



Of the 16 sea turtles currently being treated at the turtle hospital, nine are loggerheads, four are Kemp's ridley and three are green sea turtles. While illnesses and infections are common reasons for turtles to require care, boating accidents and shark bites also are a real danger. Fortunately, the hardworking staff at the turtle hospital, led by Dr. Shane Boylan, fight endlessly to get the turtles back into the water where they belong.

RELEASING THE TURTLES

According to Department of Natural Resources regulations, turtles must be released within two weeks of being medically cleared – and the releases are truly a sight to behold. Except in colder months, the turtles are always sent back into the sea off of Charleston's coast, sometimes with hundreds of well-wishers lining up to see them off.

What was once a 1 in 10,000 chance of survival has been drastically improved to 1 in 1,000, thanks to the efforts of nesting groups and their determined volunteers. The loggerheads – which happen to be the official state reptile – and the four other species of sea turtle that frequent the Carolina coast are now safer than ever, giving us all the opportunity to marvel at their wondrous beauty and presence. 🍍

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