

**Media Release**

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DoveLewis Treats First Known Kidney Failure Case Linked to Food Recall

DoveLewis is treating its first known patient diagnosed with kidney failure linked to the Menu Foods recall. Zoe, a 15-year-old cat, ate Iams' "cuts & gravy" food for the past couple of weeks. Zoe checked in to DoveLewis Monday with "off the chart" kidney values, indicating she was suffering from acute kidney failure. After many tests, this afternoon DoveLewis doctors are confident that her symptoms are most likely caused by a toxin that has injured her kidneys, such as the one that is thought to be in the recalled food. "Like many older cats, Zoe may have had kidney issues before she ate the food," says Sarah Naidoo, DoveLewis Internal Medicine Specialist. "But her signs are not due to her previous kidney problems. Her symptoms were caused by a sudden and severe insult to her kidneys."

Zoe's condition initially improved in our care. She ate for the first time today and she seemed to be feeling better, but her kidneys do not appear to be recovering. She will need to spend several more nights in DoveLewis' Intensive Care Unit. She will be treated with IV fluids and monitored around the clock. DoveLewis has more doctors trained in critical care than any other veterinary hospital in Oregon.

For more information on the recall, visit the company's website:

<http://www.menufoods.com/recall/index.html>.

This link is also available on dovelewis.org.

Symptoms of kidney failure:

- Vomiting
- Lethargy
- Lack of appetite
- Increased water consumption & urination

If your pet has been eating one of the foods on the list and is showing the above symptoms, call DoveLewis or your regular veterinarian right away.

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.