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Charlie - Kaka history

To Whom It May,

Just sending through Charlies History.

Kind regards,

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Thursday, May 2, 2024 12:41:20 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Flocking plan

s9(2)(g) [REDACTED] wants feedback by tomorrow. I thought our meeting was at least in part covering our main points of feedback. Considering we could only get this to happen 2 days ago and ran out of time it does seem a little tight time-frame wise. I'm happy to basically cut and paste what's already written and formalise as feedback, adding additional points if that helps, but do you have time to discuss it before sending a response? I'd also like to include potential scenario/s that would work for Jimmy and Cleo and Charlie but that would need to be discussed with you first.

I notice that Jimmy's return over winter is not part of the flocking plan and has not yet been addressed. We can't wait for a second version of the flocking plan to be released to address the issue that Rata can't stay, Charlie can't go, and she can't be left alone. out of scope [REDACTED]

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Sunday, May 5, 2024 11:02:23 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Additional feedback to draft flocking/breeding plan 2024/25

Hello everyone,

Thank you for the context and feedback to the draft flocking plan that you provided this week.

I'm considering your feedback and all the other feedback and advice I have received. Based on what I have heard, I will be providing a summary and my recommendations on how to move forward to s9(2)(g)(ii).

Cheers,

s9(2)(g)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 3:53 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Fw: Additional feedback to draft flocking/breeding plan 2024/25

Hi s9(2)(g)

Here's s9( and s9(2)(g)(ii) additional feedback

Cheers

s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 02 May 2024 16:48  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Additional feedback to draft flocking/breeding plan 2024/25

s9(2) [REDACTED] hope the text below is suitable, as discussed. When forwarding please continue to keep s9( [REDACTED] in the email chain.

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

Much of our feedback has already been covered during our meeting and the context provided in response to that. This is summarised below with some additional considerations.

The main points are:

1. Charlie is unfortunately no longer suitable as a foster parent and moving her anywhere would re-traumatise her and she would be very unlikely to nest. Full context previously provided.
2. out of scope [REDACTED]
3. Jimmy has specific needs for an environment that is safe for him and maximises potential for securing off-spring from him. Full context also previously provided.

We are mindful that these issues have repercussions for the flocking plan. We want to be solution focussed and are supportive of achieving the key goals of the breeding program, and so ask if the following would be considered as a viable alternative:

Jimmy and Cleo housed at Te Anau as companion neighbours for Charlie. We understand this doesn't have the advantage of synchronising all the females nesting but it has proven to be a suitable environment and arrangement for both Charlie and Jimmy and may allow for some advantageous opportunity: The draft plan allows the potential for some AI to happen at/from



Invercargill through the s9(2)(g)(ii), and this has proven to be a viable format for Te Anau birds in the past.

If Charlie was inspired to nest, this may synchronise with Jimmy and Cleo's nesting/hormonal activity and Charlie could also potentially be an AI recipient, although her eggs would need to be fostered out. Alternatively, if there were a female partner for Charlie, could a female/female relationship potentially inspire both partners to nest as some species do?

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:41:50 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: Feedback for s9(2)(g) re flocking plan

Hi ya

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Cheers

s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** 03 May 2024 18:28

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: Feedback for s9(2)(g)(ii) re flocking plan

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Friday, May 3, 2024 4:28:29 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Feedback for s9(2)(g) re flocking plan

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:55:03 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Feedback for s9(2)(g) re flocking plan

Thanks.

Can s9( ) please have a copy too?

The funding thing was an important point to make s9(2)(g) and s9(2) aware of as it was the limiting factor for doing further AI from sites outside of Invercargill and Dunedin.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, May 6, 2024 10:41:50 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Feedback for s9(2)(g)(ii) re flocking plan

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Monday, May 6, 2024 12:03:28 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: Kākā at Dunedin

I can't see the attachment mentioned. Please forward.

To clarify.. we didn't suggest an ethogram at this stage would provide any valid information about jimmys stress level or welfare during breeding season. This was made clear in the context provided after the meeting.

If s9(2)(g) is consulting s9( ) and s9(2) then this needs to be made clear to them also.

We put a lot of emphasis on improving communication. Everyone needs all the information first hand if they are to make an informed decision.

Jimmy isn't even safe in his aviary presently. The evidence in the outcome. He fell and was broken. It'll happen again. He should have been returned as per the agreed action directly after breeding season 4 months ago.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, May 6, 2024 11:35:35 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Fw: Kākā at Dunedin

Hi team



Here's Dunedin's Wildlife Hospital reponse to the Ethogram request

Cheers

s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** 06 May 2024 11:21  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Kākā at Dunedin

Hello s9(2)

When we met last I under took to enquire about the utility of a ethogram for Jimmy.

I got the following reply from s9(2) .

Can you please share with the team as appropriate?

Thanks

s9(2)

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 6, 2024 11:11 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: Kākā at Dunedin

Mōrena s9(2)

I recently completed another distance/behaviour assessment of Jimmy at s9(2) request. I'll attach the document I drafted regarding this.

In my opinion Jimmy is in a good welfare state and is behaving as I would expect a kākā in captivity (more details in the attached report). I don't believe an ethogram will change anything

as I have full confidence that s9(2) is experienced with the species and is providing the best care for Jimmy.

Ngā mihi

s9(

s9(2)(a)

On Mon, May 6, 2024 at 9:58 AM s9(2)(g)(ii) > wrote:

Hello s9(

I've been asked to investigate the utility of a further ethogram for the kākā Jimmy currently held at Dunedin Botanic Gardens.

I acknowledge that you have already had significant interaction with this bird both checking medical health and behaviour so such an exercise might in your view have been completed to an appropriate standard.

Without knowing what an ethogram would take in time or how it might affect management decisions I seek your advice as to whether or not such an exercise would lead to improved care of Jimmy.

Thanks

s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:13:01 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Te Punanga Manu/Bird Sanctuary weekly catch up & flocking plan catch up

UPDATE: normal BAU catch up at 9:30 followed by flocking plan catch up/next steps after at 10:15

Note this is for Tues 14<sup>th</sup> May – next week

Purpose: to have a weekly catch up each Tuesday morning when whole team is present in person

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:21:12 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Urgent issue with Rata the kākā

Thanks s9(2)(g) [REDACTED].

Can we have s9( [REDACTED] cc'd in on this communication too please?

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 7, 2024 8:06:04 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** out of scope [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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We are aware that this will leave Charlie alone, and we know this is not good for her, but Rata's needs would seem to be the more urgent at present.

Many thanks

s9(2)(g)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [redacted]

**Sent on:** Saturday, May 11, 2024 4:04:51 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

**Subject:** RE: Returning Rata

**Follow up:** Follow up

**Start date:** Monday, May 13, 2024 12:00:00 AM

**Due date:** Monday, May 13, 2024 12:00:00 AM

Hi s9(2)(g) [redacted]

out of scope [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

Charlie may be alone briefly, but plans should also start to transfer her as the Flocking plan is now approved.

Cheers,  
s9(2)(g) [redacted]

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [redacted]

**Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2024 9:49 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

**Subject:** Returning Rata

Kia ora s9(2)(g) [redacted] (and everyone),

out of scope [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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out of scope

He has been getting time with Charlie Girl, but we have recently stopped this as he can be a bit rough. He is becoming increasingly hormonal and is interested in her.

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While we don't want to have Charlie left alone, we can't ignore Rata's welfare.

out of scope

Ng? mihi

s9(2)(g)

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Sunday, May 12, 2024 10:38:04 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
s9(2)(a) [REDACTED]  
s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED];  
s9(2)(a) [REDACTED] s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
s9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED] s9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: SI kākā Flocking plan 24-25 Approved.

Thanks s9(2)(g) [REDACTED]

I'm sure Charlie's medication can be managed effectively for her pain, however would you please provide clarity on how it would be managed while she is feeding chicks, and how her trauma/stress levels would be observed and assessed?

Also please advise how Jimmy will be kept safe from further stress, falls and injury?

I reiterate information previously provided regarding Charlie and Jimmy below to help inform the plan.

Charlie:

Charlie is an older bird with a traumatic background, who needs a quieter environment. This has been proven in that past when shifting aviaries here at the Bird Sanctuary which put her off breeding that year. She is now on twice daily medication, and this will need to be ongoing to manage pain and discomfort around her old injury sites. s.9(2)(a), 9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED] has provided us excellent support and prescribed the medication, and we have made extensive observations of Charlie's response to it throughout the year.

Charlie has been at the Bird Sanctuary for at least 17 years, after being rescued from being held indoors in a tiny parrot cage. Needless to say, that experience caused severe trauma for her and this manifested in repetitive, stereotype behaviours. Once established, these behaviours are very hard to shift, and consequently we still see them from her at times, although in a different context as it is generally in response to excitement or initiating interaction and this not

considered a sign of re-traumatisation or stress. If such behaviour, or an increase in it were to be noticed in other circumstances it could be indicative of a welfare concern or stressor for her.

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Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 7:20 AM

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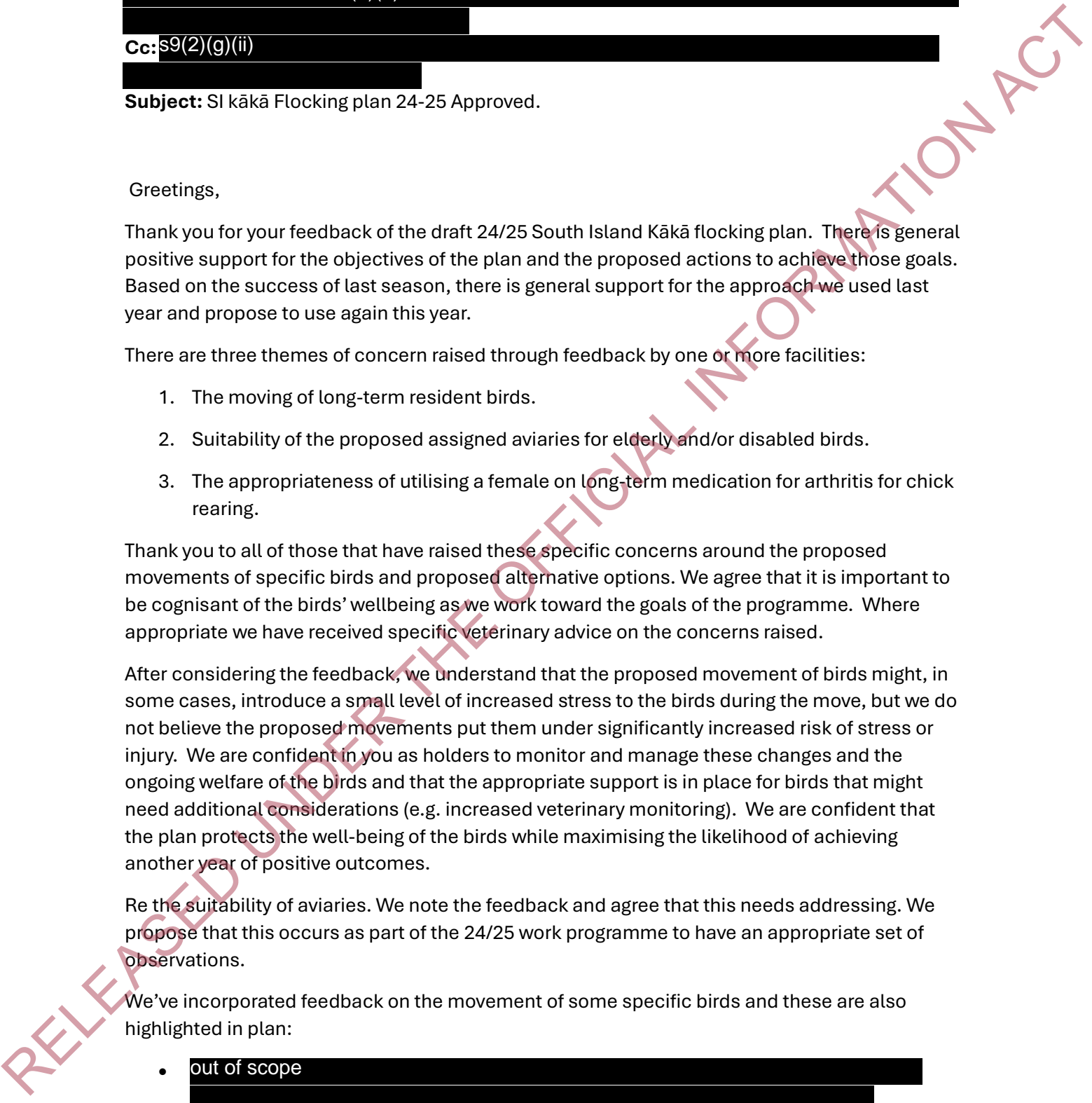
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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Tuesday, May 14, 2024 12:24:02 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Charlie and Jimmy

Hi s9(2)

Sorry we didn't get to meet today.

You will have seen that the draft plan has been approved?

We will appeal the decisions regarding Jimmy and Charlie. They were pretty quick to approve the plan in its original form and we were confident that Charlie would not be considered as a foster parent, or needing to be moved, based on the information and feed-back we gave. However, since this doesn't seem to have been seriously considered, we would like to submit a report made by s9(2)(a) - a vet who has extensive experience working with parrots and is well-versed in parrot behaviours. She has worked with Charlie extensively (although periodically) for years, and has seen first-hand her reaction to medication and response to training etc. We should be allowed the opportunity to present a professional opinion to back up our recommendations re Charlie.

