

Green Procurement Policy

St Peter's Vets Ltd is committed to sourcing and procuring 'environmentally preferable' products and services that meet current performance, safety and regulatory requirements.

By adopting this green procurement policy, St Peter's Vets Ltd agrees to:

- Act in accordance with the waste hierarchy, avoiding the unnecessary procurement of products and services where possible.
- Use the criteria set out below to make decisions relating to the procurement of goods and services.
- Review and, if necessary, update the policy on an annual basis.
- Share the policy with all staff making procurement decisions.
- Monitor on-going procurement activity, provide regular feedback to staff and submit impact data for annual reporting.

Green Procurement Criteria

St Peter's Vets Ltd will consider the following criteria when making procurement decisions:

- Eliminating or reducing the procurement of products or services that have the most harmful environmental impact.
- Prioritising the procurement of products and services by environmental impact instead of cost.
- Procuring reused, refurbished, remanufactured and recycled-content products when possible.
- Purchasing greener products available through existing suppliers, such as energy saving office equipment, biodegradable cleaning products, recycled content/FSC stationery and where appropriate, use reusable and refillable products.
- Purchasing organic and/or fair-trade products where practicable.
- Supporting local remanufacturing efforts by purchasing at least a portion of recycled/upcycled products from local organisations where they exist.
- Actively encouraging suppliers to stock products and services that have minimum environmental impact and reduce the packaging in which products are supplied.
- Asking suppliers to provide clear information about the processes and materials used in their manufacturing processes, identifying any processes harmful to the environment and seek suppliers that are working towards the phase out of such practices.

It may not be possible to purchase a green alternative for every product or service. Compromise may be required. St Peter's Vets Ltd will endeavour to:

- Address the significant environmental impacts of current procurement.
- Set targets and dates to achieve changes in purchasing practice.
- Engage colleagues responsible for procurement decisions with general environmental awareness and provide support for them to improve the sustainability of our supply chain.

- Work co-operatively with other departments and neighboring organisations to purchase environmentally sound products.

The checklist in appendix 1 will be used, wherever practicable, with regards to resource use and recyclability, hazardous content, energy use, packaging, transportation, catering, supplier environmental reporting and social impact.

Georgia Winter and Olivia Wimsett (Green Team) are responsible for the implementation of this policy and the monitoring of procurement activity in accordance with it.

St Peter's Vets Ltd will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public, including making a copy available on the St Peter's Vets Ltd website.

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