

*The Official*

OWL BOX  
LEXICON

*This acclaimed volume includes the  
characters, words, phrases and acronyms  
forged by the fellowship of Owl Box chatters  
and community of Molly Watchers.*





# The Official Owl Box Lexicon

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!*

## **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!*

## **Ashley** [ash-lee]

*proper name* the first born of the second clutch of owlets (March 21, 2010 - ), named for Ashley Faure, the Royals' granddaughter.

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

## **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 fly 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!!!*

## **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.*

## **Barn Owl** [bahrn oul]

*noun* Tyto alba - the most widely distributed species of owl, and one of the most widespread of all birds - also

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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.*

### 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*

### 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!*

### 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

*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.*

### 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.*

**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*

**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 owlets 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.*

## 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](http://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 Cassie 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!*

# Carlos Royal | Clappything

## 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!!*

## 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.*

## 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!*

## 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](http://www.ustream.tv/theowlbox).

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

## Churk [churk]

*verb* doing chores while lurking in the owl box chat room or social stream.

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



## Clearz | Deet deet deet

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!*

### **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** [koul-mik]

*noun* a comedian in the owl box.

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

### **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.*

### **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

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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.*

### DIHS

acronym Dreaming in Haiku Syndrome.

Usage: *The experience of the owl box have led to me having 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 DeMolytarized Zone - where Tauntz and the Tauntzlets live.

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

### 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!*

### 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.*

## 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 events of the owl box - origin: typo.

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

### 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.*

### 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](http://www.ericblehm.com); [www.mollytheowlbooks.com](http://www.mollytheowlbooks.com)

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

## Ff

### **Face plant** [feys plant]

*noun* the act of falling face first to the gag shag floor, usually performed by a young owlet 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.*

### **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!*

### **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.*

### **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,

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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.*

### 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 world's unknown, locking up, slowing down, or crashing.

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!*

### 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 Owlet Gate*

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

### FOS

*acronym* Falling Owlet 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.*

## Gg

### 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.*

## 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?*

## 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.

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

## 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?*

## GN

acronym Good Night.

## GOBBPS

acronym Gressed Out By Barfing Pellet Syndrome.

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

## Golfer [gawl-fer]

noun another name for a pocket gopher - origin: typo for gofer.

Usage: *Did they finally eat the golfer?*

## Gopher Sofaz | Hork

**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.*

**Growlcho Marx** [groul-choh mahrx]  
*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.*

**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!*

**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.*

**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 Karcasses - a common slang term for vomit - this term has been repurposed in the owl box to mean the act of casting a pellet or 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 | lao, baby

**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.*

**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.*

**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.*

**Howiddle** [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 howiddle.*

**Howliday** [hou-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-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?*

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

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

## 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 | Kelly

### 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 don't read before  
posting.

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

### 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.*

## Jj

### 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.*

### Jiminy Cricketz [jim-uh-nee krik-itiz]

*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.*

## 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-truhl]

*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.*

### **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.*

### **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](http://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.*

## Leggz | Max

### LI

#### **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 owlet 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.*

#### **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??! I've got MAD and I've got it bad!*

#### **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.*

**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.*

**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.

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

## MODerate | Mothra

**MODerate** [mod-er-it]  
noun the owlital 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.*

**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 The Owl Books** [mol-ee thee oul books]  
noun the publishing company founded by Eric Blehm for the distribution of books and merchandise related to Molly and the owl box - [www.mollytheowlbooks.com](http://www.mollytheowlbooks.com).

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

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

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

**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).

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

**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!*

**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.*

**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 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?*

**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.*

### MPAW

*acronym* Max, Pattison, Austin, Wesley - see also: C1.

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.*

## 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!*

### 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.*

# Nutella | Owl u doin'?

**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!*

## Oo

**OB1**  
*acronym* Owl Box 1 - the main broadcast site - [www.ustream.tv/theowlbox](http://www.ustream.tv/theowlbox).

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

**OB2**  
*acronym* Owl Box 2 - the site broadcasting the exterior cameras - [www.ustream.tv/theowlbox2](http://www.ustream.tv/theowlbox2).

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

**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 soooo adorable. I've definitely got OHCD!*

**OII**  
*acronym* Owl Induced Insomnia.

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

**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?*

**Overflow** [oh-ver-floh]  
*noun* the secondary chatroom created by Ustream when the primary chatroom reaches capacity - once considered to be a "purgatory" of sorts because it was unmoderated, now an accepted, moderated part of the chat room.

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 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 summertime 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!

**Owlerabilia** [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 owlerabilia, but I still want more.

**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.

**Owlsh** [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.

## Owlitics | Parliament of Owls

### **Owlitics** [oul-i-tiks]

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

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

### **Owlegory** [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 owlegory of Molly's life has brought changes to all of us.*

### **Owlelujah** [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: *Owlelujah! 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** [ou-luh]

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

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

### **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*

## Pp

### **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** [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!*

### **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 Powllock on the back wall seems to change a bit every day.*

### **Pin feathers** [pin-feth-erz]

*noun* an undeveloped feather

## Playground | Pterodactowlz

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.*

### **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.*

### **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 owlets 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.*

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

### **Pterodactowlz** [ter-uh-dak-toulz]

*noun* the owlets when they are young and take on the appearance of prehistoric flying dinosaurs.

