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Headlines News: New Diamondback Terrapin "Teanna"

Windowsill Widow

Almost, but thanks to a lucky find by Bob Prescott the accidental falling into a windowsill would not be fatal for this terrapin. It is assumed that this turtle was looking for a place to brumate and fell into a windowsill on the outer Cape, and if 'she' had not been discovered the results could have been disastrous. She was rescued and brought to Tuft's College of Veterinary Medicine and treated for exposure, mild abrasions, and dehydration at the wildlife clinic, once stable she was transferred over to the National Marine Life Center for continued rehabilitation and release in the spring.

She arrived on diet of "pinkies" and we are adding some natural food sources that might be found in the marsh and will slowly reacclimatize her to brackish water to get her ready for release but it's too cold out there now. Not so in her new tank, which is a balmy 82°F with UV basking lights, must be nice.

Anyway we plan on keeping a close eye on her until her release in the spring.



Clinical Update: Catch22

going, going but no gone

While we wait for the latest in the DNA fungal culture and identification from Cornell University, the superficial fungal shell disease seems to be going away on it's own, but clear evidence of the infection still exists.

Catch22 when through a captive brumation period and fasted for a few weeks but is active, eating, and gaining weight again.



Sea Turtles: Ready, set, almost . . .

the sea turtle ward nears completion

We should be ready to water test in the sea turtle ward in a few weeks, final preparations are being made.

Terrapins, Cooters, and Turtles, oh my . . . :

Red-bellies eat, grow, and you know . . .

This year's bale of cooters is doing well, a little behind the slope of previous years growth but with strong individual growth trends we are in good shape. We tweaked the water temperature up a tad, and increased the lettuce component, and they all seem to be doing fine.



red-bellied cooter in its natural environment, the Roman Lettuce Beds of the Greek island of Cos

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