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BREVARD COUNTY, Fla. — A juvenile green sea turtle named Pearl was released back into the Atlantic on Wednesday after a four-month rehabilitation stay at the Brevard Zoo's Sea Turtle Healing Center.

Zoo officials said Sea Turtle Preservation Society members found Pearl on March 13 at Blockhouse Beach.

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They said she was emaciated, covered in barnacles and had an inflamed shell.

In addition to providing nutritional support, broad-spectrum antibiotics, cold laser therapy and honey treatments, Healing Center staff said they also used medications to resolve a parasitic infection. Once Pearl's shell had healed and the infection subsided, veterinary staff deemed her ready for release.

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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.





Sea turtle release The organizations released a green sea turtle named Schnitzel and a Loggerhead named Sunflower, weighing in at 130 pounds, back to the ocean. (Brevard County Fire Rescue)



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