

The Official

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*This new edition includes even more
characters, words, phrases, and acronyms
forged by the fellowship of Owl Box chatters
and community of Molly Watchers.*



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Characterz, Owlismz, Acronymz,
Phrases, and Namez from the
collective chat experience
of the owl box participants.

lex i con [lek-si-kon, -kuhn]

-noun, plural lex·i·ca

1. the vocabulary of a particular language, organization, field, profession, social class, person, etc.
2. a list of terms relating to a particular subject

from Gk. lexikon (biblion) "word (book)," from neut. of lexikos "pertaining to words," from lexis "word," from legein "say"

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The language of the owl box is ever growing, always changing and constantly evolving. As new members join the family of Molly watchers, new typos occur, new imaginations are sparked, new founts of creativity are tapped and new levels of inspiration are reached.

Aa

ADAD

acronym Ad Displeasure Anxiety Disorder.

Usage: *This ADAD sure gets me down until I remind myself that the ads bring the owl box to me for free. I LOVE ads!*

Adorabowl [uh-dohr-uh-bowl]

adjective the owlets' quality of being very attractive, delightful, and charming.

Usage: *It's just not possible that these owlets could get any more adorabowl, but they seem to do it every day.*

Adorometer [uh-dohr-oh-mee-ter]

noun 1. a measurement of the appeal and cuteness of the owlets. 2. a measurement of how much the viewers cherish the residents of the owl box.

Usage: *Did you see that move?? I think the adorometer just hit an all time high!*

My adorometer is going to go to zero when the owl box is turned off.

AISAC

acronym Austin Is Such a Cutie.

Usage: *I say it every time Austin is on with his grandpa, but it bears repeating - AISAC!*

AFK

acronym Away From Keyboard.

Usage: *I'll be AFK for a while.*

AMCUP

acronym Always Miss Coughing Up Pellets.

Usage: *Aww, gee! I AMCUP - I haven't seen one yet!*

Anthropomorphism

[an-thruh-puh-mawr-fiz-uhm]

noun The deep-seated and pervasive tendency of humans to attempt to interpret nonhuman things or events in terms of human feelings and characteristics or to assign a human purpose, meaning, or character to animals.

Usage: *It may be anthropomorphism, but when Ashley does that, she looks just like my Uncle Don!*

Anthropomorphism is when you look at the owls' talons and think, "Hmm - how come those owls never clip their nails?"

AOFACMBW

acronym All Our Free Advice Carries Money-Back Warranty.

Usage: *Everyone's got opinions and advice - and remember - AOFACMBW!*

Ashley | Barleycorn

Ashley [ash-lee]

proper name the first born of the second clutch of owlets (August 7, 2010 -), named for Ashley Faure, the Royals' granddaughter.

Usage: *Ashley is really standing up straight now isn't she?*

Ashzilla [ash-zil-luh]

proper noun one of many names given to Ashley because of her size.

Usage: *Ashzilla is standing head and shoulders taller than Carrie.*

ATOP

acronym Answers to Old Posts.

Usage: *My scroll bar was all the way to the top. Everything I typed was ATOP.*

Austin [aw-stuhn]

proper name the third born of the first clutch of owlets (March 25, 2010 -), named for Austin Faure, the Royals' grandson.

Usage: *Austin sure didn't hesitate when it came to flying out of the box.*

Austin Faure [aw-stuhn fohr]

proper name grandson of the Royals - the technician behind the scenes, the director and editor of the Molly the Owl documentary DVD.

Usage: *Austin is the evidence of our hope for the future and*

the perfect example of parenting (and grand parenting) at its best.

Bb

Bacon [bey-kuhn]

noun meat from the back and sides of a pig, dried, salted, and usually smoked - the primary food craze of the chat room.

Usage: *BACON!!! Bacon, Bacon, Bacon!!!*

BANANAS

acronym Bacon And Nutella Appreciation of North America Society.

Usage: *I realize the owlbox is international in scope, but I am proposing a new group- Bacon And Nutella Appreciation of North America Society*

Banned Camp [band kampf]

noun the ultimate destination of trolls in the chat room.

Usage: *That troll is now playing tuba in the banned camp.*

Barleycorn [bar-lee-kohrn]

proper name Barbara Allen— composer and performer of *The Molly Song*, *Molly Was Her Name* and *Wesley's Lesson*.

Usage: *Barleycorn's songs capture the feeling of the owl box so perfectly..*

Barn Owl [bahrn oul]

noun Tyto alba - the most widely distributed species of owl, and one of the most widespread of all birds - also referred to as Common Barn Owl, to distinguish it from other species in the barn owl family Tytonidae. T. alba is found almost anywhere in the world.

Usage: *Molly and McGee are American Barn Owls but they belong to a very distinct, very rare sub-genus known as Royal Tyto Alba.*

Batman [bat-man]

proper name The image formed in the wood grain in the rear of the box - some say it looks more like a great horned owl.

Usage: *It's kind of nice knowing that Batman is always there to keep an eye on the Kidz.*

BBL

acronym Be Back Later.

Usage: *I've been watching Molly shred a rat and I'm late for work ...again. BBL*

BFN

acronym Bye, For Now.

Usage: *I just realized I've been here for 9 1/2 hours - I gotta take a break! BFN!*

BHOKASOTC

acronym Banging Head On Keyboard At Some Of The Comments. Usually used by moderators who actually answer the comments...

again and again and again and again and.....

Usage: *I'm BHAKASOTC! Why is everyone a critic?*

Bleggz [blegz]

proper name the name given Eric Blehm's legs when he displayed them for the viewers during an interview with Carlos

Usage: *He's got Bleggz and he knows how to use them!*

Blue Man Group [bloo man groop]

One of the names given to the moderators in the chat room because their names and lines of type always appear in blue.

Usage: *Hey you new chatters! You DON'T want to mess with the Blue Man Group. They can kick you out with the click of a button. Our Blue Man Group is da bomb!*

Blurzz [blerz]

proper name the name given to the small feather that got stuck in a spider web on the upper infrared night camera, effectively obscuring 25-50% of the viewing area.

Usage: *Blurz sure knows how to make his presence known!*

BNFB

acronym Bad Night For Bunnies.

Usage: *Tonight was a BNFB.*

BNFG | Bootie Scoot Squirtz

BNFG

acronym Bad Night For Gophers.

Usage: *Tomorrow will probably be a BNFG.*

BNFM

acronym Bad Night For Mice.

Usage: *Last night was a BNFM.*

BNFR

acronym Bad Night For Rodents.

Usage: *Every night is a BNFR.*

Bob

[bob]

proper name the evening star (or planet) seen in the night sky on the exterior camera during the springtime.

Usage: *There's Bob - always hanging' around.*

BOB

acronym Back of Box - properly used by the owlets when Mary Cooper arrived.

Usage: *Babies!! BOB! Please! Emergency BOB before we become a meal from OIB (Owl in the Box)!!!!!!*

Bobblehead

[bob-uhl-hed]

noun a collectable doll with a bobbing oversized head representing a celebrity or a cartoon character - the owlets as they develop the strength to hold their heads upright and learn to triangulate.

Usage: *Those big heads and little bodies sure do make the owlets look like bobbleheads.*

BOD

acronym Baby Obsessive Disorder.

Usage: *I've definitely got BOD, but they're not staying babies!*

BOEWS

acronym Barn Owl Early Warning System - the two dogs in the neighbor's yard who always seem to bark just before Molly or McGee fly in with a treat for the owlets.

Usage: *"Hey! Mom or Dad is back." said the owlet. "The BOEWS just went off."*

Boltz

[bohltz]

noun the name given to the protruding bolt helping to secure the owl box to its support pole - used by Molly and the owlets as a beak sharpening tool.

Usage: *The owlets are almost tall enough to look Boltz right in the eye. Boltz is a great beak sharpener and a good source of iron*

Bootie Scoot Squirtz

[boo-tee skoot skwertz]

noun that adorable movement that the owlets make with their tail and hindquarters, just before executing a well aimed squirtz.

Usage: *I love the way Carrie does the Bootie Scoot Squirtz! At least she gives us fair warning of what's to come.*

Mom said that we got to practice our Bootie Scoot

Squirtz routine in case we fly over a Mercedes.

Bowllet [bou-ley]

noun the variety of moves and stances employed by the owllets as they pose and move about the owl box.

Usage: *I don't recognize that position. Has Ashley invented new bowllet moves?*

Branching [branch-ing]

noun Used specifically of owls, refers to the late nestling period before full fledging when the young owls may leave the nest and make short wing-assisted hops between nearby branches.

Usage: *The owllets have almost reached the point where they'll leave the box at night and begin branching.*

BRB

acronym Be Right Back.

Usage: *I'll BRB.*

Browser horkage [brou-zer hohr-kij]

noun the effect of too much live streaming video on a computer internet browser - the results are often seen in system slow-downs or lock-ups.

Usage: *I lost all my PM's due to browser horkage.*

BugGirl

proper name composer and performer of *Ode to Molly's Owllets*

Usage: *BugGirl's song always makes me cry.*

Cc

C1

acronym The first clutch - see also: MPAW.

Usage: *Remember when this happened with C1?*

C2

acronym The Second Clutch.

Usage: *C2 sure is a lot different from C1, isn't it?*

Café Press [ka-fey press]

noun the home of the official Molly, the Owl merchandise - www.cafepress.com/mollytheowl.

Usage: *I could shop for hours at Café Press, just as soon as I win the lottery.*

Callie [kal-ee]

proper name the name given by Donna Royal to the female kestrel that often nests in the Royals' backyard.

Usage: *I sure hope Callie and Calvin manage to work out their marital difficulties this year.*

Calvin [kal-vin]

proper name the name given by Donna Royal to the male kestrel that often nests in the Royals' backyard.

Usage: *Calvin's late for his date with Callie - by about 2 weeks!*

Cappuccinowl | CDAD

Cappuccinowl [kap-oo-**chee**-noul]
noun the best substance found to keep MODs awake on night watch.

Usage: *Oh, wow! I almost had a keyboard face plant! Time to reload on cappuccinowl.*

Carlos Royal [kahr-lohs **roi**-uhl]
proper name retired realtor, entrepreneur, author, lecturer and inventor - the owner of the owl box, broadcaster and entertainer to millions - see also Wizard of Owls.

Usage: *We love Carlos!!*

Carlowlk Howlmes [kahr-loulk houlmz]
proper noun The name given to Carlos as he replays the OB2 tapes to determine "what REALLY happened".

Usage: *Could anyone tell who that was on the roof? I guess we'll have to wait for Carlowlk Howlmes to replay the video.*

Carrie [kar-ee]
proper name the second born of the second clutch of owlets (August 8, 2010 -) - named for Carrie Underwood, country singer, a favorite of Carlos and Donna Royal.

Usage: *It looks like Carrie has finally mastered the rip-n-shred technique.*

Carrieoke [kar-ee-**oh**-kee]
noun the act of an owlet singing along to a music video.

Usage: *What songs are on the Carrieoke this afternoon? This morning, Ashley did a beautiful Carrieoke of the "Molly Bobble" song.*

Cassie [kas-ee]
proper name one of two Great Danes living in the home next door to the Royals - a member of the OEWS - Owl Early Warning System.

Usage: *Gee! Cassie is sure barking up a storm tonight! I wonder what is out there?*

Casting [kas-ting]
verb the regurgitation of the compacted clump or pellet of fur, feathers, bones, teeth, and other indigestible parts of their prey.

Usage: *I never say "casting a pellet." Hork is a lot more fun!*

CAW
acronym Crow Attack Worrier—CAW is a sub-genus of the common WW (worry wart).

Usage: *I'm definitely a CAW! Go away, nasty ol' crow!*

CBOY
acronym Carlos Been On Yet?.

Usage: *I just got up. CBOY?*

CDAD
acronym Carlos and Donna Adoration Disorder.

Usage: *I don't know who I'll miss the most - the owlets or the Royals. I surely do have CDAD.*

Chat [chat]
noun one of two social networking situations available to visitors to the owl box Ustream website - see also: *Social Stream*.

Usage: *This is the best chat room I've ever visited.*

Chatterz [chat-erz]
plural noun the members of the chatroom at www.ustream.tv/theowlbox.

Usage: *The chatterz in the owl box have such varied interests and knowledge. I've learned so much.*

Chilurkers [chih-ler-kerz]
noun children who are lurking.

Usage: *The chat room is kept child friendly round the clock. We always have to act with some dignity when in the chat room because of chilurkers. We have chilurkers from around the world.*

Chirowlpractor [kahy-roul-prak-ter]
noun one whose occupation is the practice of chiropractic treatment of disorders of the neck, spine, legs and arms cause by sitting for too long owl watching or by attempting to duplicate the

head movements of the owlets.

Usage: *Note to self: Do NOT try to turn your head like the owlets. Second Note to self: Schedule chirowlpractor appointment.*

The owlets were not too fond of the new Chirowlpractor who had moved into town because of his name - Dr.Hawk.

ChocOWLholic [chaw-koul-ho-ik]
noun one who is obsessed with chocolate and owls.

Usage: *It's such a relief to find myself in like company and learn that I'm not the only chocOWLholic in the universe. One chatter confessed that she was a ChocOWLholic because she asked the candy store if they had any chocolate horks.*

Chorple [chohr-puhl]
noun that adorable sound the owlets make to each other as they cuddle together and preen - a combination of chortle and chirp.

Usage: *Listen to that sweet little chorple. Carrie says, "I wuvs my sissy!"*

Churk [churk]
verb doing chores while lurking in the owl box chat room or social stream.

Chris Adams | Cowlifornia

Usage: *I've got so much to do around the house today. I guess I'll just churk for a while.*

Chris Adams [kris **ad**-uhmz]
proper name see Rocketmancreative.

Usage: *Chris Adams is sooooo talented!*

Clappything [klap-ee-thing]
noun the name affectionately given to the animated applauding smiley face emoticon used in the chat rooms on Ustream.tv - also known as "clappy bowling pins" and "that weird little demented walrus looking clappy thingy".

Usage: *Please don't use the clappything too much. It uses up a lot of bandwidth and slows things down for folks on Iphone.*

Clearz [kleerz]
proper name the name given to the upper night camera after being cleared of Blurz.

Usage: *I'm so glad to see Clearz. The view is great!*

Comicowl [kom-i-koul]
adjective owlets (and/or chatters) producing laughter; being amusing and funny.

