

# Your Hospital at Work

Your donations help animals  
get the care they need.

## Lilah



**ENGLISH MASTIFF LILAH** was obviously hungry but couldn't keep any food down. She was referred to our Internal Medicine team, who discovered that there was a stricture in her esophagus. We suggested changes to Lilah's diet and that she use a "bailey chair," which keeps her body vertical when she eats, allowing gravity to help pull food through. Your support ensures we can tackle all sorts of challenges! 🐾

## Simba



**SIMBA IS AN INDOOR CAT** who snuck out one night. He came back with a barbed fishhook stuck in his leg. It was 11:00 pm, and his family turned to DoveLewis, where our team quickly patched him up. Simba's family was struggling financially, and they were worried about the bill. Fortunately, your support covered his care! His mom said, "I think I cried – I just cried a sigh of relief. I am so grateful!" 🐾

## Bear



**BEAR, A NEWFOUNDLAND,** was going in for a chin scratch one day when his dad thought he felt a hole in his jaw. They rushed to DoveLewis, where, luckily, the injury turned out to be an infected hotspot. Bear's dad was worried that the cost of care would threaten the savings he'd set aside to move to a new place. Fortunately, your support provided Bear relief, and best of all, Bear got a huge new backyard! 🐾

## A Gift Beyond Your Lifetime

Compassionate care and sophisticated medicine thrive at DoveLewis. And that's because forward-thinking donors made heartfelt decisions in the past to sustain DoveLewis in the present.



How? They specified a gift for DoveLewis in their will.  
To learn more, contact us at [development@dovelewis.org](mailto:development@dovelewis.org).

### DoveLewis Mission

We care for every animal and every person who cares for them. Always.

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## Whitten Came Home – Thanks to You

With his family struggling financially, your donations made his care possible



A gift of \$13 a month to the Velvet Assistance Fund can care for one pet

**W**HEN WHITTEN'S MOM, Christi, arrived home one warm summer afternoon, the first thing she saw was fur everywhere. Her immediate thought was, "Oh my gosh, what happened to Whitten?"

Whitten is an indoor cat, but he was nowhere to be found. Then Christi saw that a window screen to her basement had been pulled out. Judging by the scratch marks and fur, she concluded that a neighborhood cat had scratched their way in for a fight!

Whitten was found sitting, terrified, in a tree out in his

backyard. He had a large gash on his face and came running when he saw his mom.

He was rushed to DoveLewis, where our team cleaned his wound and prescribed medications to make him comfortable.

As a substitute teacher, Christi had been mostly out of work during the previous school year and was working hard as a single mom to make ends meet. Your support relieved her concern and sent Whitten home the same day. Thank you! 🐾

**"I am so incredibly grateful. Pets are your children, your furry babies, so to think that they're in pain and you can't do something about it, it is awful. It was such a relief to know there's somewhere I can go."**

**- CHRISTI D.**



# You Helped Yuki

Your support relieved the stress of Yuki's foxtail injury

A gift of \$13 per month can help one pet in the Velvet Assistance Fund

**Y**UKI'S FAVORITE THING to do is go on walks and explore new smells in her neighborhood. But one day, she came across a patch of foxtails, and snorted them up her nose!

These plants can only move one way up the nasal cavity, and by the time they got home, poor Yuki had begun sneezing. She didn't stop for 30 minutes.

Yuki's mom rushed her to DoveLewis, where she worried about how she would pay for the emergency bill. She and her partner both work in the food service industry and were having trouble finding stable work during COVID.

Fortunately, thanks to you, Yuki received care from the Velvet Assistance Fund, and got to go home with her loving family. 🐾



**“Yuki is my best friend. She makes me smile and laugh, and she’s a big emotional support to both my partner and I, especially during the pandemic. She’s a constant when the world is not.”**

**- GRAZE O.**

## Veterinary Clinics Are in Crisis Nationwide

How to help a friend who needs a veterinarian

Record-breaking need for veterinary care has put a strain on most veterinary clinics in Portland and across the United States.

As one of the only fully operating 24/7 animal hospitals in our area, DoveLewis is struggling with the same staffing challenges and high caseloads that other clinics are.

