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**Subject:** Update for Charlie

Kia ora Team

Just a quick update from me since we are meeting tomorrow. I wanted to flag the follow concerns for discussion. ■ has been onsite from Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> Sep that we know of, she has since been on-site every day since filming, video recording, posting video content and doing her own timed observations of the kaka here at the BG with a particular focus on Charlie.

I was off Friday to Sunday.

From Monday I started to observe Charlie's behaviour while ■ was on site and over the last few days, I can say confidently that Charlie's behaviour has changed from what we have been seeing. I am witnessing an increase in Charlie's swaying times since ■ has been on site recording. On Tuesday I asked ■ to please be respectful of the space and move away from the front area of Charlie's enclosure where she had her camera on a tripod set up, filming and loudly talking on and off all day. She moved herself a few meters back from Charlie's enclosure which I thanked her for.

This morning we noted that Charlie had not eaten, and my concern now is ■ presence is directly compromising the welfare of this kaka. I would like to weigh her and ask that members of our vet team (s.9(2)(a) to advise) be present to help us as everything inside Charlie's enclosure is being recorded and posted on social media with a negative and out of context connotation. I would like to check Charlie's weight to assess she hasn't lost any since ■ has been on-site.

We should talk about what the next steps will be if she has.

Thank you.

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**From:** 9(2)(g)(ii) - DOC  
**To:** 9(2)(g)(ii) - DCC  
**Cc:** 9(2)(g)(ii) - DOC  
**Subject:** Obs notes on Charlie  
**Date:** Thursday, 4 July 2024 9:23:08 am

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Hi ya

9(2)(g)(ii)'s away on leave for the next couple of weeks but has sent on these notes on Charlies behaviour,

Thanks

9(2)(g)(ii)

Kia ora kōrua

9(2)(g)(ii) asked me to assist with locating obs notes when I got back from leave, but I am keen to help sooner.

All our detailed recent obs are of Rata, Charlie gets a mention, but she was not the focus or our concern so comments around her behaviour were incidental. I hope this info from me will be helpful. Charlie's usual behaviour involves being quite active over all areas of her cage such as perches, netting walls and netting ceiling. She loves to bathe and will submerge herself and roll onto her side in the water. I think she will be enjoying the misters in her Dunedin aviary. In recent years we have noticed that Charlie rests out of public view more than other kākā we have kept with or beside her. We have only seen her fly if panicked, or in pursuit of her target stick during training, and these have only been short flights, so far. Charlie is quite vocal and will engage in a good dawn screaming session with other birds and she and Jimmy used to do a call and response throughout the day.

Unsurprisingly, given her long captive history, Charlie loves people, especially children and school groups in particular. She doesn't like people in her aviary, not even her keepers sometimes, but she loves them through the netting and will come down to 'dance' and whistle for people. She really enjoys fresh vegetation, which will sometimes keep her engaged for hours. She responds well to other enrichments including puzzle feeders. She's not much of a chewer or branch stripper (other than broadleaf which she will strip in the pre-breeding and breeding seasons).

Behaviours we notice when Charlie is uncomfortable are raised head feathers, hanging on vertical netting by her beak (feet on perch or holding onto netting), biting left foot, limping. We wondered if the damage to the feathers on her right wing could have been barbing in response to pain. Prior to getting her medication sorted we sometimes found her unwilling to engage and spending more time on her perch, slightly fluffed.

The stereotypical behaviour we used to see has finally disappeared. She only swings these days in panic situations such as when we are catching an aviary mate. This swinging, either on the netting wall or ceiling, was something she once did for hours at a stretch. It is similar to the happy dance she briefly does for people but the two could not be confused.

Pre-breeding, Charlie becomes aggressively territorial and picky about who she will tolerate in her aviary. She spends more time on the aviary floor and generally looking around for potential nest sites. Aggressive behaviour stops as soon as eggs are laid, and once chicks are hatched she is absolutely fine with them being checked and weighed.

While her appetite goes up and down through the year, her weight remains amazingly stable at 480g. She climbs on the scales willingly for weighing, providing we watch from behind the aviary door. That is all I can think of, and I hope it will be helpful.

Ngā mihi

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## Observations

Charlie – while still at park, look out for any signs of issues with arthritis. Not closing toes & claws around perch. Wearing lion mane (feathers up on back of neck). Movement in general around enclosure.

Jimmy – general behaviour, familiarity, and ease of getting around surroundings in enclosure. Video footage if possible.

While together interactions between the birds.