Usage: *Oh! Did you see that face plant? These YoungUnz are so comicowl!*

Confluences of Yuk [kon-**floo**-uhns-uhz uhv yuhk]
noun that meeting of all germs and circumstances that lead to one succumbing to illness or performing distasteful duties.

Usage: *I haven't been on in a few days. I got hit by the Confluences of Yuk.*

Controwlversy [kon-troul-vur-see]
noun the mild and often fun disputes or debates that occur in the owl box chat room regarding treat identification, owl or owlet identification or other such inconsequential matters.

Usage: *That last treat delivery led to quite a controwlversy. Was it WOOD rat or a ROOF rat?*

Cowlffeine [koul-**feen**, koulf-**een**]
noun the substance in Royal Café Mocha that gives Carlos his unending energy, enthusiasm and cheerfulness.

Usage: *Carlos has definitely had plenty of cowlffeine today. He's full of energy!*

Cowlifornia [kal-uh-**fohm**-yuh, -**fohr**-nee-uh]
noun The state where the owl box is located.

Usage: *Cowlifornia is the home to many wild animals—some of them work in Howliwood.*

Cowlmic | Deet deet deet

Cowlmic [koul- mik]
noun a comedian in the owl box.

Usage: *Carlos is such a cowlmic! I love to hear him laugh!*

Cowlprit [koul-prit]
noun the protagonist in the exciting events of the owl box; see also: Mary Cooper, Gary Cooper, Roark.

Usage: *I couldn't tell who it was that got Molly so alarmed. Maybe Carlos will be able to identify the cowlprit.*

Coyotez [kahy-oh-teez]
plural noun a predatory canine mammal, *Canis latrans*, related to but smaller than the wolf, roaming the deserts and prairies of North America - heard howling most evenings through the hyper-sensitive microphones in the owl box.

Usage: *The coyotez sure are worked up about something tonight.*

CREW
acronym Comforting and Rolling Eyes at the Worriers - a learned response familiar to most Molly veterans.

Usage: *Some of the questions asked make me CREW.*

Cuteness Overload [kyoot-nes oh-ver-lohd]
noun that feeling that one cannot endure any more

adorable behavior and appearance from the owlets - usually proven to be vastly underestimated as the owlets continue their precious antics.

Usage: *Carrie caused cuteness overload when s/he fell over at the end of the Molly Bobble performance.*

CVOD

acronym Carlos' Voice Obsessive Disorder.

Usage: *I definitely have CVOD. My day just doesn't go well unless I've heard him talk to us.*

Dd

Day Cam [dey kam]
noun the color camera used for viewing the owl box and the owls during daylight hours.

Usage: *It's starting to get light out. Carlos will be switching over to the day cam soon.*

Deet deet deet [deet]
noun the sound made when Carlos imitates the sound made when the owls call to each other.

Usage: *I love to hear Carlos say, "Deet deet deet" when he's explaining Molly's various calls.*

Dental Floss | Donna Royal

Dentowl floss [den-towl flos]

noun the bit of tail remaining and hanging from the beak as the owlets down a particularly large prey; see also: post-prandial cigar, tail pacifier.

Usage: *Carrie has certainly good dentowl hygiene. My mother taught me to always use dentowl floss after a meal, too.*

Ashley knows the proper way to use Dentowl floss is to let it slide down the throat after consuming a rather large rodent.

Designated squawker [dez-ig-neyt-uhd skwawk-er]

noun the owlet chosen to provide the squawking serenade for Molly and McGee each evening - the owlets seem to draw straws to determine whose turn it is.

Usage: *These two are good ventrowloquists. I can't tell who is the designated squawker tonight.*

DIHS

acronym Dreaming in Haiku Syndrome.

Usage: *The experience of the owl box has led to me developing DIHS.*

DILS

acronym Dreaming in Limerick Syndrome.

Usage: *After a few days in chat, I'm beginning to develop DILS.*

DIRS

acronym Dreaming in Rhyme Syndrome.

Usage: *Does anyone else have DIRS?*

DMZ

acronym DeMollytarized Zone - where Tauntz and the Tauntzlets live.

Usage: *Tauntz has chosen to live in the DMZ - smart bunny!*

DOFO

acronym Dream of Flying Owls - a sign-off message to fellow chatters.

Usage: *May all your worries be little ones and may you DOFO tonight.*

DOMO

acronym Dream of More Owlets - a sign-off message to fellow chatters.

Usage: *May you not have nightmares, and may you DOMO tonight.*

Donna Royal [don-uh roi-uhl]

proper name wife of Carlos Royal - the woman beside the man behind the curtain - the reason there is an owl box for the world to see.

Usage: *Donna Royal will probably think twice before asking for anything like an owl box again!*

DOO

acronym Dream of Owls - a sign-off message to fellow chatters.

Usage: *Good night y'owl! DOO!*

DOOE

acronym Dream of Owls Everyone - a sign-off message to fellow chatters.

Usage: *See y'owl tomorrow. DOOE!*

DOOR

acronym Dream of Owl Rodents - a sign-off message to fellow chatters.

Usage: *I can't wait up for the delivery. DOOR!*

DOV

acronym Dream of Vermin - a sign-off message to fellow chatters.

Usage: *I must get some sleep. DOV!*

DOWFO

acronym Dream of Well Fed Owls - a sign-off message to fellow chatters.

Usage: *It looks like the YoungUnz have had several treats. I must go now. DOWFO!*

Drurking [drur-king]

verb drawing while lurking - an activity developed to perfection by VacaDude.

Usage: *VacaDude captured that scene perfectly. He must have been drurking when it happened.*

Dudley [duhd-lee]

proper name the final, unhatched egg of the first clutch, affectionately named by the owl box chatters.

Usage: *Dudley was a good egg. He fledged - just not here on Earth.*

Durking [dur-king]

verb lurking while dancing (teaching a dancing class with the owl box open in the studio).

Usage: *I had OBI on in the studio this morning and the class was durking. We could NOT do the Yowlga or Bowllet moves very well though.*

The dance instructor was caught durking because she told the class to get up on their talons.

Ee

EAFS

acronym Eagerly Awaiting Flight School - see also NEAFS.

Usage: *The owlets are really growing. I'm EAFS.*

Ear Plubs [eer pluhbz]

plural noun ear plugs or ear phones used to hear the

Ear Worm | Eric Blehm

events of the owl box -
origin: typo.

Usage: *Whoa! I forgot to take out
my ear plubs before
McGee came in!*

Ear Worm [eer wurm]
noun that song that gets stuck in
your head and replays
continuously all day, no
matter how hard you try to
drive it out.

Usage: *The Molly Song is the first
ear worm I've ever had that
I kinda' like.*

Ecowlnomics [ek-oul-nom-iks]
noun the study of marketing
and finance in the owl box.

Usage: *The rise in Nutella stock is
directly tied to Ecowlnomics.
Austin has gotten a real
education in ecowlnomics.*

Einstein [ahyn-stahyn]
proper noun 1. Carlos' role
model and exemplar -
German physicist, U.S.
citizen from 1940: formulator
of the theory of relativity;
Nobel prize 1921.

2. the name given to
VacaDude's plush Beanie
Baby owlet, following a
flood of suggestions from
chatters - named for
Owlbert Einstein because of
Carlos' great admiration for
him.

Usage: *With a personal model like
Einstein, no wonder Carlos
has been able to
accomplish so much in his
life!*

Ethology [ee-thol-uh-jee]
noun the study of animal
behavior with emphasis on
the behavioral patterns that
occur in natural
environments.

Usage: *I've been sitting here
watching these owls for
months and my family has
been complaining. You
mean all this time I could
have been telling them that
I was studying ethology??*

EMOD

acronym Extreme Molly
Obsessive Disorder.

Usage: *Symptoms of EMOD are
like those of MOD, but to a
much more exaggerated
degree.*

Eric Blehm [er-ik blem]
proper name New York Times best-
selling author of *The Last
Season*, *The Only Thing Worth
Dying For* and most notably,
Molly, The Owl. Founder and
owner of *Molly The Owl
Books*, an independent
publishing company, that
also designs and produces
some of the coolest official
Molly related products
including the *Molly The Owl
Jewelry Line*, toys, and gifts.
www.ericblehm.com;
www.mollytheowlbooks.com

EveryMODy | Flamingowl

Usage: *It's so much fun when Eric Blehm comes on to talk with Carlos.*

EveryMODy [ev-ree-mod-ee]
noun All MODs.

Usage: *Owlo, y'owl! How's everyMODy this fine morning?*

Ff

Fabowlous [fab-ou-luhs]
adjective the description of the owlets as exceptionally good or unusual.

Usage: *There are not words adequate to describe these owls. They are simply fabowlous!*

Face plant [feyz plant]
noun the act of falling face first to the gag shag floor, usually performed by a young owl when its sleepy head becomes too heavy to hold up any longer.

Usage: *If I don't go to bed soon, I'm gonna face plant on my keyboard.*

Facial disk [fey-shuhl disk]
noun the feathers on the face of an owl form disks that resemble satellite dishes - this helps direct sound toward the owl's ears with such accuracy that they can hunt in complete darkness.

Usage: *Max is growing up. Her facial disks are really starting to develop.*

Fantowlstic [fan-touls-tik]
adjective the description of the owlets as extravagantly fanciful; marvelous; incredibly great or extreme.

Usage: *Now that was fantowlstic! I've never seen anything quite like it!*

Faticus Raticus Enormicus [fat-uh-kuhs rat-uh-kuhs ee-nor-muh-kuhs]
noun one of the names given by chatters to any number of very large rodents delivered to the owl box for meals - common name: sumpin' big - see also: *Ratticus Gigaticus*.

Usage: *That delivery was definitely of the Fatticus Ratticus species!*

Field Mouse [feeld mous]
noun see also: vole.

Usage: *Until I started in the owl box, I never knew that what I've always called a field mouse is really a vole. What an education I'm getting here!*

Flamingowl [fluh-ming-gowl]
noun the stance that Molly takes, balancing on one leg - her imitation of a flamingo.

Usage: *I love to see Molly balanced in her flamingowl impersonation.*

Flappercize | Flyabout

Flappercize [flap-per-sahyz]

verb that method of exercise used by the owlets for pre-flight preparations, and in the case of Ashley, pre-flight slim-downs.

Usage: *"Molly seems to be working on the YoungUnz "let's get physical" stage. She told them, "You're now officially on a diet and I want you to flappercize more."*

Flat Stanley [flat stan-lee]

proper noun the name given by the chatters to the very flat, very dry, and very undesirable rat that Molly attempted to regift to the owlets 14 times in one night. Derived from the children's book *Flat Stanley*.

Usage: *Molly, dear. I do believe Flat Stanley has long passed his "serve by" date.*

Fledge Ledge [flej lej]

noun the long strip of wood mounted on a pole in front of the owl box to give the owlets a surface for branching as they begin to learn to fly.

Usage: *When Austin first left the box, he bypassed the Fledge Ledge entirely and went straight to the Royal Landing Pad.*

Fling and Fly [fling uhn flahy]

phrase the method of food delivery most often

employed by McGee after the owlets are mature enough to move around the box on their own - this method consists of a rapid flying approach to the box with prey in beak or talons, a brief pause at the door where the prey is tossed into the box or grabbed by a waiting owlet, followed by a rapid flying departure.

Usage: *McGee should be coming soon with another Fling and Fly delivery.*

Fluddle [fluhd-dl]

noun the feathery bundle often seen in the corner of the owl box. Identification of body parts is usually impossible. From fluffy huddle.

Usage: *I cannot see any part of an owlet in that fluddle. All I see is a pile of down from a pillow fight swept into the corner.*

Flyabout [flahy-uh-bout]

noun

1. when Molly leaves the box for a brief time during the brooding stage, usually to stretch exercise wings or poop.
2. when a chatter feels the need to leave the computer for a few moments, usually to grab food or visit the restroom.
3. when one's computer makes an unexpected visit to worlds unknown, locking up, slowing down, or crashing.

Flyby | Fuzzy Buttkinz

Usage: *I'm getting so mad at this computer that it might be doing a flyabout right out that window soon!!*

Flyby [flahy-bahy]
noun the observation, via the exterior cameras, of an owl flying in the vicinity of the owl box but not stopping to visit.

Usage: *Does anyone know which owl that was in the flyby on OB2?*

Flyz [flahyz]
proper name any of a number of buzzing insects that frequent the owl box whose incessant buzzing is heard through the hyper-sensitive microphones.

Usage: *Flyz has got to go! He's driving me nuts!*

FOF
acronym Fun Owl Friday - so named by Carlos as he declared Fridays to be a stress free zone, open only to fun.

Usage: *WooHoo! It's Fun Owl Friday! Good times in the owl box!*

Food Coma [food koh-muh]
Noun The state of near stupor that the owlets achieve after downing a large meal.

Usage: *Carrie is in a food coma after that rat she ate this morning.*

Force Shield [fohrs sheeld]
noun the strong barrier across the

owl box door keeping the owlets in until old enough to leave—see also: *Invisible Owllet Gate*

Usage: *The force shields seem stronger than anything seen in science fiction movies.*

FOS
acronym Falling Owllet Syndrome - usually involves cries for safety nets or baby gates.

Usage: *The incidence of FOS isn't quite so bad with C2 - we know what to expect now.*

Frinks [fringks]
noun beverages consumed while chatting - typo for drinks.

Usage: *Okay, I've got frinks for everyone! Take your pick.*
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Fruitcakerat [froot-keyk-rat]
noun the rats that Molly re-gifts because no one wants it.

Usage: *All that Fruitcakerat needs now is some foil wrapping.*

Fuzzy buttkinz [fuhz-zee buht-kuhnz]
proper noun one of the many names given to the owlets because of the fluff around their bellies and legs.

Usage: *There is no way that Fuzzy buttkinz is gonna' fit through the door.*

Gab Shag | Glistenz

Gg

Gab Shag [gab shag]
noun a post that got lost and fell to the chat or Social Stream floor.

Usage: *I know I answered your question. It must have ended up as gab shag.*

Gag shag [gag shag]
noun the collected remains of cast pellets, spread about the floor of the owl box as nesting material.

Usage: *The gag shag is looking particularly gaggy and shaggy today.*

Gag Shag Wag [gag shag wag]
noun the dance done by the owlet as they first begin to learn to crawl, then walk, then hop about the owl box.

