



Media Release

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Blood Donor Dog to Retire After Giving 30th Unit

Luke, a black Labrador retriever, has been donating blood at DoveLewis every three months for eight years. Tuesday, Luke will retire as he gives his last unit of blood.

When: Tuesday, December 19, 7:30pm
Where: DoveLewis Main Hospital, 1945 NW Pettygrove
Photo Op: Black Lab, "Luke" makes last blood donation while mom, dad and three brothers and sisters cheer him on



Luke (right) poses for a photo shoot with brother Drake (center) and sister Katie (left). They are 2007's Mr., Mr., & Ms. July, respectively.

Luke is almost 10 years old. He is a part of a large family of donors. His younger siblings, Drake and Katie are also donors. They will be joining Luke for his last donation, as they do all family donations. A *very* little sister, Callie, will also be there for support and to learn how to become a donor some day. She is only 7 ½ months old. She may enter the program after her first birthday.

Luke will most likely enjoy his retirement doing what he loves best – hunting ducks with dad. He'll also come up with new ways to hog the bed and play with his favorite toys.

DoveLewis Blood Donor Dogs:

- Provide enough blood for more than 1,000 transfusions each year
- Get free blood screening & evaluation and a year's worth of heartworm preventative
- Need donated toys and treats to reward them for patiently giving blood
- Share their blood for blood transfusions with veterinarians throughout Portland vet clinics. not just at DoveLewis

We're always looking for new blood donors!

DoveLewis blood donors meet these criteria:

- At least one year old
- Healthy
- Never been pregnant
- Never had a blood transfusion
- Easy-going disposition
- Current on vaccines
- Weighs at least 55 pounds

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.