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### **On the Road to Recovery!**



San Antonio, TX – Darla, a 15 year old Miniature Smooth Haired Dachshund was transferred to the San Antonio Humane Society from Animal Care Services earlier this year and was experiencing a great deal of pain from a medical issue, very likely due to the fact that she was never spayed. She had several mammary tumors that we removed, however, after her extensive surgery some of the sutures would not stay in place, thereby causing infection. Darla’s skin became ulcerated and her wounds were simply not healing properly. But with some generous help and new advances in medical techniques, Darla is now on the road to recovery!

This special girl is now being treated using advanced wound management in the form of a vacuum-assisted closure (V.A.C.® Therapy) thanks to KCI® Animal Health who generously supplied us with the equipment and dressings. According to KCI® Animal Health, “By delivering negative pressure (a vacuum) at the wound site through a patented dressing, the wound edges are drawn together, infectious materials are removed and granulation tissue is promoted at the cellular level.” Essentially, the KCI V.A.C.® Therapy pumps out wound fluid and bacteria consistently and once full, the bag is replaced. This form of wound management has more often been used on humans; though it is now being used to help heal animals such as Darla. By utilizing this treatment the SAHS hopes to close her wound within 1-2 weeks and once she is spayed, she will be available for adoption!

For more information about V.A.C.® Therapy wound management visit [KCIanimalhealth.com](http://KCIanimalhealth.com).

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**SAHS Info:** *The San Antonio Humane Society is a non-profit, no-kill organization that has served Bexar County and its surrounding areas since 1952. We are not affiliated with the Humane Society of the United States or the ASPCA. Every year, the San Antonio Humane Society shelters, medically treats, and rehabilitates more than 5,000 animals that have been injured, abused, or abandoned until they are ready for adoption. **Our mission is to protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay and neuter programs, and community education.***