



leave no trace

NEW ZEALAND

LESSON

Respect Wildlife and Farm Animals



INTRODUCTION

Hand out these far fetched scenarios and give the groups 5 minutes to work out how they are going to act this out, the cards provided are just a scenario. Giving prizes for the Oscar performances can be fun.

TIP

Don't debrief the scenarios one at a time, but rather at the end. What the main theme was through all of the scenarios.

SCENARIO 1

A member of the public has feed a Kea up at the car park of a ski field. Kea has gone nuts and is being so destructive John Campbell has made his way to the ski field to interview bystanders, DOC and people affected by this incident today.

John Campbell – asking questions... Go around asking people what has happened, how have they been affected, what should the public be doing to stop issues like this.

Person who fed Kea

You are oblivious to what you have just done and why it could be wrong, you continue to express your point and you are not in the wrong “the birds were hungry...they wont get food if we don't feed them”.

Member of Department of Conservation

You are calm and collected, and advise the public that this is why DOC recommends that birds are not fed human food and there a signs placed around.

Member of public whose car has been damaged as a result

You are feeling really angry at the person who fed the Kea, they should have known that it would make the Kea go crazy. You are angry, frustrated and yelling abuse

SCENARIO 2

Protect wildlife and your food by storing food and rubbish securely

Person

You were careless around the campsite and left rubbish on the outside of your pack. A sneaky Weka has grabbed some rubbish without you noticing.

Choking Weka

Come along, steal some rubbish off the pack and swallow some of the plastic. You are a bird in distress, and choking on plastic.

7 Principles of Leave No Trace

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Minimise Campfire Impacts
- Respect Wildlife and Farm Animals
- Be Considerate of Others





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Rescuer

You are passing by and notice the weka in distress. You are trying everything possible to help this bird including CPR.

DOC worker

Lecturing the irresponsible person about the importance of storing rubbish and food away from animals' reach. Protects the animals from harming themselves and exposing them to food and chemicals their bodies can not cope with.

SCENARIO 3

Someone has gone out into the bush for the weekend with his/her dog. Along the journey the dog has gotten out of control upon finding a kiwi nest and has killed the mumma kiwi.

Kiwi

Get chased by dog, killed and play dead.

Baby kiwi

Helpless and now without a mother, distress and upset

Dog

Chases the kiwi, kills it and takes it back to show to their owner.

Person

Doesn't put a leash on the dog and takes it into the bush. Tries to hide that his/her dog has caught and killed a kiwi.

SCENARIO 4

Going on a trip, a trumper forgot that it is lambing season. As the trumper walks over the land, he/she separates a ewe from its lamb and the ewe panics running away

Trumper(s)

Separates the ewe and the lamb then runs around trying to help but separating more sheep

Ewe

Runs wildly into the distance.

Lamb(s)

Bleats pathetically.

Farmer

Turns up on quad bike and is mightily unimpressed. Talks about banning access for no-good trampers.