### Here's how you can help:

- Don't miss your pet's annual checkups!
- Spread the word that veterinary care can be challenging to access right now – and that pet wellness should be a top priority
- In an emergency, call us at 503-228-7281 to speak with an advice nurse. If you're worried, we're worried, too, and will help as much as we possibly can

### How DoveLewis Triage Pets

As an ER with an Intensive Care Unit, we must see patients based on the severity of their condition—starting with animals who are experiencing life-threatening illnesses or injuries, such as a poisoning or a car accident. Animals who are not experiencing life-threatening conditions are considered “stable” and will typically wait longer. Examples of stable conditions are minor wounds, sore ears, and skin conditions.

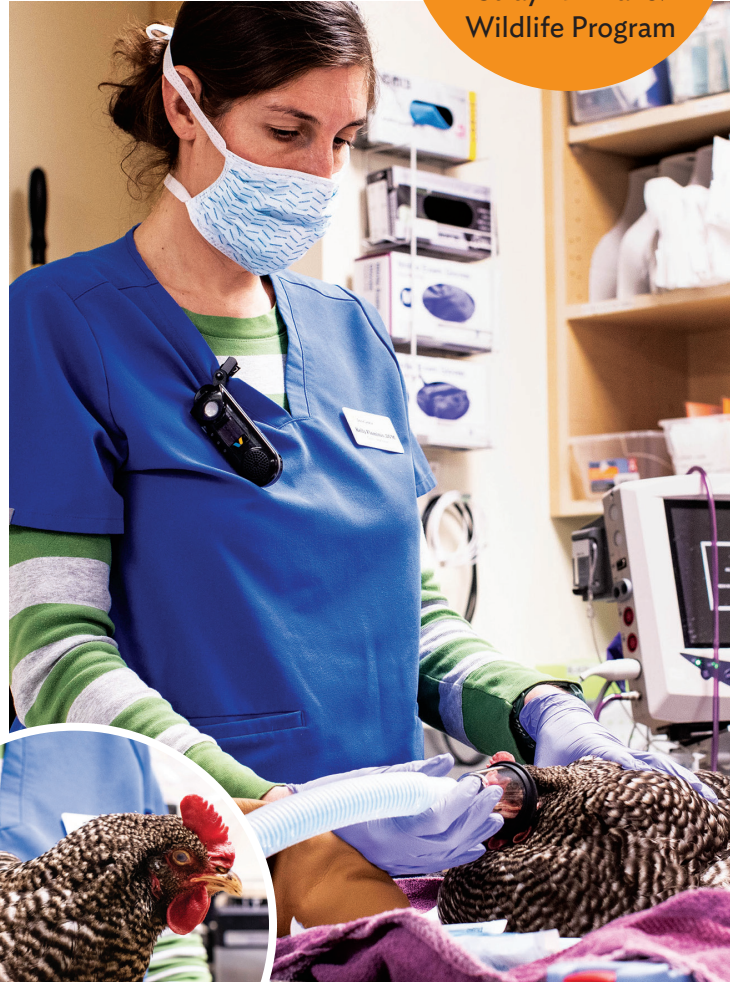
# New! Expanded Services for Exotics and Wildlife

Your support improves care for feathery, scaly, and other exotic friends

\$157 can provide stabilizing care to one injured songbird in the Stray Animal & Wildlife Program



Funyun came in with a toe injury likely caused by one of his avian roommates. Dr. Flaminio performed a toe amputation with absorbable stitches that will eventually fall out – and won't require another trip to DoveLewis for this lovable parakeet.



Boc was treated for a deep wound on her back that was interfering with her ability to walk. Dr. Flaminio cleaned the wound and prescribed pain medication and rest for this sweet chicken.

**D**OVELEWIS HAS LONG BEEN a resource for wildlife lovers who find injured native birds, mammals, and reptiles. However, with rising animal patient numbers, the need for more formal exotics care has only been magnified.

And now – thanks to you – the donor-funded Stray Animal & Wildlife Program has expanded its services!

With the hire of Dr. Kelly Flaminio – an exotics focused veterinarian coming to us from the Oregon Zoo – DoveLewis can now provide upgraded care for wildlife and exotic animals. (In companion animal medicine, an exotic pet is defined as a pet that's not a dog or cat.)

This means:

- Advanced care for exotic pets that are brought to DoveLewis in an emergency;
- More treatment options for complex injuries (like surgery for broken limbs or wings) in cooperation with Audubon Portland
- Enhanced veterinary education and training on wildlife and exotics care for our staff and the local veterinary community