We'd like to get this to s9(2)(g)(ii) as soon as possible to allow for re-consideration of some factors of the plan. Rata will be leaving this this week and Charlie will be alone until this is sorted. We did not want to be put in a position of having to rush into decisions about Charlie so that she wouldn't be left alone but the decision to move her to Dunedin is not the right one for her and is unnecessary - you'll see the reasons and details in s9(2)(a) report.

s9

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**Sent on:** Monday, May 20, 2024 9:43:06 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Correct attachments

Good morning,

Some key updates:

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- s9( ) has requested that the flocking plan be implemented by mid-June, and our expectations should be to respect his request.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2024 11:57 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Correct attachments

Sorry, these are the correct documents. Please forward these as outlined.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2024 9:55 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Charlie

Hi,

The attached information and report from our vet consultant provides critical information for consideration re bird movements. Please support us by endorsing it and forwarding to s9(

This is crucial information, especially regarding Charlie, that they will need to make the right decision for her and we have not yet had the opportunity to present this.

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Thank you.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024 11:29:35 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Correct attachments

Some key points/questions:

- Who were the documents sent to?
- There are points in s9(2)(a) report and our letter that should shed new light on Charlie's situation. Key points that show why it would be detrimental to Charlie to move her. They have relied on s9(2) (DWH) advice for their decision making and s9( ) couldn't have been aware of this information when she made her recommendation to s9(2)(g) . We will need ask for s9(2)(g) to confirm that she has allowed s9( ) to review the new information provided, and what her feedback was about this. This is where we need our technical advisors to back us up.
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- Everyone should follow the resolution (copied below with relevant highlights), including s9( ) . We haven't reached a decision, there is still dispute and we haven't yet elevated it to s9( ) . Please don't jump to enforcing action on a decision before the process has been followed and all the information is presented and reviewed by the right people.

**1. To improve communications between teams**

To do this we will confirm the annual approach for coordination of the SI Kākā Programme is as follows, which largely follows the Team Process model:

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The team will seek to ensure good use of team process is used during the conversations above to allow for two-way exchange of context and input from all team members into options for the programme.

The captive coordinator and accountable manager of the SI Kākā Captive Programme are happy to consider and look for opportunities to improve this process based on the operating model used by the takahē programme for their captive breeding programme.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2024 9:43 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Correct attachments

Good morning,

Some key updates:

- Confirming that s9(2) sent these documents on yesterday, s9(2)(g)(ii).



- After reading the documents, I felt that the points made by s9(2)(a) were similar points already made during consultation for the 24/25 flocking plan. That likely means no change to the finalised plan, and if that is the case, we will need to begin preparations for Charlie's transfer.
- s9(2)(g)(ii) has requested that the flocking plan be implemented by mid-June, and our expectations should be to respect his request.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

[Redacted]

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2024 11:57 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Correct attachments

Sorry, these are the correct documents. Please forward these as outlined.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2024 9:55 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Charlie

Hi,

The attached information and report from our vet consultant provides critical information for consideration re bird movements. Please support us by endorsing it and forwarding to s9(

[Redacted]

This is crucial information, especially regarding Charlie, that they will need to make the right decision for her and we have not yet had the opportunity to present this.

Please cc **s9(2)(g)** and myself in and forward it promptly as it is time critical.

Thank you.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Sunday, May 26, 2024 11:17:30 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Kaka

Any updates for us yet?

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 3:18:03 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Important updates - Mon 27 May

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

Hope the following answers your questions

Cheers

s9(2) [REDACTED]

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 28 May 2024 13:04

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 10:54 AM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Sunday, June 2, 2024 11:43:08 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: Important updates - Mon 27 May

Thanks for your response s9(2) but sorry, it doesn't entirely answer my questions and raises some more, comments below in green.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 30, 2024 3:18 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Fw: Important updates - Mon 27 May

H s9(

Hope the following answers your questions

Cheers

s9(2)

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**This doesn't answer my question – the move for Charlie is all risk for her and for the program. What makes this risk necessary?**

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We have never criticised anyone else's ability to care for the birds, just pointed out that these birds have specific requirements and Dunedin is not a suitable environment for them despite their care

Conversely, we have had our competence questioned from the beginning and there is an apparent lack of trust in our capabilities to observe and report welfare issues based on our knowledge of the birds.

Who is ultimately responsible for the welfare of the birds in our care while at the Sanctuary?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 10:54 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Important updates - Mon 27 May

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Tuesday, May 28, 2024 1:04:59 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 10:58:30 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**CC:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:** Comms with DWH

s9(2) would you please contact the DWH to verify if they actually requested that our communications go through you?

The way I read s9(2) updates about this was that the request came from s9( and pertains to the flocking plan only.

We haven't had any direct communications with DWH since sometime in July or August last year, apart from communications regarding Stella (our other female Antip that needed hospital attention). It seems unlikely they would make that request.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent on:** Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:42:20 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE:

Please return Charlie so we have time to observe the protocols that are required for transfers.

I'm sure s9(2)(g) [REDACTED] would also appreciate the opportunity to say good-bye to the bird she's worked with for 24 years, as would I.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2024 9:05 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE:

Morena s9 [REDACTED]

Are you available for a chat/catch up, conscious you are on leave!

Cheers

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2024 9:00 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]

**Subject:**

That's unbelievably poor form and unprofessional to take Charlie without even letting s9(2)(g) [REDACTED] and I know. She's not even in a suitable carry box.

No one provided the rationale for this decision, or answered my questions.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Sent on:** Monday, June 10, 2024 4:01:38 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Update please

Report from Dunedin Wildlife hospital

Charlie arrived safe and sound on Friday and settled in to her enclosure. She has been actively exploring and chewing the browse she has been offered.

In house health tests all good so far, awaiting further results from the lab which are expected later in the week.

Cheers

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 2:56 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Update please

Great update re **out** from DWH.

Any update re Charlie as yet please?

Is she still at DWH or DBG?

**From:** s9(2)(g) [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2024 10:25 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii) [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Update please

May we please have an update on **out** and Charlie.

It would be helpful to know what's happening for them.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent on:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024 11:37:10 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Charlie update

Morena s9

Update for you on Charlie

- Tests back, no infectious diseases present, no other health issues
- Inflammation assessment test results indicate normal range, suggests Metacam (medication) is working effectively
- Aiming to move Charlie to Dunedin Botanical Garden Aviary either Tuesday or Wednesday
- “In herself Charlie is taking everything in her stride and is pretty interactive with our team. She is likely starting to get bored though, hospital is not a super stimulating environment so I’m keen to discharge her ASAP.” – from s9(2)(a)

Ngā mihi nui,

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent on: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 10:08:32 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

CC: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: Updates from DWH

Hi s9(2)

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Also, if you have any updates/info about Charlie to pass on, it would really benefit us to know what DWH's findings were with her check-up, and how she's doing at DBG.

Thanks,

s9(

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 11:15 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Assessment and plan for Jimmy and Charlie

Hello s9(

Like I said to you yesterday once we have the assessment completed we will have all the information available and can discuss this.

In the meantime I'd be grateful if let the vets get on with their work in the right order.

Thanks

s9(2)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 4:22 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Re: Assessment and plan for Jimmy and Charlie

Like I said once the assessment is complete we will have a full picture and be able to decide how to implement the 23/24 flocking plan.

s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 3:31:36 pm

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: RE: Assessment and plan for Jimmy and Charlie

Thanks for your response s9(2). s9( is unfortunately unable to continue to address this presently but will catch up when he's able.

There are a couple of points necessary to clarify/confirm immediately.

1. As discussed when we met, Jimmy is to return to Te Anau as soon as DWH have had time to do what they need to. Charlie is meanwhile alone, (it's been a month now in case anyone has lost track), and the shorter the time they are apart better for the welfare of both birds.
2. The introduction of Cleo was not discussed during our meeting and would seem inhibitive to making the necessary observations of Jimmy. He is essentially in hospital care until DWH have given him the all clear. Keeping her in the aviary with Jimmy now will complicate and affect plans yet to be made for the coming season and increase stress on both birds. She should be removed from the aviary now.
3. As per our discussions during our meeting, we would like assurance that it is DWH making observations, and that they are clear of the task. We understood from our meeting that independent observations and assessment were required by a vet.

To simplify communications we respond to the second email below:

- A note on aviary size: The DBG aviaries where the Kaka are kept range in size from a floor space of approx. 5x3m to 8x3m. All significantly smaller than ours, and below recommendations. They are very tall (approx. 5m average), which may make up to minimum size in volume of the larger ones, but not most. Not sure of the size of the enclosed shelter area at the back of each aviary but would be a maximum of 2x3m and wouldn't count for flight space or habitat for enrichment.
- We are aware there are some parties who seem to believe we have ongoing welfare issues at Te Anau, and were seeking to understand how far this misunderstanding goes, which is why we offered the explanations in relation to Toxo and the bent leg chick – to clarify that these events were beyond our control.
- If you need more information re the Toxo event I'm sure s9(2)(g)(ii) report is still available but in short – no there is no ongoing issue with this, and it is not possible to test for it as every bit of substrate would need to be microscopically examined. It has a finite life span in substrate and that time period has passed. We are at no more risk than any other facility. When the manual is updated, the danger of toxo being introduced with soil, gravel or bark chips should be included. We have stored gravel, under cover, for 18 months in order to have a safe material to put into aviaries.

- Thanks for including your report regarding the chick with the bent leg. I note that the x-ray seemed to be what was used to make the diagnosis along with observations, which may have been misunderstood as being more frequent than we actually observed. I'm not sure it was ruled out that it could have been caused by a physical injury that occurred just after hatching, as s9( confirmed their diet was good. That matter is in the past now, we just wanted to be sure there was no misunderstanding of the circumstances that would lead anyone to believe we were providing poor care or diet. We have of course taken the advice of the recommendations regardless.

Regards,

The Te Anau team.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2023 1:49 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Assessment and plan for Jimmy and Charlie

Hello s9(2)

Thanks for your note.

Thanks for sharing. I think that once we have the full results of the assessment in and can consider the whole is the time to address these points.

s9(2)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 1:19 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Assessment and plan for Jimmy and Charlie

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii),

I thought it would be good to get some of Te Anau's thoughts onto paper. Most of this we have discussed already. We would be keen to see the following:

1. Jimmy returned to Te Anau once DWH team have had time to make a full evaluation. They were allowing two weeks to re-test his blood after starting a course of medication.
2. Confirm that it is/will be DWH team making the actual observations and providing an assessment based on that, but including observations made by Te Anau team as relevant to post AI behaviour (no one else has observed Jimmy post AI), and that they are clear that this is the reason they have been asked to observe. It would be unfair to Jimmy to subject him to the same procedure in order to make those observations directly.
3. That it was us (the Te Anau team) that flagged concerns with his participation in AI, and not because anyone had welfare concerns about Jimmy in ordinary circumstances. He is a happy and content bird in Te Anau.
4. That a review of the AI technique is carried out before the upcoming season. s9(2) will need to be updated on observations made post AI s9(2) didn't have the capacity to make any post AI observations of Jimmy or Toanga), and DWH should be involved in this review, along with all observations of AI with any birds to date. Note that the very first attempt at AI with Jimmy and Taonga went well for Jimmy being held normally, upright, and released directly back into the aviary (AI was done in the porch of his aviary). Doing something very similar to this would be our ideal. out of scope  
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5. If DWH wish to observe and refine the AI process, a more robust bird is to be used. Jimmy's also not a suitable training bird (for teaching others the AI techniques), so if he is used for AI the plan should be to capture and process him as quickly and efficiently as possible.
6. That Jimmy shouldn't be caught by being chased or with a net due to the risk of a fall causing harm as he doesn't fly at all and cannot arrest a fall.

We would be interested to hear why Jimmy was put in the same aviary as Cleo. Surely this will inhibit the ability for anyone to make the necessary observations of Jimmy's, and he doesn't actually need a partner to participate in AI. We can't be 100% sure, but it's very unlikely Jimmy will naturally mate with any female due to his injury (physically unable to extend the wing and therefore generate enough lift with it to balance during the act. He had bonded well with Taonga. Jimmy has been knocked off perches by other birds in the past and we are just worried about this potentially happening. The good thing is that Jimmy and Chloe used to be a pair, so do know each other. A bit concerned that there could be additional stress for him when he comes back to Te Anau if he was starting to bond with her again.

In the scenario that DWH determine that Jimmy is suitable to participate in AI this season:

1. Jimmy should not be used for training other staff and any AI (reviewed procedure) is kept to minimum timeframe and stress for him.



2. We would like the opportunity to have our own observers present if it is to take place in Dunedin, and in any case that observers are available to note any changes in his demeanour afterward and this may need to be several weeks to allow for any adverse effects to become apparent (we recommend a maximum of 2 weeks). This should also allow time to determine if any eggs produced by the recipient female are fertile.
3. If fertility is achieved, Jimmy is to be returned to Te Anau. If fertility is not achieved, additional time should be allowed before making a second attempt (and assuming he coped well with the first, with no adverse reactions observed).

