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State of the art emergency & critical care hospital to open in Portland, OR

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, OR, the non-profit organization will move into a brand new, state-of-the-art, 23,000 square foot main hospital Tuesday, July 25th. **When DoveLewis opens its doors, it will be one of the premiere non-university affiliated critical care and emergency hospitals in the country.**



Grand opening party:

Thursday, July 13th
5:30pm-7:30pm

Moving Day for Patients:

Tuesday, July 25th
8:00am – 9:00am

We're closing a section of Pettygrove Street so we can safely transfer patients to our new hospital.

The unique design is the result of two years of planning and research, including trips to other emergency hospitals in the country where staff and designers gained valuable knowledge regarding their design plans.

Here are just a few of the exciting features:

Two treatment floors: One dedicated to emergencies, one for critical care. Both are 1,000 square feet to meet our long-term needs for growth. Currently our ER & ICU departments share ONE 800 square foot space.

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. The surgery area also houses a wonderful prep and recovery room right outside ICU.

Separate areas for radiology, ultrasound and special procedures: In our current hospital, one small room has been home to all of these services, including our video endoscope! In the new hospital, each service has its own dedicated space. The grand total of square footage will quadruple.

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.

Patient Nutrition, Lab, and Pharmacy strategically located: In between ER & ICU so medical staff from both departments have easy access.

Expanded Blood Bank: The DoveLewis Blood Bank is already one of the biggest of its kind in the nation. As soon as the Blood Bank has its own space, we will be able to increase the types of specialized transfusion products we will process, including new products that are not currently available.

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.

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.

A Donor Tribute Wall: It includes a brick for every local veterinary clinic which is a member of the Portland Veterinary Medical Association. Individual donors also bought bricks which are inscribed with personal messages.

Children's play area: A place for kids to read books and play games in the lobby during what is almost always a stressful time. The new lobby is nearly four times the size of our current one, creating plenty of room to separate cats and dogs.

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%.

If you'd like to take a tour or need more information, please contact Tiffini Mueller at 503.341.2740 or tmueller@dovelewis.org.

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.