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Owner of Beheaded Cat Turns to DoveLewis for Help

Amber Walker turned to DoveLewis for comfort and medical help after the scalding and beheading death of her kitten, White Socks. Amber used our donor-supported [Pet Loss Support Program](#) to begin processing her grief after the brutal killing of White Socks.

She had also noticed that her other three cats were acting funny and thought perhaps they too were victims of abuse. Yesterday, DoveLewis doctors examined the cats and happily found that they showed no symptoms of abuse. Our donor-supported Charlie Fund for abused animals covered the expense of the exams.

The [Charlie Fund](#) was established at DoveLewis in the summer of 2001 to help care for victims of animal abuse by covering 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 just too much to overcome. The fund is named in his memory.

[DoveLewis Pet Loss Support Program](#) has offered a safe, nurturing place for bereaved pet owners to grieve since 1986. The program offers five free support group sessions every month. The director and founder of the program, Enid Traisman, M.S.W., C.T., C.F.S., facilitates each group and maintains our 24-hour pet loss message line. This free community service program is one of the oldest in the United States and is the only one of its kind serving the Northwest.

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 and in Southeast Portland's Plaza 205. 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 pets, stray and wild animals and financial assistance for low income families and abused pets.