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Brevard Zoo plans triple sea turtle release

MELBOURNE, Fla., July 29, 2019 — Up to three rehabilitated sea turtles will be returned to the ocean at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach on Thursday, August 1 at 10 a.m.

Thurber, an adult female loggerhead sea turtle, arrived at Brevard Zoo's Sea Turtle Healing Center on May 5 highly anemic, covered in leeches and carrying eggs. Subadult loggerhead Josie was brought to the Healing Center in March by Sea Turtle Preservation Society; this turtle was lethargic, underweight and sporting an old boat prop wound at the time of arrival. Juvenile green sea turtle Boxer, who has been at the Healing Center since December, was underweight, anemic, covered in barnacles and had a small wound on their left flipper.

During their respective stays at the Healing Center, all three patients were treated with fluid therapy, nutritional support and medication. Each patient that passes their final blood check the day prior will be cleared from veterinary care and eligible for release.

This event is open to the public, and a filming and viewing area will be reserved for media.

All media personnel are asked to check in with a Healing Center volunteer upon arrival.

More information about Thurber, Josie and Boxer is available at www.brevardzoo.org/turtles.

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Brevard Zoo is home to more than 900 animals representing 195 species from all over the world. As a not-for-profit organization, it is a leader in the fields of animal wellness, education and conservation. More information is available at www.brevardzoo.org.

Treetop Trek features five aerial obstacle courses that whisk guests above parts of the Zoo and through lush Florida landscapes. More information is available at www.treetoptrek.com.