Re Charlie:

s9(2)(g)(ii) feel that Charlie and Jimmy should have an opportunity to bond as a pair. They weren't aggressive when mingling, just grumpy and that may have been due to nesting and AI activity. We felt keeping them separate would reduce further stress at that time, but they were mingling well enough just before he went, and Jimmy even showed some flirtatious behaviour. We might find they have missed each other while Jimmy's been away and that when he returns in a week or so it might be close enough to flirty season that they could form a couple bond then. This would be ideal for keeping them as a pair here, and even possibly while at Dunedin. She could have the opportunity to foster chicks, or receive AI.

If it is decided to send her to Dunedin to facilitate fostering then:

1. It is understood that she would be on loan only, and to be returned to Te Anau post season.
2. That careful consideration should be given to pairing her, and this could be Jimmy if they look like they might bond (?).

Cheers

s9(

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 7:45 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: Conversation with s9(2)

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii)

I had a chat to s9(2) this afternoon.

He acknowledged that it has taken longer than he thought to get the results and that is why Jimmy has been over there for so long. He doesn't want to pre-empt any decisions until after s9(2) report comes out. He is hoping that we might have that by the end of the week. He will then set up a teams call to discuss the results etc.

The plan is still at this stage for Jimmy to come back to Te Anau even if it is decided that he will be used for AI. I think s9(2) was a bit worried about Jimmy and Charlies long-term viability as a pair but I think I allayed some of his concerns about Charlie beating up Jimmy and that it wasn't that bad and they may just need more time together to form a pair bond. My best guess is that he should be able to come back pretty soon after the meeting have been had.

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As far as talking directly to the DWH, he has asked them that all questions should be directed to him in the first instance, especially around the plans for Jimmy. He is well aware that they are very busy and feels like they can't answer too many questions until all of the assessments have been completed. They will be involved with the Teams Meeting.

I talked to him about the fact that Jimmy shouldn't be a training bird and he was happy with that. I also talked to him about the fact that Jimmy went through AI with little stress the first time with a different technique and he agreed that why would we reinvent the wheel if we already had a technique that works for Jimmy. This will be discussed further with s9(2) He didn't see much point talking to s9( ) about it as he doesn't think she has really done any AI work with birds. I personally still think it would be good to get s9( ) involved though, just from a bird welfare point of view. I just don't want us to come across as disrespecting s9(2) skills as he is a world expert in parrot AI. We can still keep pushing (gently) for that.

I need to go off and do some contract work now but hopefully that has been of some help. c

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Cheers

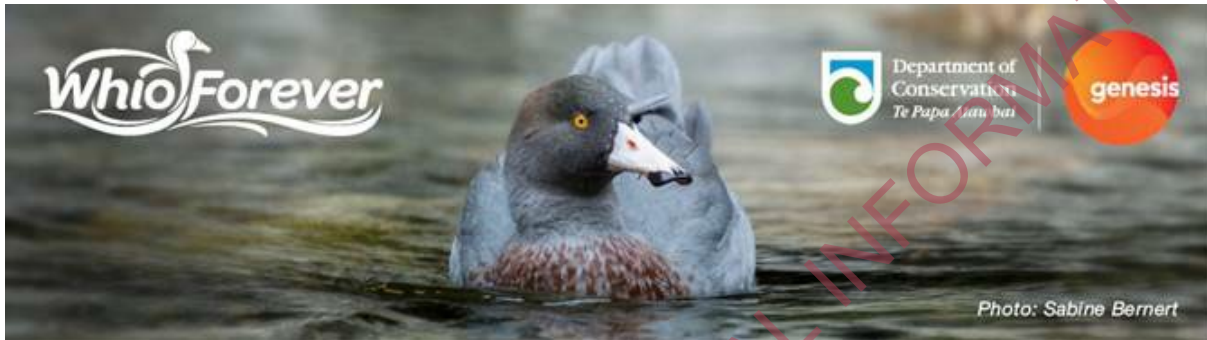
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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 3:11 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: RE: Update on Jimmy

Hi all,

I received this update 7pm Monday from s9(2)(g)(ii), I apologise that I missed it yesterday.

I also received a request via s9(2)(g)(ii) to please keep requests for updates to correspondence with her (or me until the Christmas holiday period). The purpose for this is that Dunedin Wildlife Hospital would prefer a singular point of contact regarding Jimmy. In light of the review process underway at present (through the Speak Up channel), I think DWH's request is practical.

Quick update on Jimmy.

He seems to be coping with being in hospital OK, and has been chewing his logs.

Not self feeding but maintaining weight nicely with twice daily feeding of HBD.

Weight today is 619g

He is due for repeat radiographs around the 25/12 and this will be 3 weeks in a bandage at this point so we will send another update after this unless anything changes.

Cheers,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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s9(2)(g)(ii)

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Monday, December 18, 2023 4:25 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: RE: Update on Jimmy

Kia ora team,

I haven't heard from s9(2)(g)(ii) on Friday or today, I have emailed again to request the latest update from her.

I will let you know when I receive updated information.

s9(2) I will head down to the Bird Sanctuary tomorrow morning at 9:30am for the regular catch up. If there is any news, we can talk about it separately afterwards, as discussed last week. And s9(2)(g), I can call you after if you would be interested in a phone catch up. I'd like to maintain that 'safe space' for conversation that we talked about together last week.

Thank you both.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)  
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 1:16 PM  
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)  
[REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Update on Jimmy

Thanks for the heads up.

This is gutting. s9(2)(g) makes a good point.

When you're communicating with s9(2)(g)(ii) please clarify the reason they would need any discussion about sending Jimmy home if they don't intend to breed from him again.

The only possible justification for Jimmy to return to DBG would be proximity to DWH during recovery. Please stress that we can and will manage this perfectly well from here.

It would seem appropriate for Jimmy to have an aviary to himself for his recovery period.

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)  
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 6:30 PM  
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)  
[REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: Update on Jimmy

This is terrible news. For the record, the fact that Jimmy occasionally fell off his perch was one of my first written concerns about the suitability of the Dunedin aviaries for this particular bird. We must hope that his recovery goes smoothly.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 14, 2023 4:35 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Update on Jimmy

Kia ora koutou,

s9(2)(g)(ii), this week we spoke about sharing news in writing a heads up before catching up in person. I am sorry to share some sad news in writing shortly after we had that discussion.

**Update:**

Jimmy has suffered a fracture to his wing and is currently at Dunedin Wildlife Hospital receiving treatment.

**Key details:**

- I have just talked to s9(2)(g) on the phone now to ask further questions, and I asked what had caused this injury. They are unsure what has happened.
- Nothing eventful occurred in the lead up to this injury, there were no observed conflicts between him and Cleo.
- Jimmy was spotted acting quiet and not himself, so he was sent to the wildlife hospital for a check-up.
- The injury happened last week.
- I will share more information tomorrow after s9(2)(g) shares the latest update.

**Timeline from here:**

Jimmy remains at the wildlife hospital so that they can keep him in a contained area as his wing remains bandaged. He will be there an estimated 3 weeks altogether. I asked s9(2)(g) if Jimmy could be returned to Te Anau once he had been rehabilitated at the Wildlife Hospital. At this stage it is an option, but those conversations have not happened yet. They do not plan on breeding with him again this season.

You can expect to hear from me tomorrow after I receive s9(2)(g)(ii) update on his current condition.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Friday, December 22, 2023 4:28 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: Fwd: Jimmy updated Friday 22 Dec

Hi team,

Please see the email I have just received with the latest update from s9(2)(g) . I have been off sick most of today as well so will answer a few emails tomorrow if you have questions before the Christmas break.

For anything kākā related over the holiday break, please contact s9(2)(g) directly. She is expecting to work when needed.

Thank you,

s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, December 22, 2023 3:34:11 pm  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Jimmy updated Friday 22 Dec

We have performed radiographs on Jimmy this morning and the fracture is similar to before.

The fragments have not moved and although it's too early to see bony callus on the radiographs, it's highly likely to have formed fibrous callus by this stage so should be stable.

We have therefore removed the bandage and he is currently looking quite comfortable.

He is quite fed up with being in hospital now though and although enjoys chewing his logs, he might be more settled back at the Gardens.

Are you happy to pick him up tomorrow please?

He will need to continue with his long term metacam treatment and it would be best if he can initially go into a small enclosure so that we can monitor how he is doing without his wing bandaged.

His weight today is 603g

Ngā mihi

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 12:01 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Catch up to discuss future plans for kākā in Te Anau

Kia ora s9(2)(g)(ii),

This morning myself, s9(2)(g)(ii) had a quick catch-up. Here's a brief summary.

### **24 Jan catch-up notes**

**Purpose:** Catch up to discuss future plans for kākā in Te Anau

#### **General notes:**

- Speak Up process underway - careful that we need to respect that the process is underway during conversation.
- Not sure how much progress we can make (including decisions about Jimmy) until the Speak Up process is completed.
- Something to celebrate - 20 x chicks for release from this 23/24 breeding season!
- Annual flocking plan - comes out for 24/25 season around Easter.
- Ideally we will do consultation once in Autumn for the 24/25 flocking plan.

#### **Jimmy notes:**

- He is back in with Cleo now, back to normal behaviours and monitoring the medicam to look at histamine levels.
- s9(2) shared local context with s9(2)(g)(ii) around:
  - Rata and Charlie are doing well.
  - Aviary readiness if Jimmy is to return soon, Te Anau well prepared.
  - Staff capacity - currently the Te Anau team have good availability of staff and time to make the necessary observations of Jimmy, or trips for check-ups as required.
- The Captive Kākā Breeding Programme will wait for the Speak Up process to conclude before making a decision around any movement of Jimmy.
- Jimmy still requires ongoing rehabilitation, he will not be moved while that continues.
- April is the tentative planned month for young kākā movement.
- Good relationships are key in order to care for a high priority bird - relationships need the baseline trust of all parties to work effectively together.

- Dunedin Botanical Gardens have made an amazing contribution toward this breeding season - they took on all stock and care at their own cost.
- There is a lot to think about for next year's flocking plan, for example:
  - Where birds will be distributed.
  - What chick sexes are.
  - Also looking to retire some of the reliable breeding females who are no longer producing as many viable eggs.

**Actions:**

□ s9(2)(g) to email s9(2) post-catch up with s9(2) and Dunedin Botanical Gardens - s9(2) to email s9(2)(g) on Friday for those updates & share with Te Anau team.

**Summary for Te Anau Rangers:**

1. No decision will be made on kākā movements until the Speak Up process has reached a resolution and there's a good working relationship between all parties.
2. Good relationships are key in order to care for a high priority bird.
3. Specifically, the working relationships between DOC Te Anau and the Captive Kākā Breeding programme (including Dunedin Botanical Gardens, Wildlife Hospital etc) needs baseline trust in order to work together effectively.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Friday, February 9, 2024 12:18 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** FW: Catch up re: Jimmy

From last week, apologies I missed this last Monday

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 9:19 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Catch up re: Jimmy

Hi s9(2)

Sorry , I had quite a busy Friday and have been under the weather this holiday weekend.

In my catch up with s9(2) , she said Jimmy is back in the aviary with Cleo. They are getting along well. It is unlikely there will be anymore breeding efforts this season.

We currently have 17 chicks but 2 are quite tiny and in need of some supplemental feeding to hopefully get them off to a good start. 🐣

I hope to be back to work tomorrow.

Cheers,

s9(2)(g)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Friday, February 9, 2024 12:21 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** FW: Update & Next Steps

Kia ora,

FYI, please see below for the email I have just sent through to s9(2)(g)(ii) has had a read through too, in lieu of s9(2) being away and wanting to be kept up to date.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Friday, February 9, 2024 12:18 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Update & Next Steps

Kia ora s9(2)(g),

I hope this finds you well again and that the chicks are thriving, thank you for your last update on 29 Jan. Apologies as I had missed it in my inbox last week.

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Just touching base on next steps regarding the movement of kākā now that the breeding season is nearly over.

The Te Anau Rangers have had an email from s9(2)(g)(ii) that they shared with me, it states that “BAU can continue and the Speak Up process doesn’t have a bearing on that, so there is nothing from our perspective that needs to hold up any BAU progress.” In light of this, it would be great to have a decision on Jimmy. What are your thoughts on next steps from here? Could you please let us know by next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb? Happy for you to propose a new date if this does not suit.

We are aware that the flocking plan for 24/25 is being considered, and I want to express our support of this – we are on board with the big picture! And we understand that housing kākā as a part of the captive breeding programme means the movement of birds, including the potential movement of high priority birds next season.

I’ve outlined a few updates below that I wanted to share from our team:

- out of scope
- We are aware of quarantine requirements and are prepared to have things ready to go at short notice if necessary.

Thank you.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

From: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sent: Sunday, March 17, 2024 4:38 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Update from Friday - catch up with s9(2)

Kia ora s9(2)(g)(ii)

Thank you for your patience waiting for an update.

On Friday I outlined to s9(2) that s9(2)(g)(ii) would like to restart direct communications with s9(2)(g)(ii). We also looked at the last email from s9(2) asking for clarification on restarting BAU.

**Decisions:**

- Restart day-to-day communications with s9(2)(g)(ii)
- Keep questions around Jimmy's/Charlie's movements with s9(2) at this stage while we work through next steps

**Actions:**

- s9(2) to call s9(2) and clarify next steps – BAU or otherwise, he will let us know ASAP
- s9(2) to draw up accountabilities table to clarify who does what at present (Rangers/Snr Ranger/Supervisor/Ops Manager etc)

out of scope

s9 see you

Tues. Thanks!

