



Stoley's Vets Environmental Sustainability Policy

About us

Stoleys Vets is an independent small animal practice treating companion animals.

We provide consultation, hospitalisation, surgery, imaging, dispensing and advice services to our clients.

Our environmental commitment

We support Vet Sustain's veterinary sustainability goals. 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.

1. Use of fossil fuels eg oil and gas
2. Use of electricity
3. Waste generation and disposal
4. Use of anaesthetic gases
5. Use of water
6. Carbon emissions from transport of personnel and animals
7. Carbon emissions from staff and customer travel
8. Consumption of raw materials including prescribed drugs, medical plastics, needles
9. Use of parasiticides
10. Use of antimicrobials
11. Procurement of goods and services

Actions

Having identified the key environmental impacts of our practice, we commit to reducing these through a journey of continual improvement by utilising the following principles of the Vet Sustain Greener Veterinary Practice Checklist, we pledge to contribute to a health environment for our employees and patients through the following actions:

1. Practice responsible resource use

- a. Collate usage statistics for electricity and gas and set targets for reduction
- b. Switch to a green electricity tariff

- c. Continue to switch off devices when not in use
- d. Investigate placing water saving devices in practice toilets
- e. Review and optimise waste management using the 3 Rs (reduce, re-use, recycle)

Improve our segregation of clinical waste by engaging the team, displaying BVA waste management posters and installing domestic waste bins in the consulting rooms.

2. Be sustainable in our operation

- a. Use evidence-based infection control measures and minimise the use of ecotoxic chemicals
- b. Use oral instead of spot-on anti-parasitics where possible, to minimise environmental contamination
- c. Promote animal welfare

3. Use medicines responsibly

- a. Practice responsible antimicrobial and antiparasitic stewardship to mitigate resistance
- b. Avoid drug wastage through good stocking principles
- c. Dispose of medicines correctly and communicate to clients how to do this too.

4. Empower the team

- a. Support staff wellbeing and development.
- b. Recognise that good health and wellbeing support all aspects of practice operations. This includes physical, emotional, psychological, and social wellbeing

We at Stoleys Vets pledge to reducing our environmental impact through a journey of continual improvement.

Communication

This policy will be clearly communicated to all stakeholders including staff, clients and suppliers, and we encourage feedback and participation from all. This will be easily available on our website.

Signature:

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