

## Media Release

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## DoveLewis to Reopen at 9:00am Monday

After a fire in a commercial laundry dryer at DoveLewis' NW hospital yesterday caused the hospital to shut down for the first time in its history, DoveLewis' main, 24 hour emergency & ICU hospital is set to reopen at 9:00am. A restoration company fumigated the building overnight to get rid of the smoke smell. DoveLewis staff members are now busy cleaning and organizing hospital supplies in order to be able to accept new patients and to treat the patients who had to be transferred to our SE hospital overnight because of the fire. Those patients will remain at our SE hospital in Plaza 205 until the NW hospital is ready for them.

Preliminary estimates of the total financial loss are close to \$10,000 in hard costs, which doesn't include the loss of revenue during one of our busiest days of the week. It also doesn't count the value of the time our staff members spent volunteering to clean up.

No animals or staff members were injured in this fire. Please see Sunday night's release for background information on this fire, or contact Tiffini Mueller at 503.341.2740.

### **Mark your calendars**

Ironically, yesterday is one month to the day that DoveLewis will check in its first patient at the brand new hospital across the street from the current NW location. Our public grand opening celebration for the new hospital is Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-7:30pm. We plan to transfer current patients to the new hospital and open for business there Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Founded in 1973 as a non-profit organization, DoveLewis 24 Hour Emergency and ICU hospital treats nearly 15,000 animals each year and is supported by treatment fees and donations. The hospital is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in NW Portland, as well as evenings and weekends at Plaza 205. Celebrating the human-animal bond, DoveLewis is known for its unique community service programs including the Stray Animal and Wildlife Program, Blood Bank, Animal Assisted Therapy and Education, and Pet Loss Support.**