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 4:01 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Update from Friday - catch up with s9(2)

Kia ora koutou,

After a catch up with s9(2) today, we agreed the following:

- s9(2) will catch up with s9(2)(g) on the phone in the next day or so
- s9(2) will get an update on Jimmy and Charlie at the Te Anau Sanctuary (from s9(2)(g)(ii))
- s9(2) has spoken to s9(2) on the phone this afternoon and clarified that the Speak Up process has been resolved

Thanks,

s9(2)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:29 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Update from Friday - catch up with s9(2)

Kia ora koutou,

A few actions from a catch up that s9 and I had today:

1. s9(2) get confirmation on whether s9(2) spoke to s9(2) (have this conversation before getting in touch with s9(2)(g)(ii))
2. s9(2) to forward s9(2)(g)(ii) email to s9(2) & s9(2) (no one was informed that the Speak Up process has been resolved)
3. Email/call s9(2)(g) and ask what the plan is regarding movements

In summary, **Speak Up process has formally closed.** s9 and s9(2)(g) will cc/forward communications with s9(2)(g)(ii) to s9(2) from now on to ensure everyone is aware of where the process is at and what the advice has been.

Speak Up process has advised that:

- BAU continues
- Team Process should be followed
- Talk to s9(2)(g) about plan
- Contact s9( ) if necessary (to elevate lack of contact/decision)

Thanks all.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2024 9:08 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Update from Friday - catch up with s9(2)

Thanks for this.

Some questions/comments below in blue..

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2024 4:38 PM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Subject: Update from Friday - catch up with s9(2)

Kia ora s9(2)(g)(ii),

Thank you for your patience waiting for an update.

On Friday I outlined to s9(2) that s9(2)(g) and s9(2) would like to restart direct communications with s9(2)(g)(ii). We also looked at the last email from s9(2) asking for clarification on restarting BAU.

**Decisions:**

- Restart day-to-day communications with Captive Kākā Coordinator. Awesome.
- Keep questions around Jimmy's/Charlie's movements with s9(2) at this stage while we work through next steps. I'm assuming this means movements for the next flocking plan and not to be confused with Jimmy's scheduled return post 2023/24 as was already agreed and assured. You can check with s9(2) if you like, and there was emailed assurance from s9(2)(g) as well. s9(2)(g)(ii) advised that Jimmy's return should be BAU – which would be day to day communications.

**Actions:**

- s9(2) to call s9(2) and clarify next steps – BAU or otherwise, he will let us know ASAP Not sure why s9(2) should have input into BAU now? It's not normally the case and s9(2)(g) has advised us otherwise. We have a clear plan to follow team process going forward regarding flocking plan for next season which should be the only thing s9(2) has input into. Please clarify. Would it be helpful if we share the communication from s9(2)(g)(ii) on this at closure of the speak up process? s9(2) being involved in BAU is contrary to it.
- s9(2) to draw up accountabilities table to clarify who does what at present (Rangers/Snr Ranger/Supervisor/Ops Manager etc)
- s9(2)(g)(ii) ? To draw up a structure chart/table for captive programme. Would be useful to have a clear line of decision-making, who does what, support, advice etc

out of scope s9 see you  
Tues. Thanks!

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 4:11 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

[REDACTED]

**Subject:** FW: Captive Kaka catch up

**Importance:** High

Kia ora koutou,

I have a few updates and news to share. I've outlined some notes below that, and I'll follow up these notes with a text/phone call.

- On Thursday, s9(2)(g)(ii) spoke to s9(2)(g) on the phone.
- s9(2) decided that s9(2) as a s9(2)(g)(ii) who is supporting the Bird Sanctuary with technical advice, will lead the communications regarding the captive kākā breeding programme. Details of this need to be worked out between s9(2)(g)(ii) and I, which I will share once we have sat down to write up the accountabilities table.
- s9(2)(g) contacted s9(2) and set up an intro call with him for Friday. The call was between s9(2)(g) s9(2) and s9(2)
- s9(2) received an update which he shared with me via email on Friday. I was on TOIL on Friday, hence will share his email with you below now.

I understand that the news in s9(2)(g) email will be distressing. Please let me know if you would like me to call you or catch up in person this afternoon or tomorrow. I will be at the Bird Sanctuary tomorrow for our normal catch-up s9(2) or we can meet off site if you'd prefer.

Ngā mihi nui,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Friday, March 22, 2024 3:44 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Captive Kaka catch up

Hi ya

Just had a quick introductory catch up with s9(2)(g)(ii)

On the most part this was just an introduction to what the CKC do for my part as technical lead at Te Anau and future consultation with the Bird Sanctuary team on the upcoming 24/25 flocking plan.

s9(2) will e-mail the team in the near future, with they're plan and invite all to a consultation/meeting where we can discuss and explain all

One thing that was brought up was that it is not in the current plan to return Jimmy to Te Anau, s9(2)(g) and s9(2) are keen to explain why and be open and clear about the process and keep the bird sanctuary team in the loop regarding Jimmy.

Some good news is that they have 17 chicks from this season captive birds, some of these will be used to replenish an ageing captive population but most will head off to Okarito (or is it Orakanui? some place beginning with O) to add to the wild population

\* Assume you know all about the following but just in case...

My understanding is that s9(2)(g) is keen to have a more centralised breeding plan (as happened this year?) making it easier/cheaper to get lots of happy fertilised eggs. They also took the decision to change some long established pairs due to some ageing birds and getting genetics of previously unbred birds.

Have a great weekend

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s9(2)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Monday, April 8, 2024 4:25 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: SI Kākā 24/25 Flocking plan overview

Kia ora,

On Tuesday (tomorrow) at 10:30am, let's collate the questions and feedback that we would like to put forward so that we are prepared for when consultation formally begins.

I am happy to leave the collating of questions and feedback to you three, I know s9(2) mentioned that he would like to view those questions also.

Let's focus on our usual BAU discussion tomorrow at 9:30am, so that we can all catch up together before tackling this much larger discussion is addressed.

**For tomorrow:**

- I've got a few Health & Safety notices to share
- Some budget questions for you & takahē fence update
- CAC operation may happen this weekend
- I have some relevant resources to bring down & share – will leave these behind
- We need to schedule MORs, can we pick a date tomorrow?

See you in the morning,



s9(2)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2024 3:22 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: SI Kākā 24/25 Flocking plan overview

This has been sent out before s9(2)(g)(ii) were aware of the process put in place through speak up. Not sure why it took so long for s9(2) to share that with them but it is the agreed action. See s9(2)(g)(ii) latest email I forwarded you just before.

Again – No decisions can be made without due consideration and consultation which is yet to take place. There are important welfare and other factors for all birds that haven't even been raised yet.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2024 3:16 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Fwd: SI Kākā 24/25 Flocking plan overview

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, April 5, 2024 10:08:48 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Fw: SI Kākā 24/25 Flocking plan overview

Hi ya

Here's s9(2) Flocking plan overview, sorry it's not what we'd hoped for, lets catch up on Tuesday 10:30

Cheers

s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** 04 April 2024 15:25  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** SI Kākā 24/25 Flocking plan overview

Greetings s9(2)(g)(ii),

As we discussed in our most recent phone conversations, we have delayed dissemination of the 24/25 flocking plan to the kaka holders until we had clear and direct lines of communication established again with the Te Anau team.

The first draft of the plan is ready to go out, and the recommendation is that Jimmy remain at DBG for the 24/25 season. I think it is important to address the team's expectation that Jimmy would return to Te Anau after the 23/24 season, prior to them reading it in the plan.

The reasons around the recommendation are clearly focused on programme objectives. Jimmy is the most valuable bird in the captive programme as he is unrelated to any other captive bird, and his genes have not been released to Orokonui. A key goal of the plan is to focus on obtaining Jimmy's genes in 24/25 to help diversify the population and future proof the programme. We have an aging population (Jimmy ~24y, Charlie ~34y, Cleo ~24y), and need to plan for succession of our breeding pairs, so the sooner we capture Jimmy's genes the better.

We have also taken Jimmy's age and medical condition into consideration. Jimmy is being treated for arthritis, and suffered a fracture of the coracoid bone last season. We feel it is prudent to keep him in Dunedin where he can be more closely monitored/treated by the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital for any changes in his condition. Jimmy was housed in DBG prior to being moved to Te Anau, he has settled back in and seems quite happy with Cleo. **out of scope**  
[REDACTED] We don't believe that moving him back to Te Anau, to then move him back to DBG for the 24/25 season is in his best interest. Jimmy's welfare is of the utmost importance to all of us.

The plan also recommends that Charlie is moved to DBG for the 24/25 season to serve as a foster parent. This past season, we utilised our over represented breeding females to foster/raise the eggs/chicks of our first time priority. This was extremely successful but required multiple females and multiple movements of eggs and chicks at different stages to ensure the eggs/chicks were properly cared for. Charlie is a good mother, often double clutching in a season, and would serve as a valuable foster. The plan for 24/25 is that Charlie will be available at DBG to foster the high priority eggs and chicks. The amount of hatch (17 Chicks) put enormous pressure on keepers, having the right females (eg Charlie) in the right place to support fostering would have relieved this and providing for this is part of our planning for 24/25.

You have received a copy of the summary of last season to give him an idea of what went on and how important the foster females were.

This is not a permanent arrangement. Utilising the birds we have to get the best balance of available genes through the captive population is a short term project, but it means that we future proof the captive population for the objectives of the CMP. [redacted] out of scope [redacted]

Once you have had a chance to consider this and discuss with your team, I'm happy to set up a teams meeting to check in and clarify any points.

Best wishes

[redacted] s9(2)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 5:04 PM  
**To:** s.9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** FW: Aviaries and welfare at the Bird Sanctuary

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2023 2:51 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Aviaries and welfare at the Bird Sanctuary

Hi s9(

Thanks for this.

Thanks for raising the wider picture.

Some feedback.

Aviary size

Its unfortunate that the published expectations came out after the changes at Te Anau. Which ever way you look at it the current kaka aviaries at Te Anau are at the lower end of the range of space requirements. This is exacerbated when because of behaviour issues some space is not available. If there is any opportunity to increase the base size of available aviaries then it should be taken.

Enrichment is a separate matter and needs to be part of the keeping regime regardless of aviary size.

Toxoplasmosis

News to me. But thanks for sharing. Di you think its is still an issue at Te Anau? Should we be seeking a testing regime to check for it? Not sure whats in place and what the needs are.

Bent leg

This was reported on in August 2019.

<https://doccm.doc.govt.nz/cwxv4/wcc/faces/wccdoc?dDocName=DOC-6050419>

So I'm not sure why its raised now.

This was a clinical assessment from DWH. The recommendations at this time were:

- As circumstances change during the breeding season reviews of plans and operational procedures need to be completed so that there is adequate coverage and instructions to relieving staff are clear and supportive.
- Nuts should be eliminated from the diet during the chick rearing phase

s9(2)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Friday, July 7, 2023 4:28 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Aviaries and welfare at the Bird Sanctuary

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii),

We (the Te Anau Bird Sanctuary team) would like the opportunity to ask if anyone has specific, current concerns about the welfare of our resident birds. That way we could work towards possible improvements.

We are aware that our Kaka aviaries, when considered as two separate aviaries, are slightly undersize by current recommendations. A quick note that when they had major renovations several years ago the Kaka husbandry manual at the time (2018 version) didn't specify size or dimensions. The 2021 version (published after alterations were made) specify 120m<sup>3</sup> for each pair with a floor area of 40m<sup>2</sup> (8x5x3m height). Ours have a floor area of 38m<sup>2</sup> and area of just over 110m<sup>3</sup> each, not including the porch area (an additional 4.5m<sup>2</sup> floor space and 9m<sup>3</sup>). We note that both versions are based on the natural movement of the birds assuming they can fly. If we open the door between the two aviaries we have approx 220m<sup>3</sup>.

We do a lot of enrichment with our birds and are confident they are all content and entertained appropriately. out of scope

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We recommended Taonga be transferred so she would have an opportunity to breed, as Jimmy seems incapable of doing this naturally due to his wing injury. They had bonded well and courted frequently but never mated.

You may not be aware that since s9(2)(g)(ii) have taken the reins at the Bird Sanctuary, every aviary has, or is undergoing significant improvements in regard to size and/or environment, and both in the case of the Kaka aviaries. The grounds and visitor experience have also had significant improvements, and we haven't finished yet.

Charlie and Bling have successfully raised many chicks over the years although it is true there have been some adverse events. We believe these were all outside of our control, and we have raised concerns and sought advice as appropriate. If there is something we could have been, or should now be doing differently, or could improve on we would very much appreciate some constructive feedback in order to make the appropriate changes. We have had several new versions of nest box over the years as well as adding the nest camera which has been a huge benefit for monitoring chicks.

Toxoplasmosis:

This event was left to us to determine how it happened. Obviously we don't let cats into the aviary or the nest box to have a crap, so how would the chicks have directly ingested it? It must have been fed to them by Charlie, so how did she have access to it? The most likely scenario out of several possibilities is that it was present in the gravel that we refreshed the aviary floor with many months prior, as cats would have had access to the gravel pit and/or quarry site where we purchased it. My investigations determined that Toxo can live in soil/sand etc for up to 18 months. As far as I'm aware there were not any warnings, guidelines or alerts about Toxo at the time that we had neglected to follow. We have good hygiene practices and keep clean aviaries. We felt it was important this event was shared with other bird holders as a potential environmental hazard similar to Aspergillosis that could affect anyone at any time. s9(2)(g) did an excellent job of the advisory that she sent out.

