

**Media Release**

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Zoe, DoveLewis' First Known Case Linked to Food Recall Dies

Zoe, the 15-year-old cat who had been fighting for her life at DoveLewis since Monday, passed away tonight. DoveLewis doctors say Zoe's kidneys completely shut down even after doctors gave her medicine to help force her kidneys to work. She stopped producing urine and fluid began to build up in her lungs which made it harder and harder for her to breathe. DoveLewis did a biopsy on one of her kidneys and will submit it for testing. **Zoe's owner is exhausted, devastated and unavailable for interviews.**

Zoe was DoveLewis' first known patient diagnosed with kidney failure linked to the Menu Foods recall. Zoe ate Iams "cuts & gravy" food for the past couple of weeks. When Zoe arrived at DoveLewis, she had acute kidney failure. After many tests, DoveLewis doctors became confident that her symptoms were most likely caused by a toxin, such as the one that is thought to be in the recalled food. Although many older cats suffer from kidney issues, DoveLewis doctors believe Zoe's symptoms were caused by a sudden and severe attack on her kidneys.

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.