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## **Harvey Survivor Lacy Finds True Calling as Therapy Dog For People in Recovery**

*San Antonio, TX-* San Antonio Pets Alive! strives to find the best possible home for every animal they rescue. Each home must be a safe space where a dog or cat will be cared for and loved: a home that is forever. For Lacy, a plucky dog who survived Hurricane Harvey, that perfect home came in the form of a center where people go to heal and get on track to a better life.

Lacy is a sweet little dog who had a rough life before her rescue. She had multiple injuries, a worrisome and painful skin infection, and heartworm. She found herself in a shelter near Houston in late August 2017, waiting for someone to love her.

Because of Hurricane Harvey, Lacy's situation became dire. The shelter was no longer able to care for her and many others. As shelter officials worked to move animals out to make room for animals rescued from flooded streets, SAPA! arrived with a bus capable of moving 70 animals.

No one knows for sure how, but Lacy sneaked out of her kennel. She was running around as SAPA!'s Executive Director, Maureen E. O'Neil, stopped to send a communication back to headquarters. Next thing she knew, Lacy was literally on her lap. Maureen looked into the soulful eyes of this little gray dog and told her, "Your worries are over! You are coming with us!"

After her initial medical exam, it was clear that Lacy needed time to heal: both her body and her heart. She'd been through trauma but was determined to survive. Lacy got an oh-so-good bubble bath and some delicious nourishing food. She found respite with an experienced medical foster who tended to her wounds while encouraging her soul.

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**About San Antonio Pets Alive!**- San Antonio Pets Alive! is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to saving the lives of dogs and cats in San Antonio. The animals saved are unique in that they are rescued directly from the at-risk population. SAPA! is the last hope for these animals and we work hard to make sure that we don't let them down. SAPA!'s life-saving programs include the parvo puppy ward, neonatal kitten nursery, and the new transport program. Thousands of animals that otherwise have no other options are saved by these innovative medical programs. Once safe, these animals are cared for and adopted through foster and adoption programs. Since SAPA's inception in 2012 SAPA has saved over 38,000 companion animals from euthanasia.