The chick that had a bent leg:

This was determined to be metabolic bone disease which would be due to poor diet. I'm unsure, from memory whether this was a clinical diagnosis, or based on circumstantial evidence. We are confident that their diet at the time was good, and within recommendations. There was one chick out of four affected and it was therefore determined that it must have been due to



preferential feeding. I made one observation one time (via nest cam) of Charlie feeding the affected chick first. If we were to fit circumstance to clinical diagnosis, we would assume that the one nut Charlie got daily was always being fed to the one chick, and no others. If it was not a clinical diagnosis but based on circumstance, then the possibility that it was a broken (bent/folded) bone from early on should have been considered. The affected chick was the last to hatch, about a week after its 3 siblings and managed to escape the shell through the tiniest hole in the shell.

Just thought it would be good to provide you with some context of what has happened here with kaka. Very easy for things to be misunderstood and the staff are very keen to make improvements if they are deemed necessary and can fit within the budget.

Cheers

**s9(2)(c)**

**s9(2)(g)(ii)**

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2023 2:02 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: Upcoming Teams Meeting Jimmy Discussion

Hi s9(2)(g)

Please send the questions and concerns that you have that have been unanswered.

s9(2)(g)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 28, 2023 11:29:42 am  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Upcoming Teams Meeting Jimmy Discussion

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9( is busy today taking one of our antips to DWH so I am responding. s9(2)(g) , please will you forward this email to s9(2) , as he may be more likely to read it if it comes via you. s9( is less ready to engage in a teams meeting than I anticipated. I can understand her position. She received no helpful response to the questions she raised as matters of urgency around the wellbeing of Jimmy and no feedback from anyone on the detailed history she sent on Jimmy and our experience of AI. People may be uncomfortable when experts are criticized by underlings, but it is essential that we have the right to raise concerns.

At the close of the last teams meeting, s9(2) very clearly stated that Jimmy would go up to DWH, be observed at DBGA and return to keep Charlie company until further decisions were made. What were the circumstances that lead to a delay so long that it is no longer practical to return him? The report s9(2) prepared needs no discussion, she oks Jimmy for AI and she states that he should only need to be in the hand 3 to 4 minutes for the procedure. What do need discussion are our unanswered questions.

As there has been a lot of correspondence s9( or I can resend questions which are still relevant and these can be answered via email to save time before the teams meeting.

Please understand how deep our concerns are at this point.

Thank you for your time

s9(2)(g)

m: s9(2)(g)(ii)  
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:59 PM  
To: s9(2)(g)(ii)  
Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)  
Subject: Upcoming Teams Meeting Jimmy Discussion

s9 and s9(2)(g)

s9(2) and I were hoping to arrange a Team's meeting this week to discuss the final report on Jimmy. Unfortunately s9(2) hasn't been available so it looks like we are aiming for early next week. I understand you will both be working on Tuesday so, we'll arrange for a call then.

Our intention for the Team's Call is to discuss the outcome of Jimmy's evaluation and how we proceed with the Flocking and Ai plan for this coming season.

The original plan looked to move Jimmy so that he was available to be used as an Ai donor when the kakapo team was available.

(Note Jimmy held in Invercargill). s9( ) mentioned that the Te Anau team was expecting Jimmy to be returned to Te Anau until he was needed as a donor for Ai. (ie October).

He is now with Cleo at DBG and likely to be used as a donor in the next few weeks.

Two resident breeding females at DBG typically lay in early August.

For a number of reasons it makes sense for Jimmy to remain at DBG with Cleo rather than be shuttled back and forth between facilities.

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| Jimmy and Cleo are both priority birds.                | They seem settled and getting on well together in same aviary.                                 |
| Jimmy will be onsite when the first SSI Ai opportunity | Neither bird is suitable for flocking. Jimmy is ideal male to hold with her, so that she might |

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| presents itself.   | start laying and be a candidate for Ai. |
| Determining if Jimmy should be on a long term low dose anti-inflammatory, can be done over the next few months while he's at DBG |   |

The timing has been much longer than anticipated and of course has left Charlie on her own much longer than desired.

We should address this as quickly as we can.

The original flocking/Ai plan had Charlie moved to DBG for fostering of priority eggs. out of [redacted]

I think at this stage, many of the birds that were earlier flocked at DBG have paired up, and Bling is currently with another SSI female. It wouldn't be wise to split them to put Bling and Charlie together again. Charlie could stay at Te Anau and still potentially foster eggs, if she lays eggs this season.

The easiest solution to provide companionship for Charlie is to move Rata from Invercargill to Te Anau.

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out of scope [redacted]

That is essentially the focus of the call:

Proposed agenda:

- Jimmy's health evaluation result discussion
  - His use as Ai donor
  - Long term medication needs
- Plans for Charlie this season.
  - Health check (?)
  - Remain at TeAnau
  - Rata as potential companion.

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- Discussion and concerns
- Moving forward

I'll send out an invite for Tuesday at 11 am via Teams.

Cheers,

s9(2)(g)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2024 11:27 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(g)(ii);

s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(g)(ii);

s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** RE: Kākā at Dunedin

Hi all,

To be clear, we didn't ask for an ethogram to be done now, I believe s9(2)(g)(ii) suggested it as an action. I don't believe it would provide any useful information about what was happening for Jimmy back when our observations were made, nor what he might experience during the upcoming season. My point was that it would have been informative at the time.

Could we have a copy of the report s9(2)(a) recently provided?

Regards,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, May 6, 2024 11:36 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(g)(ii);

s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Fw: Kākā at Dunedin

Hi team

Here's Dunedin's Wildlife Hospital response to the Ethogram request

Cheers

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** 06 May 2024 11:21  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** RE: Kākā at Dunedin

Hello s9(2)(g)(ii)

When we met last I under took to enquire about the utility of a ethogram for Jimmy.

I got the following reply from s9(2)(a).

Can you please share with the team as appropriate?

Thanks

s9(2)(g)(ii)

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Monday, May 6, 2024 11:11 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Re: Kākā at Dunedin

Mōrena s9(2)(g)(ii)

I recently completed another distance/behaviour assessment of Jimmy at s9(2)(a) request. I'll attach the document I drafted regarding this.

In my opinion Jimmy is in a good welfare state and is behaving as I would expect a kākā in captivity (more details in the attached report). I don't believe an ethogram will change anything as I have full confidence that s9(2)(a) is experienced with the species and is providing the best care for Jimmy.

Ngā mihi

s9(2)(a)



s9(2)(a)

On Mon, May 6, 2024 at 9:58 AM s9(2)(g)(ii) wrote:

Hello s9(2)(a)

I've been asked to investigate the utility of a further ethogram for the kākā Jimmy currently held at Dunedin Botanic Gardens.

I acknowledge that you have already had significant interaction with this bird both checking medical health and behaviour so such an exercise might in your view have been completed to an appropriate standard.

Without knowing what an ethogram would take in time or how it might affect management decisions I seek your advice as to whether or not such an exercise would lead to improved care of Jimmy.

Thanks

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 4:54 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Jimmy

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 12:36 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Jimmy

Hi Team,

Thanks s9(2)(a)

I've ask Te Anau team to email regarding travel plans.

At this stage only Jimmy is coming.

Cheers,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023 12:09:31 pm  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Re: Charlie and Jimmy

Kia Ora,

We can admit Jimmy straight to the hospital if that is the preferred option by the different parties as any of the suggested options will have similar results. That way we can disease screen prior to going to the Botanic Gardens.

We won't be doing any of his health check on the day of arrival (Wednesday) as we will allow him to settle from the stress of transport. We will assess if he needs further intervention regarding the use of sedatives as previously suggested.

What is the updated plan for Charlie? As previously mentioned we are happy to admit her at the same time as that would save someone multiple lengthy journeys.

Is there a rough ETA or time of departure from Te Anau?

Ngā mihi,

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(a), s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2023 5:20 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** FW: Jimmy Health Check

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 26, 2023 10:44 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Jimmy Health Check

Hello s9(2)(a)

Thank you for this very thorough assessment.

We'll set up a session to discuss this with keepers.

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2023 1:30 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)  
[Redacted]  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)  
[Redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Jimmy Health Check

Great thanks s9(2)(a) for the report on Jimmy.

s9(2)(g)(ii)



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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2023 12:53 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(a)  
[Redacted]  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)  
[Redacted]

s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Thanks s9(2)(a)

Looks very comprehensive.

Much appreciated.

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2023 9:40:55 AM

**To:** s9(2)(a)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Kia ora koutou

I have spent this week reviewing all of Jimmy's health notes, collated the laboratory testing and also noted down my behaviour observations and recommendations from his time in hospital as well as at Dunedin Botanic Gardens.

Please find attached a comprehensive summary with test results, behaviour observations and my recommendations based on these findings.

s9(2)(g)(ii) and s9(2)(g)(ii), please do let me know if you need clarification on anything but please do note I am going away on leave next week so it may not be a prompt reply.

Ngā mihi

s9(2)(a)

On Thu, Jul 13, 2023 at 2:31 PM s9(2)(g)(ii)

wrote:

Kia ora s9(2)(a)

We are still awaiting the blood test results, as there is a public holiday tomorrow, these may take longer than usual to return.

s9(2)(a) is currently writing a report with her veterinary assessment which will hopefully be completed by the end of next week. Until then there will be no decisions on a timeline for Jimmy.

If you have any further questions in regards to Jimmy, please direct these to s9(2)(g)(ii)

Ngā mihi

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On Thu, Jul 13, 2023 at 10:19 AM s9(2)(g)(ii) wrote:

Hi s9(2)(a) and team at DWH,

Thank you for the assessment of Jimmy you are providing.

When you receive the results of yesterday's blood tests, will you have had sufficient time to make behavioural observations for full assessment, and (assuming blood tests come back favourable), will Jimmy then be ready to come home? An approximate timeframe will help us plan for collecting him.

Regards,

The Te Anau team.

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2023 11:01 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a); s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a); s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Mōrena

Blood test at midday today. Results will take a few days.

Ngā mihi

s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

On Wed, Jul 12, 2023 at 10:11 AM s9(2)(g)(ii) wrote:

Hi team, just wondering if there is a date set to re-test Jimmy's bloods yet? Also any updates re observations so far? We are anxious to get him home ASAP for his sake, but also for Charlie as she is currently by herself.



Regards, the Te Anau team.

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 4, 2023 10:34 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)

**Cc:** s9(2)(a); s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Hi s9(2)(g)(ii)

Yes, I had a catch up with s9(2)(a) on Friday and let him know that Jimmy is doing well.

He is active and mobile. He is taking his meds. He has been introduced to Cleo and it went very well.

The vet team want to recheck his blood levels after he's been on the medication for a few weeks.

So happy to report that he is coping well.

Cheers,

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 4, 2023 9:32:50 AM

**To:** s9(2)(a)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii), s9(2)(a); s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Hi team,

Any updates on Jimmy? Is he settling in OK at Dunedin?

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED] s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Thursday, June 22, 2023 3:00:27 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] s9(2)(a)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] s9(2)(a); [REDACTED] s9(2)(g)(ii)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] s9(2)(a);

[REDACTED] s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Thank [REDACTED] s9(2)(a). Looking forward to your full assessment in a few weeks.

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**From:** [REDACTED] s9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2023 1:06:11 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** [REDACTED] s9(2)(a); [REDACTED] s9(2)(g)(ii)

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Kia ora koutou,

Just to send an update to everyone about the beautiful Jimmy. The rest of his lab tests came back negative. s9(2)(a) will pick him up tomorrow for further assessment at the DBG. We will also see how he responds to being on a low dose of anti-inflammatory in a few weeks, this will help us come up with a plan for his regular health checks in the future.

Ngā mihi

s9(2)(a)

If this is a group message - please reply all to keep all parties in the loop.

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On Sat, Jun 17, 2023 at 11:24 AM s9(2)(g)(ii) wrote:

Thanks s9(2)(a) we're relieved he is coping well in hospital and hopeful that he'll settle in well enough at dbg for you to make your observations.

We've been happy with his demeanour ordinarily, but concerned he didn't cope well with the AI and unsure if this was a stress response, physical or both.

How often would you recommend we bring Jimmy over for health checks going forward?

Please keep us in the loop while he is at dbg.

Kind regards,

s9(2)(g)  
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From: s9(2)(a)

Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2023 10:09:33 AM

To: s9(2)(g)(ii)

Cc: s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Mōrena

Just a quick update on Jimmy. One of the external lab test results is slightly high. This particular lab test is a sensitive inflammatory marker. We can rule out an infection as the cause of the inflammation based on other lab results (normal white cell count) so the most likely cause is arthritis associated with that old wing injury.

We've started him on a low dose of metacam once daily which will hopefully be enough to manage the inflammation. This will need to continue once he is at DBG for further assessment. The plan then would be to repeat this blood test in a few weeks as well as observing his demeanour of course to see if there is a response to treatment. If so this would confirm early arthritis and would mean he'd benefit from long term meds.

out of scope we'll be in touch later this week to discuss further and organise a plan of attack for handsome Jimmy.