Usage: *Aww! The babies are getting bigger and starting to do the Gag Shag Wag now. How cute!*

GAGS

acronym Gulp and Gone Syndrome.

Usage: *Well that little mouse was surely a victim of GAGS.*

Gargantuowl [gahr-gan-choo-oul]
proper noun one of many names given to Ashley because of her size.

Usage: *Who stole Ashley and put that Gargantuowl in her place?*

Gary Cooper [gair-ee koo-per]
proper name the name given by Donna Royal to the Cooper Hawk that frequents the Royals' back yard.

Usage: *I haven't seen Gary Cooper put in an appearance, have you?*

GE

acronym Good Evening.

Usage: *Lots of folks coming in. GE everyone!*

Ginormous [jahy-nawr-muhs]
adjective greatly exceeding the common size; huge; immense - formed from a combination of giant or gigantic and enormous.

Usage: *That last treat was GINORMOUS! Are you sure it was a rat? It sure looked like a wallaby to me!*

Glimmerz [glim-erz]
proper name one of the names given to the spiders that are frequently seen on or around the exterior cameras - the country cousin of Glowz and Glitz.

Usage: *Glimmerz is certainly busy on OB2 tonight.*

Glistenz [glis-uhnz]
proper name one of the names given to the spiders that are frequently seen on or around the exterior

cameras - the country
cousin of Glowz and Glitz.

Usage: *I think I just saw Glistenz on
the Kestrel Cam.*

Glitz [glits]
proper name the mate of
Glowz, living inside the owl
box.

Usage: *Glitz put in an
appearance a few times,
but he's not been seen
lately.*

Glowz [gloh-z]
proper name the name given to
the spider (likely an orb
spider) that made a home
in the owl box - often seen
glowing in the infrared light
as she wove her web across
the lens of the infrared,
night camera.

Usage: *Does anyone know why
Glowz glows in the dark?*

GM
acronym Good Morning.

Usage: *GM all! It's a beautiful day
in the owl box!*

GN
acronym Good Night.

GOBBPS
acronym Grossed Out By Barfing
Pellet Syndrome.

Usage: *Some people really suffer
from GOBBPS. I'm don't. I'm
a member of the MIA Club.*

Go-Go-Gadget Legs [goh goh **gaj-it**
legz]
noun the description of the
owlets legs as they learn to
rise from the gag shag and
stand on their own two feet
and practice their yowlga
and bowllet moves -
sometimes also used is "go-
go-gadget neck" - from the
childrens cartoon *Inspector
Gadget*.

Usage: *Ashley has finally figured
out how those Go-go-
gadget legs work. Look at
her standing up so tall!*

Golfer [gawl-fer]
noun another name for a
pocket gopher - origin: typo
for gofer.

Usage: *Did they finally eat the
golfer?*

Gopher [goh-fer]
noun see also: pocket gopher.

Usage: *Molly and McGee must
have found a gopher
convention tonight! That's
the fourth one they've
delivered.*

Gopher Family [goh-fer **fam-uh-lee**]
noun any of a number of
gopher type prey delivered
to the owl box which have
been given names by the
chatters. Members of this
family include Geoffrey,
Gilroy, Gladys, Gertie,
Gerald and Greta.

Gopher Sofaz | HAWD

Usage: *That's Gladys Gopher propped up in the corner of the box today.*

Gopher Sofaz [goh-ferz soh-fuhz]
noun the name given to the prey on which the owlets tend to sit or recline.

Usage: *That gopher sofaz is looking pretty ragged about now.*

Gopherectomy [goh-fer-ek-tuh-mee]
noun Molly's removal of petrified rodent remains from the owl box.

Usage: *I don't think Ashley was too happy about that gopherectomy. She was saving that to sleep on later.*

Growlcho Marx [groul-choh mahrks]
noun the character that Carrie is fond of imitating as she struggles to consume those final inches of prey tail.

Usage: *Carrie is doing really well with her Growlcho Marx impersonation.*

Gowldzilla [gould-zihl-luh]
proper noun one of many names given to Ashley because of her size.

Usage: *I wonder if Ashley is insulted by being called Gowldzilla?*

Gular Fluttering [goo-luhr fluh-ter-ing]
noun A cooling behavior in which birds rapidly flap membranes in the throat to

increase evaporation - movement of the beak is also common, leading to the impression that the owls are "singing".

Usage: *It's cooler today, so there is much less gular fluttering seen in the owl box this afternoon.*

Guts [guhts]
plural noun an affectionate term for chatters, meaning "guys" - origin: typo.

Usage: *I love you guts*

Guts du jour [guhts duh zhoor]
noun the food on the menu for the day - menu determined by Molly and McGee and the prey available.

Usage: *Oh, I see that gopher is the guts du jour.*

Hh

HAGD
acronym Have A Good Day.

Usage: *Bye y'all! HAGD!*

HAGE
acronym Have a Good Evening.

Usage: *See ya' later all. HAGE!*

HAWD
acronym Have a Wonderful Day.

Usage: *Time for me to head to W... . HAWD, y'oww!*

HB

acronym Hurry Back.

Usage: *Well go, if you must, but be sure to HB.*

HDYDASS

acronym How Do You Do A Screen Shot.

Usage: *I want so save some of the pictures here. HDYDASS?*

Heavenly Spritz [hev-uhn-lee spritz]

noun the mist often seen through the exterior cameras in early morning when there is low cloud cover.

Usage: *We don't need Mr. Spritz today. We have the Heavenly Spritz.*

HIC

acronym Hanging in Chat.

Usage: *I've been HIC, so I haven't accomplished much today. But I've sure had fun!*

Hipz and thighz [hips uhnd thahyz]

noun the widest portion of the prey that make it difficult for an owlet to swallow a whole rodent.

Usage: *If Carrie can just find a way to fold those hipz and thighz, she could get that thing down.*

HISS

acronym Hanging in Social Stream.

Usage: *I've been HISS for too long. I must get up and do the*

dishe. . . OH! Did you see that! I think I'll stay a little bit. Maybe she'll do that again!

HMOS

acronym How Many Owlets Syndrome (frequently associated with IDRBP.

Usage: *I just signed on. I've got HMOS. So how many are there??*

Hork [hohrk]

verb Heaving Out Rodent Carcasses

Hurl out Rodent Cookies

a common slang term for vomit - this term has been repurposed in the owl box to mean the act of casting a pellet

noun the pellet that is cast.

Usage: *I've found that hork is a nice, general, all-purpose word. I can work it into conversation at least once a day.—Hork alert!!!*

Horkage [hohr-kij]

noun the act or result of horking.

Usage: *I think the owlets must perform their horkage away from the camera. I never get to see it.*

Horkaholic [hohrk-uh-hol-ik]

noun one obsessed with trying to see a hork live, as it happens.

Horklich Maneuver | Howlgrid

Usage: *I have yet to see a live hork. I've become a horkaholic!*

Horklich Maneuver [hohr-klik muh-noo-ver]
noun the procedure often suggested when it appears that an owlet is struggling to complete the action of horking.

Usage: *She's been working on that hork for a long time. Does anyone here know the Horklich Maneuver?*

Horko, ergo edo [hohr-koh ur-goh eh-doh]
phrase I Hork, therefore I gobble.

Usage: *Horko, ergo edo has become the new slogan of the owlets.*

Horkoid [hohrk-oid]
noun Hork on steroids.

Usage: *Whoa!! That thing was huge! That was a horkoid if I've ever seen one!*

Horks and Kisses [hohrks uhnd kis-suhz]
interjection a common greeting in the Social Stream.

Usage: *Horks and Kisses, y'owl!*

Horkstipated [hohrk-stuh-pey-tuhd]
noun the joking reference to an owlet that appears to be having difficulty casting a pellet

Usage: *Do you think she's horkstipated?*

Horkticipation [hohrk-tis-uh-pey-shuhn]
noun the anticipation of an obviously impending horkage.

Usage: *The horkticipation in the owl box is at an all-time high today.*

HorkUps [hohrk-uhps]
noun owl hiccups.

Usage: *Watch Carrie! I think she's got the Horkups!*

Hot Pohorko [hot puh-hohrk-oh]
noun the game the owlets play as they roll a hork between them in the box.

Usage: *The YoungUnz are having a blast playing Hot Pohorko with that horkoid.*

Howlddle [hould-l]
noun the pile of owlets as they snuggle together for warmth and comfort.

Usage: *That is so cute. They're all piled in a big howlddle.*

Howlgrid [houl-gruhd]
proper noun one of many names given to Ashley because of her size - from Hagrid, a half-giant character in the Harry Potter series of books and movies.

Usage: *Howlgrid over there just ate two whole gophers by herself! What a glutton.*

Howliday [hou-l-i-dey]
noun a day fixed by law or custom on which ordinary business is suspended in commemoration of some event or in honor of some person—a vacation.

Usage: *What better way to spend a howliday than with my friends in the owl box?*

Howloween [hou-l-uh-ween, -oh-een]
noun the celebration of Allhallow's Eve in the owl box.

Usage: *Are we all going to dress as owls for Howloween this year?*

HPP
acronym Hork Processing Position.

Usage: *Well, the owlets are stretched out in HPP. Prepare for screen shots in about an hour.*

Hugs and Hisses [huhgz and his-suhz]
interjection a common greeting in the Social Stream.

Usage: *I'm heading to bed. Hugs and hisses for everyone!*

Humz [huhmz]
proper name the name given to the hummingbirds frequently seen through the exterior cameras as they flit around the owl box and mimosa tree

Usage: *Look y'all!!! Humz is on OB2!*

Hutty Back [huht-tee bak]
phrase typo - see HB.

Usage: *I'm sorry you have to leave, just when things are really getting interesting. Hutty back!*

Hypocorism [hahy-pok-uh-riz-uhm, hi-]
noun the practice of assigning a pet name to those we love.

Usage: *I've been guilty of hypocorism my whole life - I just never knew there was a word for it!*

li

lao, baby [ou bey-bee]
interjection a farewell given when departing the chatroom - origin: typo for "Ciao, baby".

Usage: *I'm outa here for the night! lao, baby!*

ICACS
acronym Incessant Camera Angle Complaint Syndrome.

Usage: *It doesn't matter what he does, Carlos is always going to hear from those with ICACS.*

IDRBP
acronym I Didn't Read Before Posting.

Usage: *Sorry for asking so many questions. IDRBP*

Immortowl | JackStack

Immortowl [im-mohr-toul]
adjective said of these owls who will be remembered or celebrated through all time.

Usage: *Not many owls can claim to be immortowl, but the legacy created by the Royal owls has certainly proven that it can be done.*

Inferiowlity complex [in-feer-ee-ou-i-tee kom-pleks]
noun Carrie's lack of self-esteem; feeling of inadequacy; lack of self-confidence because of the many comments about her small stature.

Usage: *Carrie's inferiowlity complex is really just chatters anthropomorphizing again.*

In Spittit [in spit-uh-t]
phrase in the thoughts and hearts of owl watchers - from typo for "in spirit".

Usage: *I wish I could go to the picnic, but know that I'll be there in spittit!*

Internal economies of owlets [in-tur-nl ih-kon-uh-meez uhv ou-lits]
phrase the digestive processes of the owlets, frequently discussed without pause in the chat room.

Usage: *I can't believe I'm sitting here discussing the internal economies of owlets with two thousand people from around the world.*

Invisible owlet gate [in-viz-uh-buhl ou-lit geyt]
noun that unseen, but very present barrier that prevents the owlets from crossing the threshold of the owl box door until they are old enough to do so.

Usage: *I'm glad I learned about the invisible owlet gate. I'll worry less now.*

ISR

acronym I Shall Return.

Usage: *Signing off for now, but ISR!*

Jj

Jack Nichowlson [jak nik-oul-suhn]
Proper noun the celebrity who often visits in the owl box command central.



Usage: *Ya' know, that Jack Nichowlson kinda looks a little bit like Carlos, but I think Carlos is cuter!*

Jackson [jak-suhn]
proper name one of two Great Danes living in the home next door to the Royals.

Usage: *That had to be Jackson barking. His voice is deeper than Cassie's.*

JackStack [jak-stak]
noun the pile of the four owlets, early in the second clutch - from the first initial of each name - Jody, Ashley, Carrie, Kelly.

Jiminy Cricketz | Keyboard Shift

Usage: *These four look so cute, all cuddled in their JackStack.*

Jiminy Cricketz [jim-uh-nee krik-itz]
noun the name given to the crickets heard chirping VERY loudly through the hyper-sensitive owl box microphones each summer evening.

Usage: *Jiminy Cricketz and his family are sure overpowering the microphone tonight.*

Jody [joh-dee]
proper name the fourth born of the second clutch (August 14, 2010 - August 21, 2010), named for Jody, the eldest sister of Carlos Royal (dec. 2001)

Usage: *Jody's hatching was one of the greatest things I've ever watched.*

John Atkinson [jon at-kin-suhn]
proper name see VacaDude.

Usage: *Who is John Atkinson? OH!!! " VacaDude! I think I saw his name in some movie credits.*

Johurking [joh-her-king]
verb Lurking while job hunting.

Usage: *I AM looking for work. I'm just here johurking. ... Honest!!*

Kk

Kelly [kel-ee]
proper name the third born of second clutch (August 11, 2010 - August 17, 2010), named for anyone you've ever known named Kelly, regardless of how the name is spelled - Donna just like the name.

Usage: *Kelly was such a little cutie. I miss her.*

Kestrel Cam [kes-truhl kam]
noun The exterior camera focused on the kestrel box in the Royal backyard.

Usage: *I saw a flyby on the Kestrel cam.*

Kestrelz [kes-truhlz]
plural noun a common small falcon, Falco sparverius, of northern parts of the Eastern Hemisphere, notable for hovering in the air with its head to the wind - also known as American kestrel, sparrow hawk - see also: Callie, Calvin.

Usage: *The Kestrelz are Donna's favorite bird.*

Keyboard Shift [kee-bohrd shift]
noun where suddenly everything is tu[ed ftom ome kry tp tje lrft.

Usage: *That last post was hard to read. I think she was a victim of keyboard shift.*

Kidz | LBBAAT

Kidz [kidz]

plural noun the affectionate name given to the four offspring of Molly and McGee's first clutch, particularly after fledging.

