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DoveLewis Celebrates Anniversary with Largest Gift Ever

DoveLewis Emergency & ICU Animal Hospital is thrilled to announce the largest donation since its founding in 1973. Ellyn Bye, one of DoveLewis' volunteers and ambassador board officers, pledged a **\$500,000 gift** toward the "For the Love of Dove" Building Fund. "This emergency hospital is vital to Portland in dealing with the health of our four legged family members. We owe those in our care the best we can provide and DoveLewis fills that need," says Ellyn.

To celebrate, DoveLewis will name the lobby in its Northwest Portland hospital after Ellyn's dog, "Noodles." Meet Ellyn and see the unique way Noodles will forever greet all visitors of DoveLewis NW at a **special media opportunity Thursday, July 26 at 11:00am, 1945 NW Pettygrove.**



The new DoveLewis NW hospital opened July 25, 2006. The new facility doubled the amount of exam rooms, surgery suites and square footage on the hospital floor. The size of the lobby and the amount of treatment tables tripled. The expanded space allowed DoveLewis staff to treat nearly 2,000 more animals (a 20% increase) than the previous year. "DoveLewis provides services and advanced veterinary medicine you can't get anywhere else," says Ron Morgan, DoveLewis

Executive Director. "Before we moved, those services were in jeopardy. Our new building allows us to serve more of Portland's beloved animals and their families. Not only is our hospital busier, but our donor-supported community programs are reaching more people."

The [unconventional capital campaign](#) is still under way. Animal-loving Portlanders, businesses and foundations have contributed more than three of the eight million dollars it cost to build the new state of the art hospital.

To make a gift to the building fund, log on to 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.