Ngā mihi

s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

On Fri, Jun 16, 2023 at 11:25 AM s9(2)(g)(ii) wrote:

Much appreciated everyone. Glad Jimmy was OK in hospital.

Just to be super clear.. we have no welfare issue with him in normal circumstances, we raised the issue that he was possibly finding the frequent catching, handling and procedure for AI overly stressful.

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Friday, June 16, 2023 9:05:13 AM  
**To:** s9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a); s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: Jimmy Health Check

Hi s9(2)(a)

Thanks for laying this out and reminding me that physical assessment is only one part of a comprehensive welfare assessment.

s9(2)(g)(iii)

**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2023 2:56 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a); s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Most likely cartilage degeneration, which I mentioned in my earlier email update doesn't show up on x-ray. Or residual nerve damage from the trauma that occurred - similar to what humans call phantom pain.

If periods of discomfort happen more regularly then he will need ongoing pain medication and a thorough welfare assessment to determine the extent of the pain and if we are happy medication can control it.

Ngā mihi

s9(2)(a)

On Thu, Jun 15, 2023 at 2:43 PM s9(2)(g)(ii) wrote:

Great to hear he's doing well, the x-ray results sound positive, I wonder what the cause of his periodic episodes of discomfort is?

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2023 2:01:39 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a); s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a); s9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Re: Jimmy Health Check

Yes.

Thanks sounds good so far.

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2023 1:07:22 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(a); s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a); s9(2)(g)(ii)

9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** RE: Jimmy Health Check

Hello s9(2)(a)

Thank you for this update.

Look forward to further assessment as it becomes available.

s9(2)(g)(ii)

**From:** s9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Thursday, June 15, 2023 12:52 PM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(a)

s9(2)(a)

;s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Subject:** Jimmy Health Check

Kia ora Koutou

An update on handsome Jimmy for you all. He was a superstar under anaesthesia this morning for his health check.

X-rays showed no obvious progression of arthritis in his left shoulder/elbow/carpus due to the previous healed crush fracture/injury he sustained to this wing. X-rays are unable to detect degeneration in cartilage however so we can't rule out arthritis completely at this stage. It is pretty much guaranteed that he will develop arthritis in this limb at some stage so regular health assessments like we did today are essential to manage his wellbeing.

We took blood for biochemistry to assess his organ function as well as presence of infection/inflammation. We are also sending some blood to assess for presence of lead as is our standard protocol for captive parrots. We have also sent some faeces to the lab to check for parasites and enteric bacteria and we are also submitting samples for Pbfd and Chlamydia tests.

So far he is coping well in hospital and I am not concerned that he is excessively stressed about being here. Of course, in a hospital setting we can't assess his behaviour properly so the plan is to send him to Dunedin Botanic Gardens for this general behavioural assessment. s9(2)(a) we will

be in touch shortly to arrange this so he can head over to you soon once he is fully recovered from his anaesthetic procedure.

Final lab results will probably all only be in mid-next week and we will let you know if we have any concerns. At this stage I am happy with his health and how he is looking. I am certain Alisha will be in touch in due course once she has assessed Jimmy's behaviour.

Ngā mihi

s9(2)(a)

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**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)

**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2024 9:54 AM

**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(a)

**Cc:** s9(2)(a); s9(2)(a)

**Subject:** Charlie

Hi,

The attached information and report from our vet consultant provides critical information for consideration re bird movements. Please support us by endorsing it and forwarding to s9(2)(g)(ii), s9(2)(g)(ii) and s9(2)(g)(ii).

This is crucial information, especially regarding Charlie, that they will need to make the right decision for her and we have not yet had the opportunity to present this.

Please cc s9(2)(g)(ii) and myself in and forward it promptly as it is time critical.

Thank you.

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RE: 2024/2025 flocking plan:

We submit the following, and attached report from s9(2)(a) for your consideration.

We have a long history with Charlie, have supported her and seen great changes in her health, well-being, and behaviour. By ensuring Charlie's success, we ensure the success of the Captive Kaka Breeding Program for the coming season and in the future and are in a strong position here to help her achieve it. We believe a move could have a negative impact on her and could prevent her success in the breeding program. The information provided by our team, and the attached report from s9(2)(a) DVM, CVA, CVMMP, further supports that the highest chance of success and continued progress for Charlie is for her to continue in her current environment at Te Anau.

Charlie is at least 25 years old and first came to Te Anau in 2000 where she is well-known and valued by the community. We have previously provided some detail of Charlie's unfortunate traumatic history which included being kept in a small cage in a home, and led her to display repetitive behaviours. Through adjustments and improvements in her care while at Te Anau these behaviours have significantly diminished or stopped, and she has become a successful breeding bird and mother.

s9(2)(a) has provided excellent professional support as a veterinarian and has some familiarity with the Te Anau Bird Sanctuary aviaries, and with Charlie. As outlined in attached report we have worked with the advice of s9(2)(a) and s9(2)(a) to adjust and find Charlie's comfort level of medication as necessary. We continue to provide a strong program of support for Charlie, with ongoing support from both these professionals and other highly experienced and skilled team members.

We recognize the need for the Captive Kaka program to make changes to best support its mission, however, we can maximize the chance of her success, are best situated to help her stop medication and for inspiring nesting. Charlie has been discouraged from nesting in the past after a small move to a neighbouring aviary with her then partner Bling (2015/16 season). Before the move they were observed mating multiple times a day and after, all hormonal/mating activity ceased and no chicks were produced that year.

Utilizing our facility and determining a course of action that allows for the highest chance of breeding success - either through AI, fostering or pairing, can provide multiple benefits:

- 1) Increased chance of success. Charlie has a long history of successfully raising chicks in Te Anau over multiple breeding seasons. Jimmy has proven to provide quality samples for AI when based at Te Anau. If there were any opportunity for AI at Te Anau, we would only seek to facilitate this by accommodating already trained experts for the procedure. We have a range of highly skilled and experienced staff and professionals we rely on for technical support and advice and their continued support should provide confidence that objectives are met, and high welfare is maintained.
- 2) Decreased risk of stress and behaviour problems. While most parrots can be adaptable with big changes, Charlie is more vulnerable to adverse reactions due to her history.
- 3) We recognize that Dunedin has an excellent track record with raising multiple broods of chicks from multiple pairs. However, given the evidence and observations by s9(2)(a) and ourselves, Charlie's best chance at successfully raising or fostering chicks would be at Te Anau. A mate, eggs, or chicks could come to her here, where she is doing well.
- 4) We can provide a practical solution Jimmy's specific aviary needs at Te Anau while a solution is found and implemented to mitigate risk for him at Dunedin, maximising the chance of success for his participation in the program. Cleo can be accommodated with him to continue that bond.

Thank you for your consideration of this crucial information in your decision making. We look forward to working collaboratively with the Breeding Program and other aviaries and are happy to discuss different options as necessary.

Kind Regards, the Te Anau team.

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May 15th, 2024

Dear Punanga Manu o Te Anau DOC staff,

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your volunteer team and utilizing my professional experience as a veterinarian and as a behaviour consultant.

I first met Charlie Girl in 2005, and first started volunteering at Te Anau in 2015. At that time, she was successfully raising chicks, and it was wonderful to see her contributing to the captive breeding program.

During my recent visit to Te Anau, we were able to work together to further improve Charlie's health and welfare. After discussing her medication plan, prescribed by s9(2)(a) and observing her behaviour, we split her medication (changed this from Metacam as s9(2)(g)(ii) doesn't know what it is) into an AM and PM dose. We soon observed an improvement in her overall willingness to take her meds quickly, an improved grip of her toes around her perches at rest, and an improved posture and gait.

In March, we also discussed initiating a physical therapy program that utilized Positive Reinforcement training and Cooperative Care principles to train Charlie to fly on cue. I began the initial steps of training Charlie to participate voluntarily in her Physical Therapy program. This training continued after my departure, and your team soon reported that Charlie was now flying on cue. I then received a video of s9(2)(g)(ii) successfully cueing Charlie to fly to a higher perch, and I was greatly pleased to see her progress.

Charlie's voluntary physical therapy program has a range of benefits. Physically, it improves her mobility, reduces her arthritis symptoms and pain, strengthens her muscles, and supports the goal of weaning Charlie off Metacam in the future. It is also a source of social and mental enrichment for Charlie, reducing the likelihood that past behaviour issues will reoccur.

Being familiar with Charlie's history, I am also pleased to see she exhibits a range of normal behaviours and social interactions at Te Anau. During the hours spent with her, I have observed her to exhibit normal parrot behaviour throughout the day. Any episodes of potential behaviour concerns - such as weaving and vocalizing - have been limited to less than 15 seconds and she stopped on her own accord. Thus, there was no concern for stereotypical behaviour during my visits. We have discussed the concerns that due to her history, she could show behaviour and welfare issues in the future. Continuing her strong behaviour and enrichment programs, along with minimizing stress and change, would be key to her continued health.

-end of this paragraph could be more succinct and less 'heavy handed' Cover this two paragraphs down I think take this out and incorporate the message in the other paragraph below.

From my ongoing interactions, discussions, and visits, it is clear that the Te Anau DOC team has been integral to Charlie's ongoing success. The passion, dedication, and skills they apply to Charlie's care have allowed her to live a healthier, more enriched life. This ongoing dedication is reflected in the over 20 chicks Charlie has reared for release and in her recent voluntary Physical Therapy training success.

Having discussed the potential relocation of Charlie for the 2024/2025 breeding season, I share the team's concerns that Charlie's health and behaviour may suffer as a result of the proposed move. Due to her past there is increased risk that this could cause behaviour and welfare issues. Charlie's improved health and wellbeing is a direct result of the support and care she receives from the DOC Rangers looking after her. Continuity in her environment and strong behaviour and enrichment programs would be key to her continued health and progress. I not only support the Te the Te Anau teams' continued work with Charlie, I know their dedication, care, and skills will allow Charlie to best contribute to the 2024/2025 breeding season in her home aviary. Their knowledge and dedication should be utilized, so that the Captive Breeding program can best expand on Charlie's past breeding success at Punanga Manu o Te Anau.

Charlie Girl is currently thriving and overcoming chronic health and wellbeing concerns, in an environment of dedicated staff, volunteers, community members, and visitors. I am grateful to have played a small role in her care, and to see the continued progress of your team in supporting Charlie. Please let me know if I can be of any help in the future.

s9(2)(a) DVM, CVA, CVMMP

**From:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024 1:45 PM  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(g)(ii)  
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**Cc:** s9(2)(g)(ii); s9(2)(g)(ii) s9(2)(g)(ii)  
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**Subject:** Fw: Charlie - Kaka history

Hi all

Here's Charlie's Vets report.

s9(2)(g)(ii), shout if it missing something, hopefully all relevant details are included

Cheers

s9(2)(g)(ii)

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**From:** s9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** 01 May 2024 13:31  
**To:** s9(2)(g)(ii)  
**Subject:** Charlie - Kaka history

To Whom It May,

Just sending through Charlies History.

Kind regards,

s9(2)(a)

9(2)(g)(ii)

Owner s9(2)(g)(ii) (1/2778)

For Charlie (1/51107)  
Bird, Female, Kaka, Apricot  
Age: 23 yr 3 mth , Desexed: N

s9(2)(g)(ii)

s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sales Group:  
Client Group: None

Bill#: 1/814095 Date: 21/03/2024

25/03/2024 [AS]

LABRESULTS:

CHARLIE KAKA URIC 70.00 UMOL/L =20

LABCOMMENTS:VETERINARY

INTERPRETATION:

No azotemia detected.

s.9(2)(a) BVSc, PhD

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Biochemistry - Special performed and reported by

s9(2)(a) Carbin=

e Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Sick Avian Panel

LAB:Generic STATUS:FINAL

ACCESSION:AU2409477

LABTECH:s.9(2)(a)

25/03/2024 [AS] (Normal Form (TPR))

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25/03/2024 [AS] (Normal Form (TPR))

25/03/2024 [AS]

LABRESULTS:

CHARLIE KAKA HCTMAN CLOTTED L/L =20

LABCOMMENTS:Unfortunately the specimen was

clotted on receipt

No fresh films submitted.

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s9(2)(g)(ii) Carbine Rd=

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Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)

1 x Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)

LAB:Generic STATUS:FINAL

| Staff | Qty | Name                                |
|-------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| SL    | 1   | Examination                         |
| SL    | 1   | Visit 10min Small Animal            |
| SL    | 1   | Anaesthetic Other Surgeries         |
| SL    | 1   | Xray                                |
| SL    | 1   | Blood Test Small Animal             |
| SL    | 1   | Hospitalisation Small Animal (/day) |
| SL    | 1   | Meloxicam Oral Dog 100ml (100ml)    |

\*\*\*\*\*Directions For "Meloxicam Oral Dog 100ml (100ml)"\*\*\*\*\*  
Give 0.15mls TWICE daily

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ACCESSION:AU2409477

LABTECH:s.9(2)(a)

25/03/2024 [AS]

LABRESULTS:

CHARLIE KAKA TP 24 G/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA GDH 2 IU/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA AST 87 IU/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA CA 2.05 MMOL/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA CK 548 IU/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA GLU 15.8 MMOL/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA PO4 1.13 MMOL/L =20

LABCOMMENTS:VETERINARY

INTERPRETATION:

There is a small amount of data in the ZIMS for kaka Sam. According to the values published there, there are no obvious abnormalities (total protein is a lower reference). Interpret alongside the clinical picture.

s.9(2)(a) BVSc, PhD

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Biochemistry - Hitachi performed and reported by

s9(2)(g)(ii) Carbine Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Sick Avian Panel

1 x Sick Avian Panel

LAB:Generic STATUS:FINAL

ACCESSION:AU2409477

LABTECH:s.9(2)(a)

23/03/2024 [AS] (Normal Form (TPR))

23/03/2024 [AS] (Normal Form (TPR))

23/03/2024 [AS]

LABRESULTS:

CHARLIE KAKA TP 24 G/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA GDH 2 IU/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA AST 87 IU/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA CA 2.05 MMOL/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA CK 548 IU/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA GLU 15.8 MMOL/L =20  
CHARLIE KAKA PO4 1.13 MMOL/L =20

LABCOMMENTS:Interim report has been sent out on this case.