Usage: *Has there been any sign of the Kidz lately?*

KISS

acronym Keep It Scrolling Syndrome.

Usage: *Nothing much was happening with the chat. I've got KISS, so I had to post something, even though I don't have anything to say.*

Knickerz [nik-erz]

noun the fluffy pants seen on the owlets legs.

Usage: *I hope the owlets don't lose their fluffy knickerz too soon. They look so cute in them.*

Knotbird [not-burd]

proper name the name given to the original perch mounted to the front of the owl box - from certain camera angles, the knot in the wood of this perch takes on the appearance of a small bird, leading to frequent questions of "What kind of bird is that?" which is usually answered, "That's KnotBird. That's a perch."

Usage: *KnotBird has always been a favorite posing spot for the owls.*

KOWL

acronym The Owl Box Broadcasting Network.

Usage: *Carlos is the DJ extraordinaire on KOWL.*

KWHNTDWAB

acronym Kids Who Have Nothing To Do Who Are Bored.

Usage: *Trolls are often KWHNTDWAB.*

Kyle [kahyl]

proper name a character created by VacaDude - a carrot who celebrates the hunting prowess of McGee and his efforts to keep the rabbit population in check (www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUSBZ6_8GFs).

Usage: *Oh no, not Kyle again! Kyle seems to inspire strong emotions in people. Some love him and others fear him.*

KZA

acronym Keyboard Zombies with ADHD (MODs).

Usage: *Welcome to the Association of KZA! The condition only gets worse.*

LI

LBBAAT

acronym Little Bitty Bites At A Time.

Usage: *Remember, Carrie, until you get bigger, it's LBBAAT!*

Leggz [legz]

proper name the name given to McGee due to the fact that his legs are frequently all that is seen through the nighttime infrared camera when he visits the owl box each evening.

Usage: *Leggz McGee has some of the best looking legs I've ever seen on a guy.*

Leggz Cam [legz kam]

proper name the name given to the lower of the two infrared nighttime cameras, due to the fact that as the owlets get older, all that can be seen of them and their parents is their legs.

Usage: *The leggz cam doesn't do us much good when the owlets get older. We can't see much.*

Lenz [lenz]

proper name the name given to the camera installed in the back of the box, visible behind the owls.

Usage: *Lenz will be really handy when the owlets move to the end of the box by the door.*

LOL

acronym Laughing Out Loud.

Usage: *Hehehe! That was a good one! LOL!*

Lork [lurk]

verb lurking in the owl box chat room when one is supposed to be working.

Usage: *The boss is coming. I need to lork for a while.*

Lurkdom [lurk-duhm]

noun the metaphysical dwelling place of the many Molly watchers who observe the happenings in the box and chat or Social Stream, but do not join in.

Usage: *Chatters love it when someone emerges from the long stay in lurkdom and move into the realm of chat.*

Lurker [lurk-er]

noun someone who reads the messages in the chat room without out responding or participating.

Usage: *I've been a lurker for a few weeks but just have to get in a few comments.*

Mm

MAD

acronym Molly Anxiety Disorder - usually strikes the first few times she spends the day out of the box or at night, during her absence.

Usage: *What do you mean she didn't stay in the box today??! Now I've really got MAD and I've got it bad!*

Mary Cooper | MFFF

Mary Cooper [mair-ee koo-per]

proper noun the name given by Donna Royal to the juvenile Cooper's hawk that caused so much concern and panic among the viewers when she followed Molly back to the box one morning just at dawn.

Usage: *Mary Cooper may be a fine looking hawk, but I hope she does her looking a long way away from here from now on.*

Mattz [mats]

proper noun the name given to the very flat, compressed rats left lying around the owl box.

Usage: *The YoungUnz better sit on those mattz when Molly comes, or she'll take them away.*

Max [maks]

proper name the first born of the first clutch (March 21, 2010 -), named for Carlos' old-time friend who lives in Arizona.

Usage: *It was evident that Max was born to be a mother. She sure did take care of Wes once Molly moved to the Royal Palmz.*

MBD

acronym Molly Butt Disorder (from sitting too long in front of the computer.

Usage: *I don't know if I'll be able to walk when I get up. I've got MBD*

MBMFLTOASS

acronym McGee Brought More Food Last Time - These Owlets Are Starving Syndrome.

Usage: *The MBMFLTOASS is sometimes a hotly debated topic.*

McGee [muhk-gee]

proper name the mate of Molly, the father of the owlets, the provider and hunting trainer - named by Carlos Royal.

Usage: *McGee is a great daddy. He knows how much food to bring and does his best to do so.*

MDT

acronym Molly Daylight Time.

Usage: *Remember, all events times are posted in MDT - make adjustments as necessary for your own time zone.*

Meetup [meet-uhp]

noun a gathering of two or more loyal Molly watchers or MODs.

Usage: *I wonder if we could convince Carlos and Donna to travel from meetup to meetup in their motor home?*

MFFF

acronym My Fine Feathered Friends.

Usage: *MFFF does not stand for My Fine Feathered *Fiends though sometimes I wonder...*

MHSN

acronym MOD Home Shopping Network.

Usage: *MHSN leaves QVC in the dust.*

MIA Club

acronym Missed it again (hork or hatch).

Usage: *I have yet to see any of the owlets hatch. I'm a member of the MIA club.*

Mice Cream [mahys kreem]

noun 1. that fine dairy product used in making Cappuccinowl.

2. That frozen dairy dessert so loved by chatters who need a late night sugar rush

Usage: *Mice cream only works in iced Cappuccinowls.*

MID

acronym Molly's Interesting Disorder - pre-MOD - the first stage in the development of full-blown Molly Obsessive Disorder.

Usage: *MID usually only lasts 1 day before full-blown MOD sets in.*

MIDTS

acronym Missed It Due To Scrolling.

Usage: *What did you say? I must have MIDTS.*

Mr. Spritz [mis-ter sprits]

Proper name the cooling mister installed above the owl box.

Usage: *Mr. Spritz sure made a difference for the owlets.*

MNBD

acronym Molly Numb Butt Disorder.

Usage: *.Why do I have MNBD? I've only been sitting here for 16 hours.*

MOCC

acronym Molly Owl Chat Collective - the gathering of chatters and lurkers from around the world who all share a common love of Molly and her family and who share the severe symptoms of MOD.

Usage: *Welcome to the MOCC - the Molly Owl Chat Collective. Resistance is futile. You will be assimilated.*

Mockz [moks]

proper name the name given to any number of mockingbirds that frequent the Royals' backyard, often perching and singing on top of the owlbox, visible on the exterior camera.

Usage: *Did you hear that? Mockz has learned to imitate the owlets' zquawking.*

MOD

acronym Molly Obsessive Disorder—the frenzy and addiction caused by watching Molly and her family.

It has been determined that there are actually five

MODerate | Molly The Owl Books

stages in the development of full-blown MOD.

1. MID—Molly's Interesting Disorder
2. MOD—Molly Obsessive Disorder
3. EMOD—Excessive Molly Obsessive Disorder
4. ÜberMOD—Über Molly Obsessive Disorder
5. Institutionalization

Usage: *Hi. I have MOD. I don't want to be cured. I like it.*

MODerate [mod-er-it]
noun the owlitical stance taken by Molly.

Usage: *Molly is a MODerate. She avoids any affiliation with politics.*

Moderator [mod-uh-rey-ter]
noun the keepers of the peace, the founts of information and levity, the guts in blue, the unsung and vastly underpaid heroes of the chatroom.

Usage: *We love our moderators!*

MOEND

acronym Molly Obsessive Empty Nest Disorder.

Usage: *When the owlets have all fledged we're all going to have serious cases of MOEND.*

Mole [mohl]
noun any of various small insectivorous mammals, esp. of the family Talpidae,

living chiefly underground, and having velvety fur, very small eyes, and strong forefeet.

Usage: *I bet that mole didn't even see McGee coming. Poor mole - he lost his white cane.*

Molly [mol-ee]
proper name the central figure and star, some may say diva, of the owl box; mother extraordinaire, the shining example of care, nuturing, love and parenting at its best.

Usage: *Molly is a common barn owl who turned out to be not so common after all.*

Molly Fiends [mol-ee feendz]
noun MODs - chatters, those in the owl box; from a typo for "Molly friends".

Usage: *Hello, my Molly fiends!*

Mollypop [mol-ee-pop]
proper noun Molly in a typical one legged stance.

Usage: *Mollypop, Mollypop, oh, Molly, Mollypop! Mollypop, Mollypop, oh Molly, Mollypop! (sing it with me!)*

Molly The Owl Books [mol-ee thee owl books]
noun the publishing company founded by Eric Blehm for the distribution of books and merchandise related to

Mollyese | Mount Wannahorkapellet

Molly and the owl box -
www.mollytheowlbooks.com.

location of the owlbox and
all its viewers and chatters.

Usage: *Molly The Owl Books looks
like it will become a
powerhouse in the
publishing industry.*

Usage: *"Say goodnight,
Mollywood."*

Mollyese [mol-ee-**eez**]
noun the language of the
chatroom and social
stream - continually growing
and evolving.

Mommy Frenzy [mom-ee fren-zee]
noun the bout of wild activity on
the part of the owlets when
Molly returns to the box.

Usage: *Although it is ever
evolving, I speak fluent
Mollyese.*

Usage: *If this mommy frenzy
continues, Molly needs to
learn McGee's fling and fly
technique.*

Mollyology [mol-ee-**ol-uh-jee**]
noun the study of all things Molly
- A degree in Mollyology
includes coursework in
Literature, Biology,
Chemistry, Zoology,
Mathematics, Linguistics,
Statistics, Philosophy,
Botany, Etymology,
Entomology, Music, Culinary
Arts, Nursing, Meteorology,
Humanities, Parenting, Child
Development, Ornithology,
Mythology, Ethology,
Ecology, Languages,
Business, Marketing and
Economy (Spelling courses
excluded).

Mothra [mawth-ruh]
proper name one of many
moths (order Lepidoptera)
seen through the exterior
cameras frequenting the
area around the owl box -
see also: *Mothz*.

Usage: *That was a HUGE Mothra
on OB2!*

Usage: *By the time this is all over,
we will have all earned
graduate degrees in
Mollyology.*

Mothz [mawths]
proper name one of many
moths (order Lepidoptera)
seen through the exterior
cameras frequenting the
area around the owl box -
see also: *Mothra*.

Usage: *There sure are lots of
Mothz flying around the
camera on OB2 tonight.*

Mollywood [mol-ee-wood]
geographical location the
somewhat metaphysical

Mount Wannahorkapellet [mount wuh
-nuh-**hohr**-kuh-pel-it]
noun the name giving to the
growing pile of unbroken
pellets gathering at the
front of the owl box, visible

Owlergies | Owlitics

Owlergies [oul-er-jee]

- noun* 1. the ailment suffered by the owlets and Molly causing occasional sneezes.
2. the ailment often blamed for the watery eyes and red nose seen on the faces of the chatters during particularly emotional or poignant moments.

Usage: *No, I'm not crying. (sniff) Why would I be crying? (snort) I'm fine with the cameras being turned off. (sniff) I've just got owlergies, that's all.*

Owlet Tutus [oul-uh-too-too-z]

- noun* the fluffy skirts worn by the owlets as they perform their bowlet and yowlga exercises in the owl box.

Usage: *I thought the YoungUnz would be losing their fluff by now. Those owl tutus just seem to get bigger and fuller each day.*

Owlexia [oul-ek-see-uh]

- noun* the condition of seeing all words as having "owl" as part of them (eg. Excitowled, flamingowl, verandowl).

Usage: *My owlexia is driving my purchasing department crazy. I now have 1000 dowels instead of dolls.*

Owlexic [oul-ek-sik]

- noun* one who has owlexia.

Usage: *I didn't misspell that. I'm owlexic.*

Owlfuscation [oul-fuh-skey-shuhn]

- noun* the obvious confusion for newcomers to the owl box as they attempt to understand the many elements of Mollyese.

Usage: *Mollyese has led to owlfuscation for many folks visiting the owl box for the first time.*

Owlgarithm [oul-guh-rith-uhm]

- noun* a step-by-step protocol, used to extrapolate only the values needed from an array of multiple figures.

Usage: *Carlos showed Eric an owlgarithm to determine just how many books had been sold.*

Owlish [oul-ish]

- noun* the language of the owls.

Usage: *After watching Molly and her family so long, I've reached a point where I can almost speak Owlsh.*

Owlismz [oul-iz-uhmz]

- noun* the words and phrases of the owl box.

Usage: *Every day there seems to be an addition to the list of owlism.*

Owlitics [oul-i-tiks]

- noun* the only political discussion allowed in the owl box.

Owllegory | Owlicipation

Usage: *It's okay to discuss owlitics, but politics should be kept out of the chat room.*

Owllegory [oul-uh-gohr-ee]
noun the story of Molly, in which the watchers see in the characters and events symbolism of a deeper moral or spiritual meaning.

Usage: *The owllegory of Molly's life has brought changes to all of us.*

Owllelujah [oul-uh-loo-yuh]
interjection an exclamation of joy or relief—usually heard when the first food delivery of the night is made or when the owlets return to the box after a night of branching play.

Usage: *Owllelujah! The owlets have all come back for another day in the box!*

Owlantics [oul-nuh-tiks]
noun those who suffer from a particular lunacy caused by repeated exposure to the owl box - often seen as a desirable state of being.

Usage: *I think we've all become owlantics!*

Owlo [oul-hoh]
interjection a greeting seen frequently in the owl box, infrequently elsewhere.

Usage: *Owlo, can you go to the Elephant Bar next month?*

Owlport [oul-pohrt]
noun the local air traffic control and flight control center utilized by Molly, McGee and their offspring.

Usage: *McGee's late tonight. There must be flight delays at the local owlport.*

Owlsome [oul-suhm]
adjective the perfect description of the main characters in the owl box, including, but not exclusive to, Molly, McGee, the owlets, Carlos and Donna - inspiring awe or very impressive.

Usage: *This whole experience in the owl box has been owlsome!*

Owlstanding [oul-stan-ding]
adjective marked by owlsh superiority or distinction; excellent; distinguished.

Usage: *The mods do an owlstanding job zapping trolls.*

OWLTEF
acronym OWL Watching Leads To Extreme Fatigue.

