Caring for an injured mantis

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"Hi, I just thought I’d share a copy of my new book. Basically this is a story that happened almost 7 years ago on a photography forum and involves the care of a praying mantis with one broken claw, I shared the story and almost daily updates with photos for 6 months until her death. 6 Weeks later everyone was happy to see the photos of the babies hatching.

I was living out at Te Uku near Raglan at the time. Because of the popularity of the story and the emotional impact it had on many of its readers someone in the USA contacted me and asked if he could take the story to his son who works at Disney to present to them.

They liked what they heard but said they would have to see either a documentary or a book before they looked any further. At the time I was too busy to do it and he contacted a Norwegian authoress Berritt Hellbero who wrote the children’s version “Leftina’s story” http://www.lulu.com/shop/http://www.lulu.com/shop/berit-helberg/leftinas-story/paperback/product-22432625.html and composed a song “you have magic” (available on Youtube, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQbxmFgKZhU ).

I decided that the best way to share the story was to copy and paste much of the actual discussion, and photos from the forum. I hope you enjoy it and hopefully Disney will too when they get their copy. It will be available for purchase here https://createspace.com/590076