Date	Time	Weather	Access/Environment

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Date	Time	Weather	Access/Environment
6/6/2023	13:00 – 14:50	Cold/overcast	Joint access provided after segregation; rotten log put in left side

Time	Observation
13:00	Jimmy moved from left side into right side to explore, interested in foraging vegetation
13:10	Jimmy moved back to left side to investigate log
13:12	Did a few runs back and forwards towards me from log and back with head hung left side
13:13	Left log and went up high and put his mane on
13:15	Made his way back to the right enclosure
13:15	Charlie followed Jimmy who moved away. Charlie came and positioned herself to look at me
13:21	Charlie went over to Jimmy again who moved away again, came to see me briefly before moving into the left enclosure
13:24	Moving leading primarily with left foot, stopped to nip at front of her right foot (didn't see which digit)
13:26	Jimmy in right side, breaking off vegetation and playing with sticks
13:27	Got parrot nut out of hopper
13:27	Charlie at log, then made her way back to right side, grabbed parrot nut from hopper using left foot to eat it from
13:28	Sidled to where Jimmy presenting her head down. Jimmy moved away to bigger bit of vegetation, no aggression.
13:34	Jimmy moved back to left side, opened hopper but didn't take anything, then moved back to log
13:24	Charlie in right side high up made short vocal, one note call and puffed herself up - antips were being very vocal at time
13:36	Jimmy got a nice big grub, tried to get picture but he ate it quickly & then came right up to me. Will need to phase in my time to get him used to me.
13:44	Moved back to right side with Charlie following him
13:50	Both in left enclosure Jimmy busy with vegetation nearest to door. Charlie quietly sitting on perch mid enclosure at visitor side.

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Date	Time	Weather	Access/Environment
8/6/2023	13:10 – 13:51	Cold/overcast	Joint access, berries provided

Time	Observation
13:10	Both in right side. Charlie moved up and around Jimmy to get to berries, both eating with left foot
13:15	Jimmy moved away slightly as Charlie came down for berries then moved back when she left
13:16	Jimmy moved around to get to hopper, took nut, and sat in foliage near roost area
13:18	Charlie positioned at berries
13:20	Charlie moved from berries to do sway then moved back
13:20	Jimmy active in browse near roost area
13:21	Charlie looked to see where Jimmy was, then moved back to berries with her back to Jimmy previously had been facing
13:24	Jimmy moved to left side, stopped to extend wings twice made whistling vocal, then moved to foliage
13:24	Jimmy did x3 two note vocal at time when 4 visitors arrived
13:27	Moved around did x1 two note vocal followed by wolf whistle
13:28	Made his way to water then moved back into right back to the berries
13:30	Charlie moved away to sit above then moved up to do sway. Jimmy moved off with berry, Charlie returned back to them
13:33	Jimmy moved to hopper took parrot nut, spreading wings head swaying in view of Charlie. Charlie still at berries
13:36	Jimmy returned to berries – Charlie left with bunch of them
13:39	Charlie came to berries both much closer, were edging closer but Charlie then started dragging branches away
13:43	Jimmy moved off back in roose area, perched
13:46	Charlie happy eating berries, did short 2 note vocal twice
13:48	9(2)(g)(ii) put food in hopper. Charlie took food from hopper. Jimmy came down and went to old, then new hopper and got food
13:51	Both happy eating



Date	Time	Weather	Access/Environment
12/6/2023	13:27 – 14:27	Sunny	Joint access, rotten log and berries provided in left side

Time	Observation
13:29	Jimmy in left, Charlie in right
13:30	Jimmy moved to log, worked it a bit and then rolled it over
13:31	Did hop/run with head to left side x2-3 times to and from log, returned to log with extra interest
13:32	Charlie checking out left over berries on the floor on right side
13:33	Went to hopper but found parrot nut on outside, took it up to perch to eat where could watch Jimmy in other side
13:35	Made vocal when spur wing plover flew over making call
13:36	Jimmy made same vocal, then further couple and did x2 wings and hover head
13:37 – 13:40	Vocals going back and forth between the two, in between Charlie doing her sway and Jimmy wings & head hover. Charlie eating berries in between
13:41	Jimmy took some berries & at 13:42 back to log
13:42	Charlie at hopper, took parrot nut, moved off up leading with left leg
13:43	Jimmy doing run thing, head still to left, me observing from a distance, did this for a minute.
13:45	Moved up onto rocks the up to perch, did 3 note vocal then wing hover
13:47	Jimmy moved into right side on ground, but quickly moved back into left and back to log and dragged a bit around. Then did his run thing.
13:49	Quickly moved through and approached Charlie at the berries
13:50	Charlie edged away. Jimmy left and went into the roost area and came out immediately to perch and did x1 wing head hover
13:52	Jimmy dropped to ground returned to left enclosure on door to do wing head hover then went to log
13:54	Vocalised x3 note. Charlie returned with same call.
13:56	Jimmy quickly moved through but missed interaction as visitors came.
13:58	Charlie took parrot nut from hopper, moving primarily using beak, weight on right
14:04	Moving around back to leading with left, couldn't quite see grip as before didn't think she was closing around with claws fully
14:08 – 14:16	Jimmy opened hopper left side, didn't take anything from it and went back to log
14:09	Can't see Charlie, must be in roost area well hidden
14:17	Jimmy sitting at hopper the making way to roost area but came out back into left made 3 note vocal up on perch, then 2 more followed by wing hover
14:22 – 14:23	Had preen
14:25	Went to foliage and then back to log
14:27	Jimmy still at log. Charlie still in roost area hidden.