Usage: *How come no one warned me? OWLTEF*

Owlicipation [oul-tis-uh-pey-shuhn]
noun the feelings of extreme anticipation as MODs await events and activities in the owl box.

Mousatosis | Multitlurker

through the lower nighttime camera.

Usage: *Do you think the owlets will be able to make it over Mt. Wannahorkapellet to get to the door?*

Mousatosis [mous-uh-toh-sis]
noun a condition of having offensive-smelling breath due to eating too many rodents.

Usage: *No one has ever been able to prove the owlets have mousatosis for fear of losing one's face.*

Mouse [mous]
noun any of numerous small rodents of the family Muridae, esp. of the genus *Mus* found widely in most parts of the world.

Usage: *Zorro is second only to Mickey Mouse in worldwide fame!*

McGee flew all the way to Disneyland because he heard there was a Ginormous mouse there named Mickey.

Mouse Units [mous yoo-nits]
noun A simple, effective way to measure the amount of food delivered to the owl box - see <http://mollysbox.files.wordpress.com/2010/05/molly-chart-4-jun-4.jpg>.

Usage: *McGee brought in a rat and two gophers. That's 36 mouse units.*

Mowlhawk [moul-hawk]
noun the fluff style adopted by the owlets as they enter their teens.

Usage: *Ashley's mowlhawk is starting to take on a decided Don King or Einsteinian look.*

MPAW
acronym Max, Pattison, Austin, Wesley - see also: C I.

Usage: *I sure do miss MPAW. I wish they'd visit more often.*

MPD
acronym Missing Post Disorder.

Usage: *I didn't see what you said. I have MPD.*

Muggle [muhg-uhl]
noun Molly hug and snuggle.

Usage: *I just love it when Molly gives muggles to the babies.*

Multitlurker [muhl-tee-flur-ker]
noun one who is capable of performing many tasks, including lurking in the owl box, at the same time: from multitasking and lurking.

Usage: *If I want to ever get anything accomplished, I've got to learn to be a proficient multitlurker.*

Musique [myoo-zeek]
proper noun lyricist and performer of *The Molly Bobble*.

Usage: *Musique's song make me want to dance—and I don't dance—EVER!*

Nn

NAT

acronym Non-Aggression Treaty (between Tauntz and the Owls).

Usage: Molly and Tauntz have reached an agreement on a NAT.

NBWFDD

acronym Numb Butt Waiting for Delivery Disorder.

Usage: I hope McGee comes soon. I'm developing NBWFDD.

NEAFS

acronym NOT Eagerly Awaiting Flight School - see also: EAFS.

Usage: They are all growing up too fast. I am sooo NEAFS!

Neek [neek]

noun A nature geek (sometimes a nerdy geek).

Usage: I think most of us in the owl box are neeks.

Newbie [noo-bee]

noun an owl watcher who joined the fellowship of MODs after the fledging of the first clutch.

Usage: Oh, give her the link to Wake Up, Wesley. She's a newbie and hasn't seen it yet! All of us MOD's knew the chatter was a newbie cause she asked, "What's that sound?"

Night Cam [nahyt kam]

noun the infrared nighttime cameras in the owl box.

Usage: It's starting to get dark in San Marcos. Carlos will be switching over to the night cam soon.

Nurking [nur-king]

verb lurking in the owl box while nursing.

Usage: Some say that they've got the owl box pulled up on the computer in the nurses' station. I guess that's kinda neat when things are slow, but nurking in the ICU could be a bad thing.

Nutella [noo-tel-uh or nuh-tel-uh]

noun a finely ground smooth mixture of chocolate and hazelnut butter - a hotly debated chatroom topic.

Usage: NUTELLA! I love Nutella!

Nutz [nuhts]

acronym friend and colleague of Boltz.

Usage: Nutz never seems to get enough credit. Without him Boltz would no longer be where he is today.

Oo

OB1

acronym Owl Box 1 - the main broadcast site - www.ustream.tv/theowlbox.

OB2 | OPS

Usage: *There's not much to see on OB1 right now. The babies are passed out in the gag shag.*

For some reason, I find it difficult to type OB1 without adding the word Kenobi.

OB2

acronym Owl Box 2 - the site broadcasting the exterior cameras - www.ustream.tv/theowlbox2.

Usage: *The sunset on OB2 is beautiful tonight.*

ODT

acronym Owl Daylight Time.

Usage: *I've got my internal clock reversed. I'm now operating on Owl Daylight Time.*

OF

acronym Overflow - Chatroom purgatory wastelands.

Usage: *I got stuck in OF and it took me 15 tries to make it into the main chat.*

OHCD

acronym Oh How Cute Disease - when one feels a compulsive need to continually exclaim "Oh, how cute!"

Usage: *These guys are sooo adorable. I've definitely got OHCD!*

Old Timer [ohld **tahy**-mer]

noun an owl watcher who joined the fellowship of MODs during the first clutch and remained for the second.

Usage: *I'm proud to be an Owl Box old timer but I still have mixed feelings for that "old" part.*

OII

acronym Owl Induced Insomnia.

Usage: *I do not have OII!! I just think my red eyes go well with this outfit.*

OOAS

acronym Owl On A Stick; see also Mollypop and Uni-leg Molly.

Usage: *The YoungUnz are learning to do the Owl on a Stick stance very well.*

OOP

acronym Owl On Porch.

Usage: *Look at OB2. There's an OOP.*

OOR

acronym Owl on Roof.

Usage: *Can you tell who is the OOR?*

OPS

acronym Owlet Protection Services - the agency that many chatters threatened to call when they felt the owlets were being neglected or undernourished by Molly and McGee.

Usage: *If Molly and McGee don't step it up with the food deliveries, we may need to call OPS.*

Overflow | Oowlerabilia

Overflow [oh-ver-floh]

noun the secondary chatroom created by Ustream when the primary chatroom is at capacity - once considered to be a "purgatory" of sorts because it was unmoderated, now an accepted part of the chatroom.

Usage: *I finally realized I was in overflow after 3 hours of wondering "Who ARE these people?"*

OWL

acronym Owl Withdrawal Lethargy (occurs when cameras are down or observer is not at computer.

Usage: *I just don't feel like doing anything but chatting with you guys. I think I must have OWL.*

Owl d'oeuvres [oul dervz]

noun the very small prey delivered to the owl box to whet the appetites for something larger.

Usage: *Those owl d'oeuvres are NOT going to satisfy Ashley!*

Owl Trek [oul trek]

noun the ongoing sci-fi serial saga of the adventures in and around the owl box (by SaavikL).

Usage: *Have we gotten the latest installment of Owl Trek yet? I've just got to find out what happened with that runaway hork!*

Owl u doin'? [oul yu doo-uhn]

phrase an expression of interest and greeting, unique to the

owl box experience.

Usage: *Hi! Owl u doin'?*

Owlbsession [oul-b-sesh-uhn]

noun a persistent preoccupation with a family of common barn owls.

Usage: *None of my friends or family understand my owlbsession with Molly.*

Owlcoholic [oul-kuh-haw-lik, -hol-ik]

noun a self-professed owl box addict - most do not seek help or a cure.

Usage: *Hi. I'm an owlcoholic. Do NOT cure me!*

Owlconditioner [oul-kuhn-dish-uh-ner]

noun the suggested cooling method during the summer heat in the owl box.

Usage: *Carlos! How about installing an owlconditioner in the box?*

Owldy! [oul-dee]

interjection a greeting seen frequently in the owl box, infrequently elsewhere.

Usage: *Owldy, y'owl!*

Oowlerabilia [oul-er-uh-bil-ee-uh, -bil-yuh]

noun the collection of owl (particularly barn owl, most specifically Molly) related items, keepsakes, mementos, and books.

Usage: *I've got a room full of Molly oowlerabilia, but I still want more.*

Owlympic Games | Pellet

Usage: *As daylight wanes, the owl-ticipation of "rat or rabbi?" increases.*

Owlympic Games [ou-~~lim~~-pik geymz]

noun a series of competitive sporting events, taking place every four years in Mollywood—see addendum—page 60.

Usage: *I think Ashley will definitely take the gold in the broad jump. . . . Oh! You don't mean THAT kind of broad, huh?*

Pp

Pantowloons [pan-toul-oonz]

noun the fluffy pants seen on the owlets' legs.

Usage: *I wonder if Wes ever managed to lose her pantaloons?*

Pantry [pan-tree]

noun the corner or side of the box reserved for storage of uneaten food.

Usage: *Any food left in the pantry today?*

Parliament of owls [pahr-luh-muhnt uhv oulz]

collective noun the collective noun used to describe a group of owls.

Usage: *If all the Kidz came home, the Royals would have a Parliament of Owls in their backyard.*

Patiowl [pat-ee-oul]

noun the name given to the platform attached to the front of the owl box - see also: Verandowl.

Usage: *Carlos increased the rent on the owlbox when he added the patiowl.*

Pattison [pat-uh-suhn]

proper name the second born of the first clutch (March 23, 2010 -), named for Pattison Elementary School, the first school with which Carlos did a live narration.

Usage: *Pattison can always be identified by the heart shape patch of white on the wing and his hunched posture.*

PDD

acronym Post-Departum Depression.

Usage: *After Wesley fledged, I had a hard time getting over my PDD.*

Pellet [pel-it]

noun a small, round clump of matted materials regurgitated by owls, consisting of the indigestible remains, such as the fur and bones, of the prey. See also Hork.

Usage: *That is one HUGE, ugly pellet!*

Penthowse Suite | Platform

Penthowse Suite [pent-houls sweet]
noun the owl box in the Royal backyard, the ultimate in luxury owl accommodation.

Usage: *Molly and McGee sure know how to pick a penthowse suite.*

PHOBIA

acronym Panicky Human Overwrought By In-doorway Antics.

Usage: *Max stand back! You're causing PHOBIA!*

Phoon [foon]

noun an oddly delightful pose achieved by standing on one foot, leaning forward with elbows bent, one arm in front, one arm in back, one leg bent behind you www.phoons.com.

Usage: *I tried to do a Phoon once, but ended up in a face plant. It took three people to get me back up!*

Photo Posing Ledge [foh-toh poh-zing lej]

noun the wooden, terraced ledge (originally used as a camera mount) on which the owls seem to enjoy pausing, while posing and waiting for their photograph to be taken - see also: *Stairz, Posing Perch.*

Usage: *Carlos sure gets some great shots of the owls on the Photo Posing Ledge.*

Picassowl [pi-kah-soul]

proper name one of the two responsible for the interior decoration of the owl box and for painting Wallz - derived from Pablo Picasso, a Spanish painter and sculptor (1881-1973) - see also: *Powllock.*

Usage: *That Picassowl on the back wall seems to change a bit every day.*

Pilowlbilus [puhl-oul-buh-luhs]

proper noun the dance troupe formed by the owlets, specializing in fanciful and acrobatic moves; from Pilobolus Dance Theater <http://pilobolus.com>.

Usage: *Some of the moves the YoungUnz make sure make me think that they're members of that dance troupe, Pilowlbilus.*

Pin feathers [pin-feth-erz]

noun an undeveloped feather before the feathery parts have appeared.
2. a feather just coming through the skin.

Usage: *When Ashley holds her wings up, you can really see her new pin feathers.*

Platform [pleyt-fohm]

noun the Royal Landing Pad when it is used by the owlets as a place of fine dining.

Usage: *Wesley would probably still love to eat at the platform if Molly would let her.*

Playground | Powllock

Playground [pley-ground]

noun the area of outdoor play and recreation for the owlets, constructed by Carlos Royal to aid in branching and fledging - see also: *Photo Posing Ledge, Posing Perch, Royal Landing Pad, Stairz, Roofus, Patiowl, Verandowl*.

Usage: *The Kidz love playing on the playground.*

PM

acronym Private Message - to send a private message, click on a name in chat or in the viewer list and then click on "private message".

Usage: *It's a good sign that you are getting out of line when you get a PM from a moderator.*

PMS

acronym Post Molly Syndrome.

Usage: *I afraid that after this second clutch fledges, my PMS is going to be worse than ever.*

Pocket Gopher [pok-it goh-fer]

noun any of numerous burrowing rodents of the family Geomyidae, of western and southern North America and Central America, having large, external, fur-lined cheek pouches.

Usage: *That pocket gopher was huge. I think he must have had a couple of elephants hidden in his pockets.*

Polez [pohlz]

proper name the name given to the pipe through the middle of the owl box, supporting the structure - used by Molly and the owlets as a beak sharpening tool.

Usage: *Powlz is the most upright member of the owl box family.*

Posing Perch [poh-zing purch]

noun the wooden, terraced ledge (originally used as a camera mount) on which the owls seem to enjoy pausing, while posing and waiting for their photograph to be taken - see also: *Stairz, Photo Posing Ledge*.

Usage: *Three of the owlets were lined up on the posing perch tonight.*

Post-prandial cigar [pohst-pran-dee-uhl si-gahr]

noun the final bit of tail that hangs from an owl's beak as they struggle to swallow all of a large rodent - see also: *tail fail, tail pacifier*.

Usage: *Carrie's been working on that post-prandial cigar for almost an hour.*

Powllock [poul-uhk]

proper name one of the two responsible for the interior decoration of the owl box and for painting Wallz - derived from Jackson Pollock, a U.S. painter (1912-56) - see also: *Picassowl*.

Powlpitations | Zquawking

Usage: *Some still insist that Powllock painted Batman on the back wall even though Picassowl supporters insist otherwise.*

Powlpitations [poul-pi-**tey**-shuhnz]
noun unusually or abnormally rapid or violent beating of the heart; what viewers experienced when Mary Cooper hawk visited the owl box.

Usage: *I can tell already - when Ashley starts sticking her head out the door, I'm gonna have powlpitations.*

Prestowldigitation [pres-toul-**dij**-i-tey-shuhn]
noun 1. the sleight of hand (talon? wing?) performed by Molly and McGee as they bring in prey and transfer from talon to beak.

2. the sleight of hand (tail?) performed by the owl as they attempt to conceal uneaten food from their parents.

Usage: *Carrie is becoming a master of prestowldigitation. Did you see the way she turned that gopher into a sofa so Molly wouldn't take it out?*

Prey [prey]
noun an animal hunted or seized for food.

Usage: *Tauntz had better pray that he doesn't become prey.*

Psychowlogist [sahy-**koul**-uh-jist]
noun one engaged in the practice of psychowlogy, the scientific study of MOD behavior, sometimes concerned with the methods through which behavior can be modified.

