



St Peter's Vets Environmental Policy 2025/6

St Peter's Vets provides a small animal veterinary service in Hampshire and comprises of 4 RCVS-accredited sites. At St Peter's Vets we take pride in offering a compassionate, dedicated and high quality service to our clients and their pets. We acknowledge that our day to day operations have an impact on the environment and have identified the key aspects that contribute to our environmental and carbon footprint:

- Consumption of electricity, gas and water
- Use of volatile anaesthetic gases contributing to greenhouse gas emissions
- Waste production and disposal complying with new legislation
- Paper usage
- Transport of personnel, equipment and animals between sites and clients travelling to us
- Medicines usage and disposal
- Procurement of goods and services contributing to emissions and pollution

St Peter's Vets is committed to enhancing our environmental performance through a journey of continual improvement by working through the Investors in the Environment accreditation scheme. Some key changes we have made include implementing a more robust waste management system, swapping to reusable items, running a switch off campaign and looking into longer term goals such as an electric van. Our environmental commitment can be demonstrated in our established objectives and goals below:

- Compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and societal expectations
- Monitoring our key resource usage and implement conservation techniques to achieve our environmental targets
- Implementing a waste management policy with a focus on reducing, reusing and recycling to ensure each item ends up in the correct waste stream
- Engaging with colleagues and clients to encourage climate action and sustainable animal care
- Minimising unsustainable transport use
- Practising responsible medicines usage and disposal
- Taking part in several sustainability projects with the practice team
- Working with suppliers to ensure they acknowledge and decrease the environmental impact of their products and transportation
- Undertaking independent annual audit with Investors in the Environment

Looking forward together

St Peter's Vets is part of the VetPartners family. VetPartners are passionate about encouraging sustainable veterinary care and reducing our impact on the environment. Our goals can be found in our Sustainability Strategy and include using renewable energy, diverting waste from landfill, undertaking charitable fundraising and ensuring a kind and inclusive workplace culture.

St Peter's Vets will continue to improve our environmental management system through annual reviews and updates, taking into account any changes in legislation, our organisation, and other factors. We will convey this policy to all our colleagues ensuring that they are provided with training to increase awareness of environmental matters.

Ella Townsend is our Green Champion and has designated responsibility for the day-to-day implementation of this policy. Please contact contactus@stpetersvets.co.uk if you have any queries.

St Peters Vets will make this policy available when requested to interested parties and members of the public. A copy of our Environmental Policy can also be found on our website and on the staff room notice board.

Signed: *[Signature]*

Date: 29/7/25

Position: Practice Manager