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Biochemistry - Hitachi performed and reported by

s9(2)(a) Carbine Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Sick Avian Panel

1 x Sick Avian Panel

LAB:Generic STATUS:INTERIM

ACCESSION:AU2409477

LABTECH:09

23/03/2024 [AS]

LABRESULTS:

CHARLIE KAKA URIC 70.00 UMOL/L =20

LABCOMMENTS:Interim report has been sent out on this case.

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Biochemistry - Special performed and reported by

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e Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Sick Avian Panel

LAB:Generic STATUS:INTERIM

ACCESSION:AU2409477

LABTECH:09

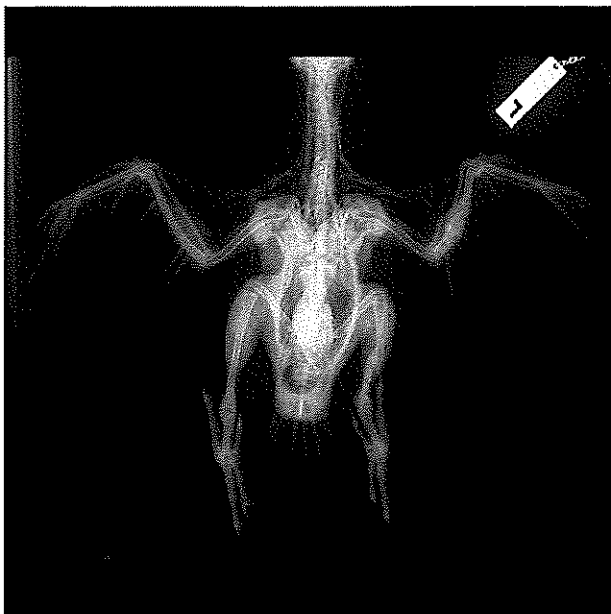
21/03/2024 [SL] (Xray)



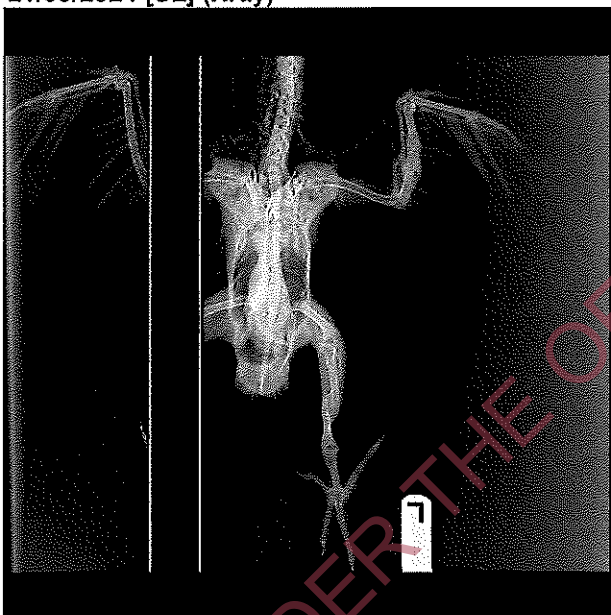
21/03/2024 [SL] (Xray)

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21/03/2024 [SL] (Xray)



21/03/2024 [SL]

**HISTORY:**Annual health check for Charlie. Doing well in Te Anau, still receiving metacam on regular basis

**CLIN\_EXAM:**examined under anaesthesia. BAR. rads taken and blood sample from leg vein  
Awaiting lab results

s9(2)(a)

**Bill#:** 1/788074 **Date:** 25/09/2023

25/09/2023 [SL]

**HISTORY:**Repeat meloxicam for charlie at avairies  
0.3ml orally once daily

s.9(2)(a)

| Staff | Qty | Name                         |
|-------|-----|------------------------------|
| SL    | 1   | Metacam Oral Dog 32ml (32ml) |
| SL    | 1   | Prescription Fee             |

\*\*\*\*\*Directions For "Metacam Oral Dog 32ml (32ml)"\*\*\*\*\*

Give Charlie 0.3ml orally ONCE a day

**Bill#:** 1/782786 **Date:** 18/08/2023

22/08/2023 [SM]

| Staff | Qty | Name |
|-------|-----|------|
|-------|-----|------|

**LABRESULTS:**

NO ID ON SAMPLE WBC  $18.3 \times 10^9/L$  =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE LYMPH 55 % =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE LYMPHAB  $10.1 \times 10^9/L$  =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE MONO 7 % =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE MONOAB  $1.3 \times 10^9/L$  =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE BASO 1 % =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE BASOAB  $0.2 \times 10^9/L$  =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE HETO 37 % =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE HETOAB  $6.8 \times 10^9/L$  =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE HCTMAN 0.26 L/L =20

**LABCOMMENTS:**Red cells appear uniform in size & shape. No blood parasites seen.

White cell count is an estimate from the blood film.

Smudge cells present. =

The total WBC count may also be affected.

Thrombocytes appear adequate in number and normal in morphology.

No fresh film received. IN

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s9(2)(a) Carbine =

Rd, Auckland

HAEMATOLOGY - GENERAL performed and reported by s9(2)(g)(ii) Carbin=

e Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)

1 x Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)

1 x Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)

**LAB:Generic STATUS:FINAL**

**ACCESSION:AU2326317**

**LABTECH:s.9(2)(a)**

22/08/2023 [SM]

**LABRESULTS:**

NO ID ON SAMPLE URIC Insufficient UMOL/L =20

**LABCOMMENTS:**Please note: there was no ID on the sample submitted. This differs from the submission form received which had the following ID: Charlie

This sample is insufficient for this test, we need at least >0.4ml of serum=

Opinions and interpretations of test results

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s9(2)(a) Carb=

ine Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Sick Avian Panel

**LAB:Generic STATUS:FINAL**

**ACCESSION:AU2326317**

**LABTECH:s.9(2)(a)**

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22/08/2023 [SM]

**LABRESULTS:**

NO ID ON SAMPLE TP Insufficient G/L =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE GDH Insufficient IU/L =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE AST Insufficient IU/L =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE CA Insufficient MMOL/L =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE CK Insufficient IU/L =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE GLU Insufficient MMOL/L =20  
NO ID ON SAMPLE PO4 Insufficient MMOL/L =20

**LABCOMMENTS:**Please note: there was no ID on the sample submitted. This differs from the submission form received which had the following ID: Charlie

This sample is insufficient for this test, we need at least >0.4ml of serum

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Biochemistry - Hitachi performed and reported by

s9(2)(a) Carbi

ne Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Sick Avian Panel

1 x Sick Avian Panel

**LAB:Generic STATUS:FINAL**

**ACCESSION:AU2326317**

**LABTECH s9(2)(a)**

18/08/2023 [SM]

**HISTORY:**Ongoing issues with leg - appears to be favouring once side due to injury 20 years ago.

Gipping a little weak + occasionally bites at toes.

Spoke to s9(2)(g)(ii) - opted to blood test - screening health exam.

Currently receiving meloxicam + a joint supplement in food

DOC staff blood sampled in Te Anau and bloods dropped off to Te Anau clinic to send to s9(2)(g)(ii)

Sample size very small - submit anyway for avian profile

Reassess if cannot run sample

SL may be able to blood test in late September during next Te Anau on-call weekend.

s9(2)(a)

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Bill#: 1/766806 Date: 18/04/2023

18/04/2023 [SL]

HISTORY: s9(2)(g)(ii) came in to ask for a repeat of Meloxicam she had been dispensed for Charlie by SL in Feb. out of scope

out of scope

| Staff | Qty | Name                      |
|-------|-----|---------------------------|
| SL    | 1   | Prescription Fee          |
| SL    | 1   | Meloxicam Oral Dog (30ml) |
| SL    | 4   | Syringe 1ml (1ml)         |

\*\*\*\*\*Directions For "Meloxicam Oral Dog (30ml)"\*\*\*\*\*

KAKA: Give 0.3ml. out of scope  
ONCE daily to manage pain/inflammation.

Kaka dose: 0.3ml SID orally

out of scope

Bill#: 1/758517 Date: 14/02/2023

16/02/2023 [OWN]

LABRESULTS:

NO ID ON SAMPLE URIC 123.00 UMOL/L =20

LABCOMMENTS: VETERINARY

INTERPRETATION:

We don't have laboratory-generated reference intervals in this species. Results are interpreted using ZIMS data for Nestor melidionaris (Kaka).  
The uric acid appears to be within reference interval.

s9(2)(a) BVM, DACVP (clinical pathology)

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Biochemistry - Special performed and reported by s9(2)(a) Carb=

ine Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Sick Avian Panel

LAB: Generic STATUS: FINAL

ACCESSION: AU2305104

LABTECH: s9(2)(a)

16/02/2023 [OWN] (Normal Form (TPR))

16/02/2023 [OWN] (Normal Form (TPR))

16/02/2023 [OWN] (Normal Form (TPR))

16/02/2023 [OWN]

LABRESULTS:

NO ID ON SAMPLE WBC 6.1 X 10^9/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE LYMPH 11 % =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE LYMPHAB 0.7 X 10^9/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE MONO 1 % =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE MONOAB 0.1 X 10^9/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE BASO 2 % =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE BASOAB 0.1 X 10^9/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE HETO 86 % =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE HETOAB 5.2 X 10^9/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE HCTMAN 0.36 L/L =20

LABCOMMENTS: Erythrocyte morphology appears normal.

White cell count is an estimate from the blood film

Some banded heterophils present

| Staff | Qty | Name                                |
|-------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| SL    | 1   | Examination                         |
| SL    | 1   | Visit Wildlife                      |
| SL    | 1   | Hospitalisation Small Animal (/day) |
| SL    | 1   | Anaesthetic Other Surgeries         |
| SL    | 1   | Xray                                |
| SL    | 1   | Blood Test Small Animal             |
| SL    | 1   | Fluids Subcutaneous                 |
| SL    | 1   | Hospitalisation Small Animal (/day) |
| SL    | 1   | Meloxicam Oral Dog (10ml)           |
| SL    | 1   | Hospitalisation Small Animal (/day) |

\*\*\*\*\*Directions For "Meloxicam Oral Dog (10ml)"\*\*\*\*\*

Give 0.3ml Orally ONCE daily to manage pain/inflammation

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Smudge cells present  
Thrombocytes appear adequate in number and normal in morphology No blood parasites seen

\*\* Thanks for sending a fresh film \*\* mjh

**VETERINARY INTERPRETATION:**

We don't have laboratory-generated reference intervals in this species. Results are interpreted using ZIMS data for *Nestor melidionaris* (Kaka).

The band heterophils could be normal variation or mild inflammatory condition.

Interpret in context of clinical presentation.

No other overt abnormalities are seen.

**s9(2)(a)** BVM, DACVP (clinical pathology)

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Exotic HCT (Manual) performed and reported by

**s9(2)(g)(ii)** Carbine =

Rd, Auckland

HAEMATOLOGY - GENERAL performed and

reported by **s9(2)(a)** Carbine =

Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)

1 x Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)

1 x Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)

**LAB:Generic STATUS:FINAL**

**ACCESSION:AU2305104**

**LABTECH:s.9(2)(a)**

**16/02/2023 [OWN]**

**LABRESULTS:**

NO ID ON SAMPLE TP 28 G/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE GDH 2 IU/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE AST 81 IU/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE CA 2.22 MMOL/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE CK 391 IU/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE GLU 17.2 MMOL/L =20

NO ID ON SAMPLE PO4 1.18 MMOL/L =20

**LABCOMMENTS:**Please note: there was no ID on the sample submitted. This differs from the submission form received which had the following ID:Charlie

**VETERINARY INTERPRETATION:**

We don't have laboratory-generated reference intervals in this species. Results are interpreted using ZIMS data for *Nestor melidionaris* (Kaka).

No overt abnormalities are seen.

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Biochemistry - Hitachi performed and reported by

**s9(2)(a)** Carbine =

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ne Rd, Auckland

Reference Ranges and Method Reference will be supplied on request

Testing Requested

1 x Sick Avian Panel

1 x Sick Avian Panel

LAB:Generic STATUS:FINAL

ACCESSION:AU2305104

LABTECH:s9(2)(a)

14/02/2023 [SL]

WEIGHT:0.48

**HISTORY:**S: Captive Kaka, Te Auau bird sanctuary. 22 year old female. Known history of left wing trauma, unable to fly, occasionally appears sore esp Left leg + possible vision issues? Presented for examination and health screen

O: BAR in transport cage. Kept overnight (13th Jan) at NSVETs, procedures planned for Jan 14th

A: Investigate underlying left leg pain + examine eyes. Plan for screening rads and blood work

P: Gas anaesthesia iso. VD and Right lateral rads taken + blood sample from right ulna vein (1ml total)

PE under anaesthesia: Lung and heart sounds appropriate, no air sac abnormalities auscultated.

