



New Channel Island Fox

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This morning, Lt. Cmdr. Scott Strader, officer in charge at San Nicolas Island, opened a crate and released a young Channel Island fox into his new home at the Santa Barbara Zoo. The fox pup was found on San Clemente Island by an island worker and cared for by Navy Wildlife biologists on the island. As the pup had not learned basic survival skills, he cannot be released back into his habitat. The male fox has been named Beauregard by Zoo sponsors Tom and Nancy Crawford and will become an ambassador for the species like Finnegan, a fox born and hand-reared at the Zoo, who met and inspired thousands of Zoo guests before he died four

months ago due to renal failure.