Usage: *I'm afraid when this is all over, we're all gonna need the services of a psychowlogist.*

Pterodactowlz [ter-uh-**dak**-toulz]
noun the owllets when they are young and take on the appearance of prehistoric flying dinosaurs.

Usage: *They sure do look like pterodactowls at this stage.*

Pushmi-pullyu [poosh mee **pool** yoo]
proper noun the name given to the owllets as they stand back to back in the owl box with their fluffy down blending together, making them appear to be a single two-headed creature; from the Dr. Doolittle series of children's books - <http://delicacies.files.wordpress.com/2009/12/dr-doolittle.jpg>

Usage: *When they stand back to back like that, they look just like a Pushmi-pullyu.*

Qq

Quasimowldo [kwah-suh-**moul**-doh]
proper noun the owllets, particularly Pattison or Carrie, when they take on

R4 | *Ratticus Giganticus*

the hunched appearance of Quasimodo, the humpbacked protagonist of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, by Victor Hugo.

Usage: *There's Quasimowldo, perched on the roof again.*

Rr

R4

acronym Really Rotten Rat
Remains - used to describe the stiff, dried remains of prey which have been left in the pantry just a bit past the expiration date.

Usage: *All that's left in the pantry is R4.*

Rabbi [rab-ahy]

noun the name given to a prey propped up in the corner of the owl box - origin: typo for rabbit.

Usage: *Is the rabbi still hanging around in the box?*

Rabbit [rab-it]

noun any of several soft-furred, large-eared, burrowing mammals of the family Leporidae, allied with the hares and pikas in the order Lagomorpha, having a divided upper lip and long hind legs, usually smaller than the hares and mainly distinguished from them by bearing blind and furless young in nests rather than fully developed young in the open.

Usage: *Rabbits are to a female owl as a diamond ring is to a woman (as per Carlos).*

Ralphie DaRat [ral-fee duh-rat]

proper noun one of the rodent prey named by viewers of the first clutch – Ralphie could be seen propped in the corner, being used as a ratalounger.

Usage: *Ralphie Da Rat was FURniture during Clutch 1 . . . he was set up the box for "ratting" on Gladys Gopher during the great Rodent Caper.*

Ratalounger [rat-uh-loun-jer]

noun the rodentia based recliner favored by Carrie.

Usage: *Carrie's sure making herself comfortable on that Ratalounger.*

Rat jerky [rat jur-kee]

noun the stiff, dried remains of food delivered, but not eaten quickly.

Usage: *Oh, yummy. Rat jerky for lunch*

Ratticus Giganticus [rat-uh-kuhs jahy-gan-tuh-kuhs]

noun one of the names given by chatters to any number of very large rodents delivered to the owl box for meals - see also: *Fatticus Ratticus Enormicus*.

Usage: *Molly brought in a couple*

Raunch | Rigor Ratimortis

of mice, but McGee brought in Ratticus Giganticus.

Raunch [rawnch]
noun rat for lunch.

Usage: *Oh, YUM! Raunch is on the menu again!*

Rebooted [ree-boo-teed]
verb the act of restarting one's computer for continued owl watching (or for putting cute little shoes on one's computer) - origin: typo for rebooted.

Usage: *I rebooted my computer and that seems to have helped.*

Recycowling [ree-sahy-kou-ling]
verb Molly's actions of removing prey from the box, only to return it a bit later.

Usage: *Molly is going green. She's recycowling every prey in sight.*

Redz [redz]
Proper name the name given to the as yet unidentified red thing observed in the gag shag.

Usage: *Carlos? Is Redz still in the owl box?*

Regift [ree-gift]
verb to give as a gift something one previously received as a gift - Molly and McGee seem to be especially skilled at this action when it comes to prey.

Usage: *Molly didn't like it much when McGee tried to regift the rabbit. What makes her think the owlets are going to like it any better?*

Remainz O'Rodent [ri-meynz oh-rohd-nt]
noun one of many names given to the food in the pantry.

Usage: *That thing they're dragging around is Remainz O'Rodent.*

ReOWLity Show [ree-oul-uh-tee shoh]
noun The Owl Box live programming better than any to be seen on TV.

Usage: *The owl box is the best Reowlity show ever created!*

Rigor Mousis [rig-er mou-sis]
noun that state of stiffness achieved by the prey after they have been left unattended in the pantry for too long.

Usage: *That things seems to be in an advanced state of Rigor Mousis.*

Rigor Ratamortis [rig-er rat-uh-mawr-tis]
noun that state of stiffness achieved by the prey after they have been left unattended in the pantry for too long.

Usage: *I love it when the meal reaches Rigor Ratmortis! Look at that tail standing straight up in the air.*

Ringo | Rodentia

Ringo [ring-oh]

noun the spinning circle of dots seen by viewers when the video feed is not being received by their computer for some reason, sometimes on the part of Ustream, sometimes in the viewer's connection.

Usage: *Oh NO!!! Not Ringo!!*

RLNOW

acronym Rummy late night owl watchers - being tired and coming up with strange/funny/odd conversations.

Usage: *I can seldom stay up for the late night and early morning chat, but I understand there are some real RLNOW!*

RMMNN

acronym Remarks Made
Meaning Nothing Now.

Usage: *When the chat is on slow mode, everything I wanted to say turns into RMNN.*

RNN

acronym Rodentia Network News - see also:
RodentiaNet.

Usage: *Did I miss the Rodentia Report from RNN?*

Roark [rohkr]

proper name the name given by Donna Royal to the red-shouldered hawk that frequents the Royals' backyard.

Usage: *Roark hasn't been around as much since the Mockz ganged up on him and chased him away.*

Rocketmancreative [rok-it man kree-ey-tiv]

proper name illustrator of Molly the Owl and the creative mind behind many of the items of owlerabilia.

Usage: *Rocketmancreative's illustrations are beautiful!*

Rodent Recallz [rohd-nt ree-kawlz]

noun rodents removed from the box by Molly or McGee for reasons known only to owlkind.

Usage: *There was a Rodent Recallz in the box this morning. No one knows why.*

Rodent Reshuffle [roh-duhnt ree-shuh-fl]

noun Molly's actions of removing prey from the box, only to return it a bit later.

Usage: *Looks like it's time for Molly to start in on the Rodent Reshuffle routine.*

Rodentectomy [roh-duhnt-ek-tuh-mee]

noun Molly's removal of petrified rodent remains from the owl box.

Usage: *Now THAT was a rat asking for a rodentectomy if I ever saw one!*

Rodentia [roh-den-shuh]

noun the order comprising the rodents - to get REALLY

technical: an order of the division Eutheria comprising relatively small gnawing mammals having a single pair of incisors in each jaw that grow from persistent pulps and bear enamel chiefly in front to produce a chisel-shaped edge.

Usage: *Has anyone got an update Rodentia report?*

RodentiaNet [roh-den-shuh-net]
noun the news network responsible for providing the morning Rodentia Report - the report of prey brought into the owl box to feed the owlets - see also: *Rodentia Network News*.

Usage: *ChocoMare reports each morning for RodentiaNet.*

Rodenticus Gonicus [roh-dent-uh-kuhs gon-uh-kuhs]
noun the classification assigned to rodentia treats devoured by the owlets before anyone is able to make a positive identification.

Usage: *I didn't even get a glimpse of that one. It was rodenticus gonicus before it ever came through the door.*

Rodenticus Minusculicus [roh-dent-uh-kuhs min-uh-skyool-uh-kuhs]
noun the classification assigned to rodentia treats that are so small, they're hardly worth mentioning.

Usage: *Well that one will never be enough to satisfy Ashley. One measley little rodenticus minusculious will never be enough for her.*

ROFL

acronym Rolling on the Floor Laughing.

Usage: *Did you see that?! I'm ROFL!*

Roll call

[rohl kawl]
noun the scrolling listing of names and locations of chatters in the owl box chatroom.

Usage: *Have we had a roll call lately?*

Roof Rat

[roof rat]
noun a grayish brown rat that belongs to a variety (*Rattus rattus alexandrinus*) of the black rat, is common in warm regions, and often nests in trees or the upper parts of buildings.

Usage: *If I ever see a roof rat near my house, I'm moving!*

Roofus

[roo-fuhs]
proper name the name given to the roof of the owl box, one of the owlets favorite places on the playground.

Usage: *Pattison had a little trouble getting down from Roofus the first time he got up there.*

Roofus Hop | RUVS

Roofus Hop [roo-fuhs hop]
noun the dance done by the owlets as they practice pouncing atop the owl box.

Usage: *Wesley had so much fun doing the Roofus Hop and kept us entertained.*

ROUS

acronym Rodent of Unusual Size
- used to identify a particularly large, but otherwise unidentifiable prey delivered to the owl box—a reference from the movie, *The Princess Bride*.

Usage: *ROUS is easier to type than "sumpin' big" but I'm not supposed to use all caps...*

Royal Landing Pad [roi-uhl lan-ding pad]
noun the large square, horizontal surface constructed by Carlos Royal, to give the owlet a surface for branching and pouncing practice.

Usage: *Wesley enjoyed playing on the Royal Landing Pad so much, I had my doubts that she'd ever learn to fly.*

Royal Owldorf Astoria [roi-uhl oul-dohrf uh-stoh-ree-uh]
noun the name given to the owl box, the ultimate in owl luxury accommodations.

Usage: *This is the Penthowse Suite at the Royal Owldorf Astoria...try saying that fast three times.*

Royal Palmz [roi-uhl pahlmz]
noun the name given to the palm tree where McGee rests during the day - later joined there by Molly and the fledging owlets.

Usage: *McGee stays in his man cave in the Royal Palmz.*

RRROR

acronym the burial grounds for discarded remains of prey removed from the owl box.

Usage: *The Royals may discover a little graveyard for discarded rodents later this year somewhere in their garden. We can call it the "Rodent Remains Repository of Rest"*

RTOD

acronym Red Thing Obsessive Disorder.

Usage: *This RTOD is getting out of hand. We've got to figure out what Redz is.*

Rufous [roo-fuhs]
adjective reddish; tinged with red; brownish red.

Usage: *Molly's coloring is rufous.*

RUVS

acronym Regretting Upcoming Vacation Syndrome - consequences of silly plans made prior to contracting MOD.

Usage: *Months ago, I made plans for a trip to Cancun next week. Now I've got RUVS.*

Ss

San Marcos, California [san mahr-kohs kal-uh-fohrn-yuh, -fohr-nee-uh]
noun a suburb of San Diego in the North County section of San Diego County, California - formerly best known as the home of California State University, San Marcos - now known worldwide as the home of Molly and McGee.

Usage: *Since the advent of the owl box sensation, San Diego has now come to be recognized to be a suburb of San Marcos.*

San Marcos Horkers [san mahr-kohs hohr-kerz]
proper noun the name of the team of owl watchers - not noted for any particular sport other than owl watching.

Usage: *I was never one to go for sports much, but I'll definitely support the San Marcos Horkers.*

Scholarkers [sko-lur-kerz]
noun students and schools who watch Molly and the YoungUnz, without participating in chat.

Usage: *If there was a way to count all the scholarkers, our viewer count would probably be over 25 million.*

Schwarzenowlgger and Devitowl

[shwartz-uhn-oul-ger und duh vee-toul]
proper noun stars of the Mollywood hit movie, Twinz.

Usage: *There is such a difference in size, they look like Schwarzenowlgger and DeVitowl.*

Screenshot

[skreen-shot]
noun an image created by copying part or all of the display on a computer screen at a particular moment.

Usage: *I've got an extensive collection of terrific screenshots, including a great screenshot of Molly with wabbit leg fangz.*

SDD

acronym Sleep Deprivation Disorder.

Usage: *I hope Molly and McGee come soon. I've got SDD.*

SFNDTM

acronym Spouse Feels Neglected Due To Molly.

Usage: *You know, I think my hubby has SFNDTM, but that's okay. I'll be able to talk to him again after the babies fledge.*

Shmoo

[shmoo]
noun a fictional cartoon creature created by Al Capp (1909–1979), first appearing in his classic

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comic strip, *Li'l Abner*, on August 31, 1948, and quickly becoming a postwar national craze in the USA.

Usage: *These babies sure do look like little shmoos.*

Skeksis [skehk-seez]

noun a fictional species of creatures which act as the main villains in the 1982 fantasy film *The Dark Crystal*.

Usage: *Have you noticed how, at this stage, the owlets look just like skeksis?*

Sketti [skeh-tee]

noun the term used to describe the entrails of various rodents as they are pulled out and consumed by the owls.

Usage: *Nothing like green sketti to ruin an appetite" "... Bacon? Did somebody say bacon?*

Slowlgans [sloul-guhnz]

noun a series of owlitical sayings created by the chatters of the chat room and social stream as they consider the campaign to Vote Molly.

Usage: *The Slowlgans for the Vote Molly Campaign are so creative.*

Slurk [slerk]

verb the act of lurking in the owl box while sleeping.

Usage: *Well, y'all. I'm going to be slurking for the next few hours.*

Slyping [slahy-ping]

verb typing while sleeping.

Usage: *Slyping is hard to do when your face is in the way.*

Smearz [smeerz]

proper name the name given to the upper night camera after being obscured by Blurz.

Usage: *Did Smearz ever get cleaned off?*

Smurfz [smerfs]

One of the names given to the moderators in the chat room because their names and lines of type always appear in blue - from the children's cartoon series, *The Smurfs*.

Usage: *I wonder how many of our smurfs are old enough to even remember the smurfs?*

Snarkiness [snahrk-ee-nis]

noun Any language that contains quips or comments containing sarcastic or satirical witticisms intended as blunt irony. Usually delivered in a manner that is somewhat the appearance of being sarcastic, impertinent, or irreverent in tone or manner; abrupt and out of context and intended to stun and amuse. Origin: Snark="snide remark".

Usage: *Snarkiness in the chatroom is frowned upon.*

Snow Cam [snoh kam]
noun the names given to the cameras when the owlets get older and gather around the door, blocking the view of all but a sea of white fluff.

Usage: *I see we've got the snow cam view again tonight.*

Social Stream [soh-shuhl stream]
noun one of two social networking situations available to visitors to the owl box Ustream website - see also: *chat*.

Usage: *I use Twitter to chat in the Social Stream.*

SOHBOTO
acronym Slacking On Housework Because Of The Owlets.

