

**Media Release**

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Rottweiler Dies After Being Shot by Neighbor

Dozer, a four year old Rottweiler, was rushed to DoveLewis tonight with a gunshot wound to his chest. According to his owner, Dozer had been shot a few hours earlier by a neighbor in Scappoose, OR. The bullet (photo attached) entered his chest cavity, punctured major vessels, went through his abdomen and came to rest under the skin causing severe internal organ damage along the way. Dozer lost enough blood to require a transfusion, but even that didn't help. Resuscitative efforts necessitated opening up his chest to massage the heart and to try and stop the massive bleeding. A crew of more than a dozen DoveLewis doctors and technicians squeezed around Dozer, performing what one doctor described as "one of the most incredible efforts to save such a massive trauma patient that I have seen in years. Nearly everyone in the hospital pitched in." But Dozer didn't make it.

DoveLewis filed a report with the Scappoose Police Department. Dozer's owner plans to do the same. The bullet and Dozer's body will be kept at DoveLewis until law enforcement officers tell us they've completed their investigation. At that time, we will release Dozer's body to his owners for a private burial. (DoveLewis photos of Dozer's body are available. It is no longer accessible to photographers at this time.)

DoveLewis Charlie Fund

The cost of Dozer's care was covered by DoveLewis' Charlie Fund for abused animals. It was established at DoveLewis in the summer of 2001 to help the owners of abused animals with their extensive medical expenses. "Charlie" the cat had been maliciously set on fire, and was spotted running around engulfed in flames in a Portland neighborhood. DoveLewis doctors did all they could to keep Charlie alive for weeks. He fought hard, but his injuries were too much to overcome. The fund is named in his memory. To make a donation to the DoveLewis Charlie Fund, visit dovelewis.org.

DoveLewis is Portland's 24-Hour Emergency and ICU Animal Hospital, offering advanced veterinary care in a state-of-the-art facility in Northwest Portland. DoveLewis also shares several 100% donor-funded programs with the community including one of America's largest volunteer-based animal blood banks, an award-winning animal assisted therapy program, a nationally recognized pet loss support program offering five free group therapy sessions each month, 24-hour stabilizing care for lost, stray and wild animals and financial assistance for low income families and owners of abused pets.