

## Media Release

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## Two Dogs With Machete Wounds Treated at DoveLewis

In a case unlike any DoveLewis doctors and technicians have ever seen, two dogs were treated for machete wounds at our NW hospital Tuesday night. One of the dogs, a seven-year-old American Staffordshire terrier named Drake, died in our emergency room despite heroic efforts to save his life. Every available doctor and technician rushed to Drake's side to keep his heart beating and stop his bleeding. The team worked for more than an hour to save Drake, but his fifteen lacerations ranging from ¼ inch to 12 inches in length were too numerous and severe.

The other patient, a seven-year-old cattle dog named Marvin, survived. His lip was sliced in half down to the bone. Marvin was released from the hospital this afternoon.

A sergeant with the Washington County Sheriff's office says Marvin's owner used a machete on Drake to break up a fight between Drake and Marvin. A Washington County Sheriff's deputy took photos as possible evidence in the investigation. DoveLewis has no photographs available. We are cooperating with the Washington County Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's office in their investigation of this incident.

The circumstances surrounding Drake's wounds prompted DoveLewis to authorize use of money from the 100% donor-supported Charlie Fund to cover the cost of Drake's treatment. The [Charlie Fund](#) was established at DoveLewis in the summer of 2001 to help care for victims of animal abuse by covering their medical expenses.

DoveLewis Executive Director Ron Morgan, who was on the hospital floor when these patients arrived, says the medical staff was remarkable in their efforts to treat Drake and Marvin. "Many of the staff members involved in this case say these were some of the most traumatic injuries they have ever seen in their career," says Morgan. Many of those staff members have turned to DoveLewis grief counselor, Enid Traisman, MSW. Enid is available to both DoveLewis staff members and patients' families, free of charge, when they suffer the effects of a trauma.

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.