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**Brevard Zoo Releasing Two Rehabilitated Sea Turtles**

MELBOURNE, Fla., October 24, 2022 — Two juvenile green sea turtles will be returned to the ocean at Lori Wilson Park in Cocoa Beach on Tuesday, October 25 at 10 a.m.

Although these sea turtles have differing rehabilitation stories, both were found sick or injured and brought to our Sea Turtle Healing Center for care.

Jackal arrived at our Healing Center in August of 2021 after being found in the Trident Basin during population studies by UCF's Marine Turtle Research Group. This sea turtle had a fracture down their shell, potentially from a boat strike. Jackal had been prepared for release in the past, but a pre-release exam uncovered that they had osteomyelitis, a bone infection, in all four flippers. This affliction takes a long time to treat in sea turtle patients, leading to Jackal's longer stay. Jackal received over a year of nutritional support, antibiotics, vitamins and veterinary care.

Pandemonium had a much shorter stay at the Healing Center, stranding in July of this year in Port Canaveral. This sea turtle was found with a rusted hook in their mouth with fishing line coming out of it. Upon their arrival, our staff was able to remove the hook and treat the injured area. Pandemonium received nutritional support, antibiotic treatment and veterinary care before being deemed ready to release.

This event is open to the public.

All media personnel are asked to check in with the Zoo's communications team upon arrival. **Fins will be in the water at 10 a.m., so media are advised to arrive early.**

More information about Jackal and Pandemonium is available at [www.brevardzoo.org/blog](http://www.brevardzoo.org/blog).

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