BCS 3/5. Weight:480 grams. Old fracture palpated left radius/ulna. Cloaca clean, feather health appropriate. no evidence of pododermatitis

Eye examination: eyelids and cornea appear normal. Pecten visible in both R and L eye when viewed with ophthalmoscope. Cannot determine if vision is an issue in either eye from preliminary exam.

Rads: Fracture LEFT tibiotarsus + LEFT radius ulna.

In house blood tests: PCV=45%, TP=30g/l, Blood GLU:24. Blood film observed: No initial concerns, did not perform a manual CBC

Heparin and blood smears sent to gribbles for analysis

14 Feb 2023 06:26:15 pm Updated s9(2)(g)(ii) She informed me that Charlie had been hit by a car on Milford Road (20 years ago??) Was aware the LEFT wing may be injured but unaware of LEFT fractured leg

**DISCUSSION:**

- Suspect old left tibiotarsus injury may be source of pain? Old bird, likely arthritic changes occurring as bone alignment not great
- Eye examination unremarkable, cannot rule out age related issues
- Awaiting lab results from s9(2)(g)(ii)
- Will send record to Dunedin Wildlife Hospital + Rads for correspondence

s9(2)(a)

9(2)(g)(ii)

Test Report: AU2409477 - Haematology - Issue 1

### Test Report: AU2409477 - Final

**Report To:** 9(2)(g)(ii) **Species:** Native Bird **Age:** 23 UNKNOWN  
**Breed:** Kaka **Sex:** Female

**Submitted By:** S.9(2)(a) **Date Sent:** 21/03/2024  
**Submitter ref:** L16782 **Date Received:** 23/03/2024 10:58  
**Owner:** Department of Conservation **Lab Activities**  
 Te Anau Bird Sanctuary **From:** 23/03/2024  
**Animal/Herd:** KAKA **To:** 23/03/2024

All client, owner and animal details supplied by the submitter.

Tests Requested:  
2 x Heparin Blood - Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)  
2 x Plasma - Sick Avian Panel

#### Haematology

CHARLIE KAKA

Units

Ref Interval

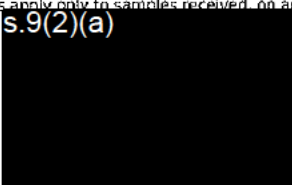
HCT (Manual)

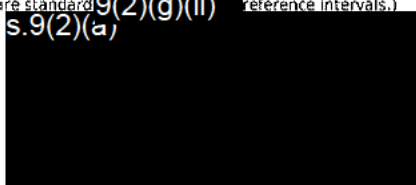
CLOTTED

L/L

Unfortunately the specimen was clotted on receipt  
No fresh films submitted.

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Signed 

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9(2)(g)(ii)

Test Report: AU2409477 - Chemistry - Issue 1

### Test Report: AU2409477 - Final

**Report To:** 9(2)(g)(ii), s.9(2)(a) **Species:** Native Bird **Age:** 23 UNKNOWN  
**Breed:** Kaka **Sex:** Female

**Submitted By:** [Redacted] **Date Sent:** 21/03/2024  
**Submitter ref:** L16782 **Date Received:** 23/03/2024 10:58  
**Owner:** Department of Conservation **Lab Activities**  
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**Animal/Herd:** KAKA **To:** 23/03/2024

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Tests Requested:  
2 x Heparin Blood - Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)  
2 x Plasma - Sick Avian Panel

#### Chemistry

|                    | CHARLIE KAKA | Units  | Ref Interval |
|--------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| Uric Acid (umol/L) | 70.00        | umol/L |              |

VETERINARY INTERPRETATION:  
No azotemia detected.  
s.9(2)(a)

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Test Report: AU2409477 - Biochemistry - Issue 1

### Test Report: AU2409477 - Final

**Report To:** 9(2)(g)(ii), s.9(2)(a) **Species:** Native Bird **Age:** 23 UNKNOWN  
**Breed:** Kaka **Sex:** Female

**Submitted By:** [Redacted] **Date Sent:** 21/03/2024  
**Submitter ref:** L16782 **Date Received:** 23/03/2024 10:58  
**Owner:** Department of Conservation **Lab Activities**  
 Te Anau Bird Sanctuary **From:** 23/03/2024  
**Animal/Herd:** KAKA **To:** 23/03/2024

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Tests Requested:  
2 x Heparin Blood - Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)  
2 x Plasma - Sick Avian Panel

#### Chemistry

|               | CHARLIE KAKA | Units  | Ref Interval |
|---------------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| Total Protein | 24           | g/L    |              |
| GLDH          | 2            | IU/L   |              |
| AST           | 87           | IU/L   |              |
| Calcium       | 2.05         | mmol/L |              |
| CK            | 548          | IU/L   |              |
| Glucose       | 15.8         | mmol/L |              |
| Phosphate     | 1.13         | mmol/L |              |

#### VETERINARY INTERPRETATION:

There is a small amount of data in the ZIMS for kaka Sam. According to the values published there, there are no obvious abnormalities (total protein is a lower reference). Interpret alongside the clinical picture.

s.9(2)(a)

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Test Report: AU2409477 - Chemistry

### Test Report: AU2409477 - Interim

**Report To:** 9(2)(g)(ii), s.9(2)(a) **Species:** Native Bird **Age:** 23 UNKNOWN  
**Breed:** Kaka **Sex:** Female

**Submitted By:** [Redacted] **Date Sent:** 21/03/2024  
**Submitter ref:** L16782 **Date Received:** 23/03/2024 10:58  
**Owner:** Department of Conservation **Lab Activities**  
 Te Anau Bird Sanctuary **From:** 23/03/2024  
**Animal/Herd:** KAKA **To:** 23/03/2024

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Tests Requested:  
2 x Heparin Blood - Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)  
2 x Plasma - Sick Avian Panel

#### Chemistry

|                    | CHARLIE KAKA | Units  | Ref Interval |
|--------------------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| Uric Acid (umol/L) | 70.00        | umol/L |              |

Interim report has been sent out on this case.

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Report Date: 23/03/2024 12:03 Interim

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Test Report: AU2409477 - Biochemistry

### Test Report: AU2409477 - Interim

**Report To:** 9(2)(g)(ii), s.9(2)(a) **Species:** Native Bird **Age:** 23 UNKNOWN  
**Breed:** Kaka **Sex:** Female

**Submitted By:** [Redacted] **Date Sent:** 21/03/2024  
**Submitter ref:** L16782 **Date Received:** 23/03/2024 10:58  
**Owner:** Department of Conservation **Lab Activities**  
 Te Anau Bird Sanctuary **From:** 23/03/2024  
**Animal/Herd:** KAKA **To:** 23/03/2024

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Tests Requested:  
2 x Heparin Blood - Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)  
2 x Plasma - Sick Avian Panel

### Chemistry

|               | CHARLIE KAKA | Units  | Ref Interval |
|---------------|--------------|--------|--------------|
| Total Protein | 24           | g/L    |              |
| GLDH          | 2            | IU/L   |              |
| AST           | 87           | IU/L   |              |
| Calcium       | 2.05         | mmol/L |              |
| CK            | 548          | IU/L   |              |
| Glucose       | 15.8         | mmol/L |              |
| Phosphate     | 1.13         | mmol/L |              |

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Interim

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Test Report: AU2305104 - Haematology - Issue 1

### Test Report: AU2305104 - Final

**Report To:** 9(2)(g)(ii) **Species:** Native Bird **Age:** 22 YEAR(S)  
**Breed:** Kaka **Sex:** Female

**Submitted By:** 9(2)(g)(ii) **Date Sent:** 15/02/2023 11:13  
**Submitter ref:** L15030 **Date Received:** 16/02/2023 11:13  
**Date Tested:** 16/02/2023 11:57

**Owner:** Department of Conservation  
Te Anau Bird Sanctuary

**Animal/Herd:** CHARLIE

All client, owner and animal details supplied by the submitter.

Tests Requested:  
 2 x Heparin Blood - Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)  
 2 x Heparin Plasma - Sick Avian Panel

#### Haematology - Cumulative

|                 | AU2305104<br>16/02/2023<br>NO ID ON<br>SAMPLE | Units               | Ref Interval |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|--------------|
| WBC             | 6.1   | x10 <sup>9</sup> /L |              |
| Lymphocytes %   | 11  | %                   |              |
| Lymphocytes Abs | 0.7   | x10 <sup>9</sup> /L |              |
| Monocytes %     | 1   | %                   |              |
| Monocytes Abs   | 0.1   | x10 <sup>9</sup> /L |              |
| Basophils %     | 2   | %                   |              |
| Basophils Abs   | 0.1   | x10 <sup>9</sup> /L |              |
| Heterophil %    | 86  | %                   |              |
| Heterophil Abs  | 5.2   | x10 <sup>9</sup> /L |              |
| HCT (Manual)    | 0.36  | L/L                 |              |

Erythrocyte morphology appears normal.  
 White cell count is an estimate from the blood film  
 Some banded heterophils present  
 Smudge cells present  
 Thrombocytes appear adequate in number and normal in morphology No blood parasites seen  
 \*\* Thanks for sending a fresh film \*\* mjh

#### VETERINARY INTERPRETATION:

We don't have laboratory-generated reference intervals in this species. Results are interpreted using ZIMS data for Nestor meridionalis (Kaka).  
 The band heterophils could be normal variation or mild inflammatory condition. Interpret in context of clinical presentation.  
 No other overt abnormalities are seen.

s.9(2)(a) BVM, DACVP (clinical pathology)

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Test Report: AU2305104 - Haematology - Issue 1

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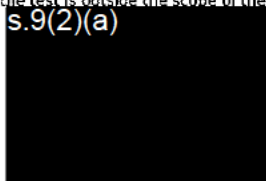
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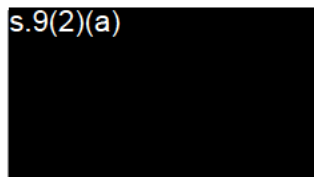
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Test Report: AU2305104 - Chemistry - Issue 1

### Test Report: AU2305104 - Final

**Report To:** 9(2)(g)(ii) **Species:** Native Bird **Age:** 22 YEAR(S)  
**Breed:** Kaka **Sex:** Female

**Submitted By:** 9(2)(g)(ii) **Date Sent:** 15/02/2023 11:13  
**Submitter ref:** L15030 **Date Received:** 16/02/2023 11:13  
**Date Tested:** 16/02/2023 11:52

**Owner:** Department of Conservation  
Te Anau Bird Sanctuary

**Animal/Herd:** CHARLIE

All client, owner and animal details supplied by the submitter.

Tests Requested:  
2 x Heparin Blood - Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)  
2 x Heparin Plasma - Sick Avian Panel

#### Chemistry - Cumulative

|                    | AU2305104<br>16/02/2023<br>NO ID ON<br>SAMPLE | Units  | Ref Interval |
|--------------------|---|--------|--------------|
| Uric Acid (umol/L) | 123.00  | umol/L |              |

#### VETERINARY INTERPRETATION:

We don't have laboratory-generated reference intervals in this species. Results are interpreted using ZIMS data for Nestor meridionalis (Kaka).  
The uric acid appears to be within reference interval.

s.9(2)(a) BVM, DACVP (clinical pathology)

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Test Report: AU2305104 - Biochemistry - Issue 1

### Test Report: AU2305104 - Final

**Report To:** 9(2)(g)(ii) **Species:** Native Bird **Age:** 22 YEAR(S)  
**Breed:** Kaka **Sex:** Female

**Submitted By:** 9(2)(g)(ii) **Date Sent:** 15/02/2023 11:13  
**Date Received:** 16/02/2023 11:13  
**Submitter ref:** L15030 **Date Tested:** 16/02/2023 11:52

**Owner:** Department of Conservation  
Te Anau Bird Sanctuary

**Animal/Herd:** CHARLIE

All client, owner and animal details supplied by the submitter.

Tests Requested:  
 2 x Heparin Blood - Complete Blood Count (Avian/Reptile)  
 2 x Heparin Plasma - Sick Avian Panel

#### Chemistry - Cumulative

|               | AU2305104<br>16/02/2023<br>NO ID ON<br>SAMPLE | Units  | Ref Interval |
|---------------|---|--------|--------------|
| Total Protein | 28  | g/L    |              |
| GLDH          | 2   | IU/L   |              |
| AST           | 81  | IU/L   |              |
| Calcium       | 2.22  | mmol/L |              |
| CK            | 391   | IU/L   |              |
| Glucose       | 17.2  | mmol/L |              |
| Phosphate     | 1.18  | mmol/L |              |

Please note: there was no ID on the sample submitted. This differs from the submission form received which had the following ID:Charlie

#### VETERINARY INTERPRETATION:

We don't have laboratory-generated reference intervals in this species. Results are interpreted using ZIMS data for Nestor melidionaris (Kaka).  
 No overt abnormalities are seen.

s.9(2)(a) BVM, DACVP (clinical pathology)

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