

Media Release

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Abused Puppy Dumped from Car Rushed to DoveLewis

A pair of young adults were outside playing with neighbor kids in the North Killingsworth and Kerby area this afternoon when they watched as a car slowed down and pulled over. Someone in the car opened the car door and tossed a four month old pit bull mix out of the car and drove away. The kids rushed to the dog to play with it until they realized the dog's eye had popped out. That's when the Good Samaritans rushed the puppy to DoveLewis.

Upon initial examination, DoveLewis doctors determined that the injury had most likely happened before the dog was thrown from the car, but not long before. Our doctors describe the injury as blunt force trauma to the head, consistent with a kick or a hit with a baseball bat. The puppy also has no scrape wounds which lead doctors to believe he suffered little to no injuries from being tossed from the car.

DoveLewis doctors will have to remove the dog's eye this evening. The cost for this procedure will be covered by the DoveLewis "Charlie Fund" which is 100% donor funded and pays for medical care of abused animals. After the surgery, the puppy will get pain medicine and most likely be transferred to the Multnomah County Animal Shelter tomorrow.

We couldn't find any sort of identification including a collar or microchip associated with this dog. We believe the person responsible for his injuries needs to be found. We encourage anyone who knows anything about this dog or has more information about this case to call Portland Police.

Along with this release are a few photos of the puppy, obviously before surgery. They are pretty disturbing so please consider this a warning. If all goes as planned he should be out of surgery and recovering peacefully later this evening.

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.