

Rescue Dog From Katrina Adapting To New Home In Sauquoit

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SAUQUOIT (WKTV) - As thousands of people evacuated New Orleans this week, they brought their pets with them. A much different story from three years ago, when thousands were abandoned during Hurricane Katrina.

During Katrina, pets weren't allowed on evacuation buses, or in shelters. So in the end they were the reason many people did not flee New Orleans. However, thousands of others did, and left their pets behind.

Now those pets, who survived the storm, live all over the country, with at least one of them right here at home.

The Paolozzi's, in Sauquoit, adopted a black lab from Katrina. Annie, as she is known, like several other animals, was trapped for nearly two weeks following the hurricane

"When she was rescued she was pretty malnourished, and had injuries to her ears and body", said Stacey Paolozzi, Annie's owner.

After she was rescued, Annie went to a shelter, then to a hospital, before being sent to a foster home in Connecticut. It was there that the Paolozzi's found Annie on a website called www.labs4rescue.com.

Annie has adapted well in her two years in Sauquoit, but still needs some medical attention. However, that mixed with some love, is helping the healing process.

"I mean there is a cost that you really don't anticipate when you adopt a rescue like that, but she is worth it", said Paolozzi.