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Brevard Zoo releases three rehabilitated sea turtles

MELBOURNE, Fla., August 2, 2019 — After months of rehabilitation at Brevard Zoo's Sea Turtle Healing Center, loggerhead sea turtles Josie and Thurber, and juvenile green sea turtle Boxer were released at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach yesterday morning. Brevard County Ocean Rescue escorted the reptiles from the parking lot to the beach, where roughly 200 spectators eagerly sent them off. Sea Turtle Preservation Society provided educational materials.

"Release day is always my favorite day," said Shanon Gann, the Zoo's sea turtle program manager. "It warms my heart to see such tremendous community support for these magnificent creatures."

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

Photos and video: www.dropbox.com/sh/1fnyhlpqhe9rj4d/AABgW5d0dlvKoUO7tm0VPwta

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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.