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DoveLewis to Open New Main Hospital

DoveLewis 24 Hour Emergency and ICU Animal Hospital has long carried a national reputation for top-quality advanced veterinary medicine. Finally, after 33 years in Portland, the local non-profit organization will move into a brand new, state-of-the-art, 23,000 square foot hospital. The \$8M project is being funded entirely by donations from the public. **When DoveLewis opens its doors, it will be one of the premiere non-university affiliated critical care and emergency hospitals in the country.**

Schedule of Media Events

Monday, July 10th: Sabin Elementary School Art Unveiling

11:00am – 12:00pm

First through 7th grade students from Christopher Lamp's well-known art program painted whimsical portraits of dogs and cats which will be displayed in our new lobby. This is a cookie & punch reception for the child artists and their families. It's the first time they will see their art up on our walls.

Wednesday, July 12th & Thursday, July 13th: Special Media Sneak Peek

10:00am – 3:00pm

(please call Tiffini Mueller at 503.341.2740 or tmueller@dovelewis.org to schedule)

A special chance for the media to tour the new hospital, shoot video or stills of the ER and ICU treatment areas before the public celebration. It's the only time you will be able to access our surgery suites which will be sterilized before we move in.

Thursday, July 13th: Grand Opening Celebration

5:30pm – 7:30pm

The public is invited to help celebrate the opening of the new hospital they helped us build! The program starts at 6:00pm. Mayor Tom Potter will give a special proclamation, and we'll have a unique "ribbon cutting" which includes a processional of former patients. Please reserve your spot for a live truck so we can make sure you have plenty of room.

Tuesday, July 25th: The Big Move

8:00am – 9:00am News conference immediately to follow

Doctors will be in "rounds" starting early this Tuesday morning (around 6:00am) to prepare for moving all of our patients across the street to the new main hospital. NW Pettygrove will be closed between 19th & 20th to make sure our medical staff has the room and time to transfer patients across the street safely. After the move we will be ready to receive our first patient in the new hospital. A news conference will immediately follow in the Community Room.

Project Details

The design of the new DoveLewis is the result of months of planning and research, including trips to existing emergency hospitals where staff and designers learned what worked and what could work better for our medical staff, our clients, and ultimately our patients.

Newsworthy Features

Two treatment floors: One dedicated to emergencies, one for ICU.

Two separate recovery wards: One for cats, one for dogs.

Two surgery suites: Our current main hospital has only one. Our new hospital will double our surgery capacity. One suite was designed with orthopedic surgeries in mind, which is something we don't currently have room for. The surgery area also houses a wonderful prep and recovery room right outside ICU.

Bigger Lobby/Children's play area: The new lobby is more than three times the size of the current one. This will give clients and painful patients room to spread out. It also includes a place for kids to read books, and play games during a stressful time.

Comfort room: A private space designed like a living room where families can make medical decisions together in a less sterile environment – the comfort room has its own exit through the serenity garden.

Serenity garden: An outdoor area just outside the comfort room where clients can have a peaceful, private place to consider medical options or to grieve a loss.

Blood Donor cat habitat: A place for our resident blood donor cats to play, sleep, eat and watch the fish in their very own fish tank.

Support from the local veterinary community: The PVMA pledged to donate the \$25,000 needed to have naming rights to the DoveLewis Blood Bank room. DoveLewis blood not only helps save lives in our hospital, but it also is distributed to many veterinary hospitals in the region.

Strategically Located Patient Nutrition, Lab, and Pharmacy: In between ER & ICU so medical staff from both departments has easy access.

Room to expand our intern program and add a new residency program: DoveLewis welcomes five veterinary interns every year. These doctors get hands-on training in emergency and critical care medicine. Our three-year residency program begins in 2006, and will educate doctors who aim to start careers in critical care.

More space to increase our community outreach capabilities: We'll have more room for volunteers to work, to train animal assisted therapy teams, for pet loss support groups to meet and for donor meetings.

Planning ahead allowed us to stay in urban core: Our Board of Directors purchased the land on which the new DoveLewis sits in the late 1990s. If we had waited to buy the land, the cost for it alone would have increased 300%. If we'd waited a year to start the design process, building materials and associated costs would have increased by 25%.

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.



Current Hospital – New Hospital

4 exam rooms – 8 exam rooms

1 surgery suite – 2 surgery suites

47 hospital beds – 75 hospital beds

2 treatment tables – 6 treatment tables

5,200 Sq. Ft. Hospital – 12,000 Sq. Ft. Hospital

500 Sq. Ft. Lobby – 1,840 Sq. Ft. Lobby