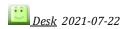
Brevard Zoo to Release Sea Turtles at Pelican Beach Park on Satellite Beach at 9 a.m.



The event, which is open to the public, will take place at Pelican Beach Park in Satellite Beach at 9 a.m. Parties interested in attending should plan to arrive early. Pearl was brought to the Zoo by the Sea Turtle Preservation Society on March 13 after being found emaciated, covered in barnacles, and with shell inflammation at Blockhouse Beach.

In addition to providing nutritional support, broad-spectrum antibiotics, cold laser therapy, and honey treatments, Healing Center staff also used medications to resolve a parasitic infection.

Individuals who find distressed sea turtles in Brevard County should contact the Sea Turtle Preservation Society at 321-206-0646 or Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 1-888-404-FWCC.

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. Once this patient's shell had healed and their infection subsided, veterinary staff deemed Pearl ready for release.