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

## 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?*

### 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 of mice, but McGee brought in Ratticus Giganticus.*

### 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.*

### 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?*

### 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.*

### RMMNN

**acronym** Remarks Meaning Nothing Now.

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

### RNN

**acronym** Rodentia Network News - see also: *RodentiaNet*.

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

### Roark [rohrk]

**proper name** the name given

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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** [roh-d-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.*

**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.*

**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?*

**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** [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.

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

**Royal Landing Pad** [roi-uhl lan-ding pad]  
*noun* the large square, horizontal surface constructed by Carlos Royal, to give the owletz 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 Penthowlse 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.*

**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 called 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-**fohn**-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.*

**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 | Snow Cam

### 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  
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 [slou-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.*

### Smearz [smeerz]

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

Usage: *Did Smearz ever get  
cleaned off?*

### 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, signalling the need for immediate and frequent food delivery - see also: *squawking*.

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

### Squirtz [skwurtz]

noun the owls' method of waste elimination - poop.

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)

## Stainz | Tepee of Mutual Support

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.*

## Tt

**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.*

**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.*

**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.*



**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."*

**Towlons** [toul-uhnz]

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

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

**Transferit** [trans-fur-it]

*noun* the home of the original Molly mug, Molly t-shirt, Molly mousepad, etc. - [www.transferit.com/theowlbox](http://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.*

**TY**

*acronym* Thank You

**Typoneze** [tahy-poh-neeze]

*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 typoz are improving. It's a good thing the typoz police have all been fired.*

**TZTC**

*acronym* Time Zone Translation Confusion.

Usage: *What time is that supposed to happen? I've got TZTC.*

## UFOs | Verminator

### Uu

#### UFOs

*acronym* Unidentifiable Feeding (Furry) Objects.

Usage: *There are several UFOs in the box today.*

#### UR

*acronym* Unidentified Rodent.

Usage: *McGee delivered three mice, a goopher and one UR.*

#### Urlectomy

[yoo-dhr-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.*

#### Ustream

[yoo-stream]  
*noun* the internet company hosting the broadcast of The Owl Box - [www.ustream.tv](http://www.ustream.tv).

Usage: *Ustream has honored Carlos by naming one of their new conference rooms "The Owl Box".*

### 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](http://www.vacadude.com); [www.atkinsonproductions.com](http://www.atkinsonproductions.com). Producer and host of VacaChat [www.ustream.tv/channel/vacadude](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/vacadude).

Usage: *VacaDude's cartoons are the greatest!*

#### 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-doul]  
*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.*

## Ww

### W4OS

*acronym* Where's the 4th Owlet Syndrome - they sometimes hide behind each other.

Usage: *If Max doesn't move out of that corner we're gonna see a lot of WT4OS.*

### 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 owlets 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.

## WAW | WINCC

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 owl-uhts]

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 Royals' son, Wesley Royal.

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?

**Wizard of Owlz** [wiz-erd uhv oulz]  
*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.*

**WOIT**  
*acronym* Which one is that? - owlet identification difficulties.

Usage: *WOIT? I don't know how you people can tell them apart.*

**WOO**  
*acronym* A "powlitical" party - Wise Old Owl.

Usage: *Molly is a member of the WOO.*

**WOOP**  
*acronym* World of Owlsome People.

Usage: *I'm a member of WOOP.*

**WOOS**  
*acronym* Where's the Other Owlet 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**  
*acronym* What's That Black Dot.

Usage: *"WTBD?" - "That's Lenz."*

**WTDMA**  
*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??*

**WTST**  
*acronym* Where's The Snipping Tool?

## Wizard of Owlz | Zquawking

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

### 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 owllets still can't do yowlga without faceplanting.*

### YVW

acronym You're Very Welcome.

### YW

acronym You're Welcome.

## 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 Ztatz but I've worn out the Z key on my keyboard. Z rulez!*

### 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](http://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 owllets' 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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# THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO CARLOS

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was The Box. And the Box was without stainz, horkz or shagz. And It was Good.

<sup>2</sup>And The Ceiling Owl said 'Let there be Owlz. And the Owlz came and it was Good.

<sup>3</sup>And, behold, the Owlz were fruitful and multiplied in accordance with Ceiling Owl'z command. And it was Very Good.

<sup>4</sup>And 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.

<sup>5</sup>And the world rejoiced and thanked Carlos and Ceiling Owl for the blessings of Wee Owlz.

<sup>6</sup>And, lo, the owletz ate of the rodentia of the land... rabbitz, ratz and mouziez, and other creaturez of unidentified name. And owletz grew.

<sup>7</sup>So in the fullness of time, the Owletz grew feathers and gained in strength and wisdom, learning from Molly and McGee.

<sup>8</sup>And 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.

ChocoMare

