

Media Release

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DoveLewis



Event Date – February 21st, 2009

DoveLewis Blood Donor Dogs Honored: This Saturday!

Hundreds of DoveLewis blood donor dogs give blood each year. They help make the DoveLewis Blood Bank the largest west of the Mississippi. For making our program so special, we thank the dogs and their humans every year at our “Superheroes” event.

Don't miss our special guest dogs: “Moose” & “Mantra Bella.” Mantra Bella was rushed into surgery needing whole blood, just as Moose was in one of our exam rooms giving a donation. Moose's blood type matched Mantra Bella's. His blood was quickly delivered to the operating room and used in Mantra Bella's surgery. Mantra Bella will meet Moose for the first time at this event and thank him for the live-saving donation.

How do you honor a blood donor dog?

We give them doggie cupcakes and treats while their owners enjoy a spread of people-food and beer. The life-saving pooches and their owners will also be presented with fun-filled gift bags and special awards for the most generous donors.

Our “top dog” this year is being recognized for donating her 29th unit of blood (a unit is about a pint!) Chandra is a German shepherd and is also one of our therapy dogs.

One lucky dog will also win the grand prize: the opportunity to be featured in the 2010 DoveLewis Calendar.


Which dogs can donate blood?

We ask that they be at least one year old, healthy, never been pregnant or had a blood transfusion, easy-going disposition, current on vaccines, & weigh at least 55 pounds.

DoveLewis Blood Donor Dogs:

- Provide enough blood for hundreds of transfusions each year
- Get free blood screening, evaluation and heartworm preventative
- Need donated toys and treats to reward them for patiently giving blood
- Share their blood for transfusions throughout Portland not just at DoveLewis

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.



Life-saver, “Moose” awaits his time in the spotlight.

“Superheroes”
Appreciation Event

Saturday, February 21st
Lucky Lab, 915 SE
Hawthorne

2:00PM-4:00PM
Program at 3:00PM

Expected attendance:
100 humans & 60 dogs