

28 November 2024

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Thank you for your email of 10 November 2024 regarding welfare concerns for Charlie the kākā and asking for the following:

1. *Details of the welfare indicators being monitored*
2. *Documentation of the MPI investigation findings*
3. *The specific measures in place to address the observed behaviours (weaving and wing sagging) that community members continue to report.*

The Dunedin Botanic Gardens Aviary, run by the Dunedin City Council, has responsibility for managing the care and welfare of Charlie, as well as the other birds at the aviary. The Department of Conservation (DOC) runs the overall breed-for-release programme for South Island kākā.

The husbandry experts at the Dunedin Botanic Gardens Aviary have developed a management plan for Charlie, with support from a wildlife veterinarian at the Dunedin Wildlife Hospital. This plan was shared with DOC on 17 September 2024 and is attached for your information. The plan describes the overall approach being taken to Charlie's care, including her long-term wing injury (which she receives medication for) and stereotypical behaviours.

As per our letter of 18 November, you will receive further correspondence from MPI on your point two.

Thank you for your support for Charlie.

Nāku noa, nā



Shannon Patterson  
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*Te Papa Atawhai*