

## Environmental Sustainability Policy

### Walkden Vets4Pets

#### ABOUT US

- *Vets4Pets Walkden is a small animal veterinary practice committed to bringing you affordable, high quality care via a modern, well equipped practice, including a lab, pharmacy, digital x-ray and ultrasound.*

#### OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

We support Vet Sustain's six [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

The following key business activities contribute to our overall environmental and carbon footprint:

1. Use of anaesthetic gases
2. Consumption of raw materials (including prescribed drugs, medical plastics, needles etc)
3. Waste generation and disposal
4. Procurement of goods and services
5. Use of electricity

#### OUR 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

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the Vet Sustain [Greener Veterinary Practice Checklist](#), we pledge to contribute to a healthy environment for our employees and patients through the following actions:

**Practise responsible resource use:**

1. Reduce use of disposable materials such as single use plastics
2. Make sustainable choices when purchasing equipment and consumables

**Be sustainable in our operation:**

1. Reduce anaesthetic gas use
2. Encourage responsible use and disposal of medicines

**Use medicines responsibly:**

1. Practice responsible use of medicines
2. Avoid drug wastage through good stock control and rotation

**Empower the team:**

1. Access sustainability training courses
2. Convey sustainability policy to the whole team and encourage participation and cooperation by all team members

**Create a green group/green lead:**

1. Gemma Butterworth

### OUR TARGETS

*As a practice we have set the following targets:*

- We pledge to reduce our environmental impact through a journey of continual improvement
- We aim to reduce our anaesthetic gas usage by implementing sustainable anaesthetic use techniques
- We will commit to work through the RCVS Practice Standards Scheme to achieve the Sustainability Award Accreditation

*We aim to support the UK's commitment for net zero by 2050 through the actions outlined.*

### COMMUNICATION

*We communicate this policy to all stakeholders including staff, clients and suppliers encouraging feedback and participation from all. We provide necessary training to raise awareness of environmental matters and allow opportunities to contribute to changes.*

COMMITMENT MADE ON: 13/12/2023

SIGNED: Gemma Butterworth RVN JVP

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