Date	Time	Weather	Access/Environment
13/6/23	14:34 – 15:20	Sunny	Joint access, rotten log provided in right side

Time	Observation
14:34	Jimmy in right side with log. Charlie in left side on perch in corner near porch area with left foot curled up resting.
14:35	Jimmy when I arrived moved to work on log after making x2 note vocal after I said his name
14:37	Jimmy still busy with log
14:40	Charlie resting but alert to visitors, soon after moved into roost area left side, left hand corner, preening
14:44	Nibbling left foot
14:44	Jimmy moving into right roost area
14:45	Charlie moved to side of left roost area, near to area where Jimmy is in right roost area
14:46	Jimmy moved back in main area just outside of roost area did x 1, 3 note vocal, then preened himself (vocal appeared to be in response to antips vocals)
14:47	Did x2, 3 note vocals, x1, 1 note vocal, then x1, 3 note vocal, series again seem to appear antips making vocals
14:49	Charlie has remained in left roost area in same spot close to separation to right roost area
14:50	Jimmy in middle of right side, moving around making vocals, most 3 notes
14:51	Doing wing/hover sway head combination with intermittent x3 note vocals
14:52	Jimmy looking at me with head on his side, followed with low whistling vocal
14:53	Back to work on log
14:55	Doing hop/run left head to side, to and from log, dragged piece away
14:56	Moved back to another part of the log, broke it into several bits
14:58	Doing hop/run left head to side, to and from log, moved back to main part of log
15:01	Got grub from log and took it up onto a perch to eat, eating from left foot. Took small bit into roost area to other side of wire from Charlie who didn't move
15:03	Returned to middle perch wiping beak back and forth
15:04	Moved to foliage, and then went to hopper and took a parrot nut, did wing/hover head and then went up to a perch to eat it
15:07	9(2)(g)(ii) came to close joint access and remove log from right side – obs paused
15:10	Resumed obs – focussing on Charlie
15:12	Charlie investigating puzzle box, hanging with right foot, left flat not weight bearing
15:15	Moved off using left foot but doesn't appear to be weight bearing with it. Dropped to ground to work log in porch area. Left foot turned in when walking
15:18	Doing sway on door between sides of enclosure, stopped to nibble on her right foot
15:19	Back at log
15:20	Obs finished as 9(2)(g)(ii) needs work in enclosure. Before Charlie was still working log, Jimmy had moved down from eating parrot nut to watch her.

Date	Time	Weather	Access/Environment
15/6/23	12:36 – 13:12	Cloudy	Open through porch & roost area, berries in right side. Jimmy is in Dunedin. Charlie on her own.

Time	Observation
12:36	Charlie in right side, back wall perch, resting with back to, but aware of me.
12:38	Remaining with back to me but moving head to direction from any movement from me.
12:41	Moved away, made x1 3 note vocal – went around back so could see feet position, both on perch.
12:43	Returned to public side, Charlie aware of me, did wing stretch
12:44	Did wing & tail stretch, shifted from left to right foot, both back on perch
12:47	Moved to face me, then turned back. I was talking to her using her name to check alertness
12:54	Moved to hopper nearest roost and took parrot nut, made her way to perch just above porch door to eat it
12:57	Made her way into the left side
12:58	Took food from porch side of plastic puzzle (?) cable tied
13:00	9(2)(g)(ii) arrived to do water, vocalising x3 notes
13:02	Moved to chew bowed low perch in left side that goes across enclosure
13:04	Took food from hanging metal puzzle on chain
13:07	Paused to re-position left foot, but using o.k.
13:10	Still happily engaging eating from puzzle, dropped to ground underneath it when I left

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Date	Time	Weather	Access/Environment
16/6/23	13:34 – 14:17	Overcast	Open through porch & roost area. Jimmy is in Dunedin. Charlie on her own.

Time	Observation
13:34	9(2)(9)(1) just leaving enclosure after having water blasted. Charlie in right side on perch above porch door. Resting but alert. Both feet on perch.
13:36	Had scratch under wing, followed by 3 note vocal. Mane slightly up , possibly because 9(2)(9)(1) still nearby, Charlie has had listening ear out.
13:42	Mane down when water blaster went on in antips enclosure.
13:44	Moved towards roost area, stretched wings and defecated.
13:45	Moved into roost area, in visible part, both feet on perch
13:50	In full rest position, obs ended as unlikely to come out for while
13:55	Visitor arrived and Charlie became alert to our voices, preened herself but then edged further into roost area out of view
14:05	Started repeat x 3 note vocals coming out more into open view in roost area, coincided with school group being near and antips vocalising
14:07	Definitely interested in school group, moving position on perch to follow their movement, making lots of vocals and almost came out of roost area
14:11	School group left, vocals stopped – edged back to darker corner of roost area
14:14	Remains alert to visitor and me talking.\
14:17	Back to full rest position, obs stopped.

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