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**Brevard Zoo plans sea turtle release for Tuesday**

MELBOURNE, Fla., October 18, 2019 — Juvenile green sea turtle Scatman John will make their way back to the ocean after a two-month stay at Brevard Zoo's Sea Turtle Healing Center. The release will be held at Crowne Plaza Melbourne-Oceanfront on Tuesday, October 22 at 10 a.m.

Found stranded near the hotel and brought to the Healing Center by Sea Turtle Preservation Society on August 25, Scatman John arrived lethargic with a bacterial infection. They were treated with nutritional support and medication, then deemed ready for release.

Scatman John was named as part of Proud Pour's Cider for Sea Turtles launch campaign. Proud Pour is a Massachusetts beverage company that donates some proceeds from the cider to the Healing Center. It is available locally at Sunseed Food Co-op in Cape Canaveral, 4th Street Fillin' Station in Cocoa Beach and Petty's Meat Market in Melbourne.

This event is open to the public, and a filming area will be reserved for media. All media personnel are asked to check in with a Healing Center volunteer upon arrival.

More information about Scatman John is available at [www.brevardzoo.org/meet-the-patients-scatman-john](http://www.brevardzoo.org/meet-the-patients-scatman-john).

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*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](http://www.treetoptrek.com).*

*The Aquarium Project is a plan to construct a world-class aquarium and conservation center at Port Canaveral. More information is available at [www.theaquariumproject.org](http://www.theaquariumproject.org).*