Usage: *I hope no one comes to my house to visit. I'm SOHBOTO.*

SOSBOTO
acronym Slacking On School Because Of The Owlets.

Usage: *It's a good thing I signed up for easy classes this semester. I've been SOSBOTO.*

Sound [sound]
interjection the message sent to Carlos by chatters (frequently shouted in all caps) when he forgets to turn on the microphone before chatting.

Usage: *Carlos!!! NO SOUND!!!
Carlos!!! NO SOUND!!!
Carlos!!!.....*

SOWBOTO
acronym Slacking On Work Because Of The Owlets.

Usage: *I'm sowboto but that's OK 'cause my boss has no idea what sowboto means . . . hehehe.*

Spam [spam]
noun 1. Trademark - a canned food product consisting esp. of pork formed into a solid block - one of the many frequently discussed culinary topics in the chatroom.
2. Unsolicited, undesired E-mail. Also used as a verb. Spam is the E-mail version of junk mail..

Usage: *Instead of discussing bacon, how about we discuss Spam?*

Spelloz [spel-ohz]
noun synonym for typoz.

Usage: *I'm having a real problem with spelloz tonight.*

Squawking [skwaw-king]
noun the owlets method of communicating hunger to their parents, signaling the need for immediate and frequent food delivery - see also: *zquawking*.

Usage: *Ashley seems to sit back and let Carrie do all the squawking.*

Squirtz [skwurtz]
noun the owls' method of waste elimination - poop.

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Usage: *I heard that Squirtz but I didn't see it.*

SS

acronym Scrolling Syndrome - when all dialogue in your dreams and waking moments occurs in scrolling chat. (not to be confused with Social Stream)

Usage: *I wake up tired each morning since my dreams have been take over by SS.*

Stainz [steynz]

proper name the name given to the "paintings" on Wallz and Polez.

Usage: *Stainz seems to have grown this week.*

Stairz [stairz]

proper name the wooden, terraced ledge (originally used as a camera mount) on which the owls seem to enjoy pausing, while posing and waiting for their photograph to be taken - see also: *Posing Perch*, *Photo Posing Ledge*.

Usage: *McGee was posing on Stairz, just waiting for Carlos to take his picture.*

STD

acronym Seeing Things Disorder.

Usage: *You know you have STD when you mistake Mothz for a McGee flyby. I could have sworn I just saw a face in the gag shag. I think I've got STD.*

Stlurking [stlur-king]

verb lurking while studying.

Usage: *Stlurking wouldn't be so bad, if my teacher would just let me do all my assignments based on the owl box.*

Stupis [stoo-pis]

adjective what happens to stupid late at night.

Usage: *Okay, now I feel REALLY stupis. That was supposed to say, "I want a SHIRT like Carlos', but I forgot the R!"*

SYL

acronym See You Later.

Usage: *SYL! It was great talking to you today.*

Synchronized Squawking [sing-kruh-

nahyzd **skwawk**-ing]

noun the method the owlets employ when they rhythmically alternate as they squawk each night.

Usage: *If you watch their beaks, you can see how well they've developed their synchronized squawking routine.*

Tt

Tag Team Squawking [tag team

skwawk-ing]

noun the method the owlets employ when they take turns being the the designated squawker.

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Usage: *The YoungUnz are trying to conserve their energy. They're trying tag team squawking tonight.*

Tail Fail [teyl feyl]

noun the remaining bit of rodent left hanging from the beak of an owlet - see also: *post-prandial cigar, tail pacifier.*

Usage: *Look at Carrie! She's got Tail Fail!*

Tail Pacifier [teyl pas-uh-fahy-er]

noun the remaining bit of rodent left hanging from the beak of an owlet - see also: *post-prandial cigar, tail fail.*

Usage: *Carrie looks so cute with her tail pacifier in her beak.*

Talonizing [tal-uh-nahyz-ing]

verb using talons to tenderize food.

Usage: *That rat jerky is beyond talonizing.*

Talonz [tal-uhnz]

noun the sharp, curved claws on the feet of owls - origin: talons - See also: *towlons.*

Usage: *McGee's talons are registered with the RFBI (Rodentia FBI) as deadly weapons.*

Tauntz [tawntz]

proper name the rabbit seen daily cavorting in the yard beneath the owl box - viewed by some as a "dumb" rabbit, but viewed by most as the bravest,

smartest rabbit in the world (because owls seldom hunt in their own back yards).

Usage: *Carlos? Have you seen Tauntz today?*

Tauntzletz [tawntz-litz]

noun the offspring of Tauntz.

Usage: *Carlos says there are now several Tauntzletz beneath the owl box.*

TBT

acronym Tennis Ball Tummies.

Usage: *They've got the cutest little TBT's! If they keep eating, they may soon look like softballs!*

Tepee of Mutual Support [tee-pee uhv myoo-choo-uhl suh-pohrt]

phrase the formation of owlets huddled in the owl box - see also: *howlddle.*

Usage: *When it's cool, the owlets like to form a Tepee of Mutual Support.*

The Daily Hork [thuh dey-lee hohrk]

noun the daily newsletter for MODs created by Car, a chatter at the Sportsman Paradise site http://web.me.com/cherylronning/THE_DAILY_HORK/FRONT_PAGE.html.

Usage: *Have you read the latest edition of The Daily Hork? It's got a great photo on the front page.*

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The lesson that she taught us

phrase . . . Is to care about the world around. (from Bartycorn's *The Molly Song*.)

Usage: *The lesson that she taught us is one that will stick with me for life.*

The Owlter Limitz [thee **oul**-ter lim-uhts]

noun the somewhat eerie and unexplainable events that lead to the chat horking and splitting into parallel dimensions or the video feed freezing or appearing to be controlled by outside forces - from the 1960's TV show, *The Outer Limits*.

Usage: *Wow. That was weird. I got tossed into a parallel chat room or something. It was like something out of The Owlter Limitz.*

Thwack [thwak]

verb a moderator's rather satisfying striking (deleting) of a nasty troll in the chat room.

Usage: *The moderator gave that troll a particularly hard thwack and sent him to banned camp.*

Ting ting ting [ting]

noun the chatters attempt to write the sound of the background music of the Molly the Owl DVD trailer.

Usage: *I love it when this trailer comes on. I love the "ting ting ting."*

TMI

acronym Too Much Information

Usage: *Oh, wow! Now that was TMI. I really didn't need to know THAT!*

Towlettes [tou-lets]

noun what Molly needs to clean her face.

Usage: *Towlettes-The owlcial OwlBox gag shag rag.*

Towlons [toul-uhnz]

noun the sharp, curved claws on the feet of owls - origin: talons - See also: *talonz*.

Usage: *Isn't that cute, the owlz are holding talonz.*

Towltem Pole [toul-tuhm pohl]

noun the owlz formation of standing in the corner or the doorway with heads lined up as faces on a totem pole.

Usage: *When they are all stacked up looking out the doorway, they look like an owl towltem pole.*

Transferit [trans-fur-it]

noun the home of the original Molly mug, Molly t-shirt, Molly mousepad, etc. - www.transferit.com/theowlbox.

Usage: *I bought my Molly mug and T-shirt from Transferit almost as soon as I found the owl box.*

Triangulation [trahy-ang-gyuh-**ley**-shuhn]

noun the barn owl use of asymmetrical ears and non-movable eyes to readily locate prey by rapidly bobbing the head.

Usage: *The babies are starting to use triangulation. You can see them tracking Flyz in the box.*

Troll [trohl]

noun an internet user who posts inflammatory or provocative messages designed to shock or upset others or to elicit negative responses (as a fisherman trolls for an unsuspecting fish).

Usage: *Don't answer those silly messages. Some troll is just looking for attention.*

TTT

acronym Talon Tenderizing Technique (When Ashley repeatedly stomps on food that she can't quite swallow whole or pick apart).

Usage: *TTT is how Flat Stanley became Flat Stanley.*

TY

acronym Thank You

Tylenowl [tahy-luh-noul]

noun the medication needed by chatters after listening to the incessant squawking of the owlets for an extended period of time.

Usage: *I'm gonna need a double dose of extra-strength Tylenowl tonight if Molly or McGee don't show up soon. I had the volume so loud last night that I had to take three Tylenowl just to calm me down.*

Typoneze [tahy-poh-**neez**]

noun the language of typos and misspellings frequently seen in chat.

Usage: *The chatters in the owl box speak fluent Typoneze*

Typoz [[tahy-pohz]

noun misspelling and errors in typing during chat - aka "creative adventures in spelling".

Usage: *My typing is going downhill but my typos are improving. It's a good thing the typos police have all been fired.*

Tyto Alba [[tahy-toh **al**-buh]

noun scientific classification for Common Barn Owl—see: *Barn Owl*.

Tyto Alba Royal [[tahy-toh **al**-buh roi-uhl]

noun scientific classification for a rare subgenus of barn owl—see: *Barn Owl*.

TZTC

acronym Time Zone Translation Confusion.

Usage: *What time is that supposed to happen? I've got TZTC.*

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ÜberMOD [oo-ber-mod]

acronym the fourth stage in the development of full-blown MOD - a state of MODness exhibiting increasingly exaggerated symptoms, such as not sleeping for more than 36 hours due to owl watching, or the uncontrollable urge to own all of the owlerabilia available - from the German word for "above" or "over"

Usage: *Do you really think you have UberMOD even if you can't figure out how to put those little dots over the U?*

UFOs

acronym Unidentifiable Feeding (Furry) Objects.

Usage: *There are several UFOs in the box today.*

Uni-leg Molly [yoo-nuh-leg mo-lee]

proper noun Molly in a typical one-legged stance.

Usage: *I'll never understand how Molly can maintain her Uni-leg Molly stance, even when the owl box is swaying in the wind.*

UR

acronym Unidentified Rodent.

Usage: *McGee delivered three mice, a gopher and one UR.*

Urlectomy [yoo-ahr-el-ek-tuh-mee]

noun when links are deleted from moderators' posts due to failure to click "allow links" in the moderator chat options.

Usage: *Surf! Urlectomy!*

URP

acronym Unidentified Rodent Parts

Usage: *That's quite a pile of URP in the corner, there.*

Uscream [yoo-skream]

noun the name given to Ustream because of the reaction caused by problems with streaming video, chat and SS.

Usage: *AARRRGGGHH! Uscream tossed me out again!!!*

Ustream [yoo-stream]

noun the internet company hosting the broadcast of The Owl Box - www.ustream.tv.

Usage: *Ustream has honored Carlos by naming one of their new conference rooms "The Owl Box".*

Ustress [yoo-strehs]

noun the physical, mental, or emotional strain or tension caused by changes and problems with Ustream.

Usage: *All these changes at Uscream are causing Ustress!*

Vv

VacaDude [vak-uh-dood]
proper name Royal court jester.
Cartoonist, illustrator and self-proclaimed MOD. Creator of Laughing Outside the Box and A MOD's Journal - www.vacadude.com; www.atkinsonproductions.com
Producer and host of VacaChat www.ustream.tv/channel/vacadude.

Usage: *VacaDude's cartoons are the greatest!*

Vacatting [vak-at-ting]
verb Vacuuming while chatting.

Usage: *Roomba-The cure for vacatting.*

Vacurking [vak-ur-king]
verb Vacuuming while lurking.

Usage: *I was gonna try to do some vacurking, but the computer kept falling off the top of the vacuum.*

VAD
acronym VacaDude Adoration Disorder.

Usage: *I have so much fun at VacaChat. I've got VAD bad!*

Ventz [ventz]
proper name the name given to the small openings seen between Wallz and Roofus allowing for ventilation and airflow within the owlbox.

Usage: *At dusk and dawn you can see the light shining through Ventz.*

Verandowl [vuh-ran-dowl]
noun the flat platform attached to the owl box for perching and posing purposes - see also: *Patiowl*.

Usage: *Molly likes to sit on the Verandowl and take it easy for a while. Maybe she needs a rocking chair from Cracker Barrowl?*

Verminator [vur-muh-ney-ter]
proper name the name given to Molly by chatters writing campaign slogans for the Vote Molly campaign.

Usage: *If Molly runs for office, she'll be known as the Verminator.*

Verminos [vur-muh-nohz]
noun the preferred deliverer of pizza and other goodies for the inhabitants of the owl box - origin: VacaDude's original Thinking Outside the Box episode.

Usage: *Molly is tired of waiting for McGee to show up. She's calling Vermino's for dinner tonight.*

Vole [vohl]
noun a small rodent resembling a mouse but with a stouter body, a shorter hairy tail, a slightly rounder head, and smaller ears and eyes. There

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are approximately 155 species of voles. They are sometimes known as meadow mice or field mice in North America. see also: field mouse.

Usage: *I'd heard of voles before I joined the owl box, but I just thought it was a typo!*

Vowlcan Mind Meld [voul-kuhn mahynd meld]
noun that mysterious power that causes two or more chatters to think and/or post the exact same thought at the same time.

Usage: *Wow! TurtlePie and Choco said the exact same thing. They had a Vowlcan Mind Meld!*

Vowlyeur [voul-yer]
noun an owl voyeur.

Usage: *The vowlyeur said not a word, but we all knew the vowlyeur was watching.*

Being a vowlyeur doesn't bother me all that much, but I just hope no one thinks I'm an owl stalker.

Ww

W4OS
acronym Where's the 4th Owllet Syndrome - they sometimes hide behind each other.

Usage: *If Max doesn't move out of*

that corner we're gonna see a lot of W4OS.

WABPEOOO
acronym Worrying About Boltz Poking Eye Out of Owlet.

Usage: *Baby! Get back! I'm WABPEOOO.*

Wack to bork [wak too bohrk]
phrase leaving the owl box to return to assigned duties of employment - origin: phrase created to avoid using the dreaded four-letter w-word.

Usage: *Well, I'm outa here. I've got to get wack to bork.*

WACS
acronym We Adore Carlos Syndrome.

Usage: *I think most everyone in the owl box has WACS.*

WAFFFS
acronym Waiting Anxiously For First Flyabout Syndrome.

Usage: *Night after night, we sit and watch. We've all got WAFFFS.*

WAFS
acronym Worrying About Food Supply.

Usage: *Those who have WAFS must not notice just how quickly the owllets are growing.*

Wake Up, Wesley [weyk up wes-lee]
title one of the favorite episodes

of the owl box show -
[www.ustream.tv/
recorded/7423383](http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/7423383).

