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**Brevard Zoo releases sea turtle after seven months of rehabilitation**

MELBOURNE, Fla., July 31, 2020 — This morning, Brevard Zoo’s Sea Turtle Healing Center returned juvenile female green sea turtle Snork to the ocean in Satellite Beach.

Snork was admitted to the Healing Center on December 26, 2019 after stranding at Patrick Air Force Base. At the time of intake, she was lethargic, bloated and had difficulty breathing. Veterinary staff discovered that Snork had air in her coelomic cavity due to a tear in her right lung.

A temporary port, or “snorkel,” was placed in her coelomic cavity to allow air to escape, and Snork underwent a surgical procedure to staple the tear in her lung. After being closely monitored and treated with nutritional support, fluids and medication, she was deemed ready for release.

All seven of the world’s sea turtle species are threatened by human hunting, entanglement in fishing equipment, marine debris, shrinking beaches, pollution and climate change. Individuals who find distressed sea turtles in Brevard County should contact Sea Turtle Preservation Society at 321-206-0646 or Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-FWCC.

Video: [www.dropbox.com/sh/kxf42fyf15x3bxs/AABmacClpxfk7cgjSx79jovpa](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/kxf42fyf15x3bxs/AABmacClpxfk7cgjSx79jovpa)

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*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).*