

Scott Veterinary Clinic Environmental Sustainability Policy 2025

Who we are

Scott Veterinary Clinic is an independent RCVS-accredited small animal veterinary hospital providing routine and emergency care to small animals and exotic pets from across Bedfordshire. We aim to provide compassionate and professional hospital care 24/7, 365 days a year.

Our environmental commitment

We support Vet Sustain's veterinary sustainability goals (diverse & abundant wildlife, a good life for animals, net zero warming, health and happiness, a zero waste society and enough clean water for all).

We acknowledge that our veterinary activities, services and operations have an impact on the environment and have identified key impacts related to our business that contribute to our environmental and carbon footprint. Through the implementation of this sustainability policy we will encourage wide reaching participation, working to reduce these impacts, whilst upholding the highest standards of animal health, welfare and clinical care for our patients.

Key impacts

We have identified the following key business activities that contribute to our overall environmental and carbon footprint:

- use of electricity, gas and water
- waste generation and disposal
- procurement of goods and services
- consumption of raw materials
- use of anaesthetic gases
- use of parasiticides and antimicrobials
- carbon emissions from staff & customer travel

Actions

Having identified the key environmental impacts of our practice, we commit to reducing these through a journey of continual improvement and pledge to contribute to a healthy environment for our staff, clients and patients by:

-Practicing responsible resource use:

- we will monitor key resources such as electricity, gas & water and set targets for reduction
- we will review and optimise waste management annually, aiming to reduce waste production and increase recycling where possible
- we will make sustainable choices when purchasing equipment & consumables

-Being Sustainable in our Operation:

- we will review annually and aim to reduce anaesthetic gas usage
- we will support sustainable transport options amongst staff and aim to reduce client journeys, where possible
- we will provide clients with support on preventative healthcare strategies

-Using medicines responsibly:

- we commit to the responsible use of antimicrobials by following PROTECT ME guidelines and monitoring use of antimicrobials
- we will encourage appropriate drug disposal amongst staff and clients
- we will avoid drug wastage through good stock control

Joanna Hansen MRCVS is our designated sustainability lead, and has day-to-day responsibility for implementation of this policy.

This policy is readily available in our Practice Manual for all employees to read and we encourage continued participation by all team members to propose & make changes. This policy is available to our clients through the practice website and we welcome feedback and suggestions via the practice website. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Signed:



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