Usage: *I was in chat when the Wake Up, Wesley episode was happening. It was a riot. Some were laughing so hard and some were totally panicked.*

Wallz [wawlz]
proper name the supporting characters of the owl box.

Usage: *Wallz have always been there, lending support when needed.*

WAM
acronym Worry about Molly.

Usage: *Molly's not in the box today. Everyone will WAM.*

WART
acronym Wondering Aloud about Remote Tragedy.
Usage: *Worry WARTs seem to only see the worst possible outcome.*

WAW
acronym Worry About Wesley.

Usage: *A lot of people WAW. She'll surprise us all.*

WB
acronym Welcome Back.

WD
acronym Where's Dudley.

Usage: *I can't see the egg anymore! WD?*

WDTSOOL
acronym Why Do They Sleep on One Leg.

Usage: *Is there something wrong with them? WDTSOOL?*

Webz [webz]
proper name the name given to any number of spider webs constructed by Glowz and his kin on the various camera lenses.

Usage: *Carlos is going to need to use his feather duster to clear Webz off the camera again.*

WED
acronym Wesley Eating Disorder - the unusually strong concern over the feeding of the youngest owlet of the first clutch.

Usage: *I've got WED. I'm just not sure she's getting enough to eat.*

Weeble of owlets [wee-buhl uhv oul-uhnts]
collective noun the collective noun used to describe a group of owlets - origin: created by chatters based on the owlets propensity for wobbling and face planting.

Usage: *We've got a whole Weeble of Owlets in the owl box.*

Wesley [wes-lee]
proper name the fourth born of the first clutch (March 28, 2010 -), named for the

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Royals' son, Wesley Royal and for Carlos' brother, Frank Wesley.

Usage: *Wesley turned out to be the favorite owlet of many.*

Whiteout conditions [hwahyt-out kuhndish-uhnz]

noun the blizzard of snow white fuzz seen on the cameras when the owlets stand too close to the cameras - see also: *Snow Cam*.

Usage: *No the camera is working fine. We are just experiencing whiteout conditions.*

WHOO

acronym A "powlitical" party - Wise Horkin' Ole Owl.

Usage: *McGee is a member of the WHOO.*

WINCC

acronym Why is night cam close? (reflexive response triggered in casual observers tuning in for the first time at night.

Usage: *I can't see anything. WINCC?*

Windsockz [wind-soks]

noun the small bits of feathers, down and webz that get stuck in the doorway or camera opening, giving a good indication of the strength of the wind around the owl box.

Usage: *Just look at the Windsockz in the doorway. That'll tell you how hard the wind is blowing.*

Windzock [wind-zok]

noun the small bits of feathers, down and webz that get stuck in the doorway or camera opening, giving a good indication of the strength of the wind around the owl box.

Usage: *Geez. The wind must be REALLY strong today. It just blew Windzock right out the door!*

Withdrawl [with-droul]

noun the syndrome of often painful physical and psychological symptoms that follows the fledging of the owlets and the discontinuance of live streaming video and chat.

Usage: *Everyone started experiencing withdrawls when Carlos put up a "For Rent" sign on the Owl Box.*

Wizard of Owlz [wiz-erd uhv outz]

noun the man behind the scenes, sometimes only heard, not seen, much like the Wizard of Oz, the man behind the curtain - see also: *Carlos Royal*.

Usage: *Carlos is the Wizard of Owlz. He makes us all believe, "There's no place like the owl box!"*

WOIT

acronym Which one is that? - owl identification difficulties.

Usage: *WOIT? I don't know how you people can tell them apart.*

Wonderfowl [**wuhn**-der-foul]

adjective the description of the owls as excellent; great; marvelous or of a sort that causes or arouses wonder; amazing; astonishing.

Usage: *Carrie's doing her Stevie Wonder impersonation again - "Isn't she lovely? Isn't she wonderfowl? . . ."*

WOO

acronym A "powlitical" party - Wise Old Owl.

Usage: *Molly is a member of the WOO. She stands for Peace, Love and Community.*

Wood Rat [wood rat]

noun any of several species in the genus *Neotoma*, but most commonly the Bushy-tailed Woodrat (*Neotoma cinerea*) - a little smaller than a typical rat with a long, sometimes bushy tail.

Usage: *The mods must have some kind of secret decoder that lets them tell the difference between a wood rat, a roof rat and an gopher.*

WOOP

acronym World of Owlsome People.

Usage: *I'm a member of WOOP.*

WOOS

acronym Where's the Other Owllet Syndrome - see W4OS.

Usage: *I only see one! I've got WOOS!*

Worry Wart [**wur**-ee-wohrt]

noun a person who tends to worry habitually and often needlessly; pessimist; fussbudget. Used in the owl box as a teasing term of endearment

Usage: *The worry warts will always find something to worry about.*

WOW

acronym Wet Owl Worrier (like birds don't need baths).

Usage: *Oh my! She's all wet! Something must be wrong! I'm a WOW!*

WOWSL

acronym Wishing Owls Would Stay Longer.

Usage: *This is all happening too fast. I'm WOWSL.*

WTAO

acronym Wow Three Are Out.

Usage: *WTAO! But Wes is still in the box!*

WTBD | YW

WTBD

acronym What's That Black Dot.

Usage: "WTBD?" - "Oh, That's the new camera Carlos installed. We call him Lenz."

WTDMUA

acronym What Time Does McGee Usually Arrive?

Usage: *I don't usually get to watch at night. WTDMA?*

WTS

acronym What's that sound?

Usage: *Whoa! WTS?? I've never heard THAT before!*

WTST

acronym Where's The Snipping Tool?

Usage: *I want to take a screenshot. WTST?*

WWE

acronym Will Wesley Eat?

Usage: *WWE? She's so much smaller than the others.*

WWIDWTIOS

acronym The dreaded... What Will I Do When This Is Over Syndrome?

Usage: *I've been sitting here day after day for so long, I've got a bad case of WWIDWTHIOS.*

WWMFS

acronym When Will Max Fledge Syndrome?

Usage: *I watch and wait every night. I've got WWMFS.*

Yy

Youngunz [yuhng-uhnz]

proper noun the name lovingly bestowed by chatters on the second clutch of owlets.

Usage: *The YoungUnz are in fine voice tonight!*

Y'owl [you]

contraction the owlbox expression of group address - origin: y'all, you all.

Usage: *Good Morning, Mollywood! How y'owl doing?*

Yowlga [youl-guh]

noun the series of stretches and exercises that Molly so gracefully performs in the owl box, on the patioowl or on the photo posing ledge.

Usage: *Molly is so elegant looking when she does her Yowlga. The owlets still can't do yowlga without faceplanting.*

YVW

acronym You're Very Welcome.

Usage: *YVW. It was my pleasure to help.*

YW

acronym You're Welcome.

Usage: *YW. I hope you'll find the information helpful.*

Zz

Z [zee]

noun the final letter of the English alphabet - given Royal status by the chatters in the owl box.

Usage: *No one quite knowz how Z achieved Royal Ztatzuz but I've worn out the Z key on my keyboard. Z rulez!*

Zeedisorderz [zee-dis-ohr-der]

noun the uncontrollable urge to add a Z to the end of every name or word you use.

Usage: *No one quite knows how the zeedisorderz got started, but it's certainly contagious!*

Zoombies [zoom-beez]

noun typo - see KZA.

Usage: *After midnight, we all turn into zoombies.*

Zorro [zohr-oh]

proper name the name given to the star of the episode known as The Great Mouse Escape - (www.youtube.com/sircarlosr#p/u/17/Q3mSgFn3Nwl) Zorro is presumed to have survived the incident - rumored to be living in the home of VacaDude in Vacaville, California, doing commercials and product endorsements for Meadow Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Usage: *Zorro ran right at the camera and out the box! If you blinked, you missed it.*

Zquawking [skwaw-king]

verb the owlets' method of communicating hunger to their parents, signaling the need for immediate and frequent food delivery - see also: squawking

Usage: *Wow! Carrie sure is zquawking loudly tonight! She reminds me of Wes.*

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Summer Games

Team Sports

to hear the announcer scream,
"Goooooowwww!!!"

Basebowl

Completing a circuit hopping from one corner of the Royal Landing Pad to another, before claiming the prey deposited in the middle. Form and speed are both judged.

Basketbowl

Perfection of the Fling and Fly Technique. A perfect score can be achieved only when the maneuver is performed without touching down and when the prey is flung through the open doorway without hitting the sides of the door.

Gowlf

Teams of 6 players. Using large rodent bones, competitors will participate in driving gag shag out of the box, tossing rodents and putting horks. Team scoring is achieved by discarding the highest and lowest scores and averaging the remaining four scores.

Lacrowlsse

Using lacrowlsse nets composed of rodent tibia bones and orb spider webs, teams of ten compete in this double elimination event.

Softbowl

Teams of nine compete in this double elimination event using rodent humerus bones, skulls and pelts as bases.

Sowlccer

Teams of eleven compete in this double elimination event. Expect

Sprinkler Powlo

Teams of four compete in an event that combines acrobatics among the water streams and propelling a rodent skull from one end of the sprinkler field to the other.

Synchrownized Web Spinning

Teams of two compete. Judging is based on acrobatics (form and degree of difficulty), artistry and spelling.

Volhorkeyball

Teams of five compete in this double elimination event. Expect to see proficiency in digs, sets, spikes.

Water Powlo

Teams of five compete. Event takes place in the local decorative koi pond.

Track and Field

Biowlthlon

A two part competition, consisting of speed flyabout and precision squirtz.

Decowlthlon

An athletic contest comprising ten different track-and-field events and won by the contestant amassing the highest total score. The events included are: 100-meter flyabout, long jump, hork put, high jump, 400-meter flight, 110-meter

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high-hurdowl race (over ten 8-inch barriers), discus, polez vowlt, javowlin, and 1500-meter flight.

Discus

The sport of throwing a flattened hork for distance in competition.

Flyabout

This event is divided into three categories: Speed Flyabout; Obstacle Flyabout; and Endurance Flyabout.

High Jump

This event is divided into two categories: Winged High Jump and Wingless High Jump (use of the wings in Wingless High Jump will result in disqualification)

Hork Put

Using particularly large and heavy horks (usually from large pocket gophers or rabbits), the competitors will compete for distance throwing.

Hurdowl races

Racers will run and jump over ten 4- or 6-inch barriers. 1 second will be added to final time for each hurdowl knocked over during the race.

Javowlin

Rodent femur bones are hurled through the air. Judging based on distance achieved.

Long jump

Judging based on form and distance.

Owlcycling

This six day event is scored on speed.

Parowlchuting

Jumps will be made from the top of the owl box, the top of the mimosa tree and the top of the palm tree. Competitors will wear specially designed parowlchutes, hand-knit by Donna Royal.

Polez Vowlt

Using Mr. Spritz for propulsion, competitors will vault to the top of the mimosa and palm trees. Judging based on form and height achieved.

Speed Horking

Judging based on size of pellet, speed of hork and distance achieved.

Sprint

Short flyabouts in the Royal backyard.

Tripowl jump

Distance jump preceded by a hop, skip and pounce.

Gymnowlstics

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Events include Wing flapping; Pouncing; Hopping; Yowlga; Parowllel Bars; Powlmel Horse and Vowlt; Talon Stomping; Trampowline; and Bowlance Beam.

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Bowlance Beam

Acrobatic moves performed on the Fledge Ledge and Posing Ledge. Extra points award for acrobatic moves between the two apparatus.

Hopping

Judging based on endurance and form.

Parowllel Bars

Acrobatic maneuvers on twin fledge ledges.

Pouncing

Judging based on form, distance, and accuracy.

Powlmel Horse and Vowlf

How many ways can you sit on your sister . . . or a gopher sofa? Judging based on form and degree of difficulty.

Talon Stomping

Judging based on form, degree of difficulty and vocal and stomp volume achieved.

Trampowlene

Primary competitors will be members of the Tauntz family. Competitors will attempt a sneak peek into the owl box. Judging based on height achieved.

Wing Flapping

Judging based on form, stretch and volume levels achieved.

Yowlga

Judging based on form and

degree of difficulty.

Individual Events

Kayowlking

Using craft constructed of dried rodent skins, competitors navigate a white-water rapids course in the local ornamental koi pond.

Sharp Squirtzing

Targets will be: Mercedes, BMWz and Lamborghiniz; Carlos' head; Camera Lenz; and Tauntz.

Tai Kwan Dowl

Competitors will spar with Roark, Mary and Gary Cooper Hawk and Callie and Calvin Kestrel.

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Cowling

A challenging sport in which competitors attempt to score by moving a horked pellet from one end of the ice rink to the other, using a feather as a tool.

Ice Horkey

Teams of eleven will compete in this double elimination event. Large rodent bones are used to propel small, flattened horks across the ice.

Individual Events

Bobblesled

The object of this event is to sled down the hill with as many head turns as possible.

Downhill Skiing

A fun and challenging sport in which competitors perch atop a 12-foot ladder and then ski down one of the four legs of the ladder. Points are awarded for speed and form.

Mogowl skiing

A fun and challenging sport consisting of sliding off the roof and hitting the mark on the porch, avoiding horks and prey.

Zambowlni

Competitive driving of the Zambowlni machine. Judging based on form, accuracy and speed.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO CARLOS

¹In the beginning was The Box. And the Box was without stainz, horkz or shagz. And It was Good.

²And The Ceiling Owl said 'Let there be Owlz. And the Owlz came and it was Good.

³And, behold, the Owlz were fruitful and multiplied in accordance with Ceiling Owl'z command. And it was Very Good.

⁴And Ceiling Owl said 'I shall give my hooman the ability to use technology to share Owlz with My World. And there was Carlos and Donna and Lenz and it was very, Very good.

⁵And the world rejoiced and thanked Carlos and Ceiling Owl for the blessings of Wee Owlz.

⁶And, lo, the owletz ate of the rodentia of the land... rabbitz, ratz and mouziez, and other creaturez of unidentified name. And owletz grew.

⁷So in the fullness of time, the Owletz grew feathers and gained in strength and wisdom, learning from Molly and McGee.

⁸And when Ceiling Owl appointed the time, the owletz departed The Box and flew on their own. And Ceiling Owl, Carlos, Donna and The World were pleased.

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