

**INVESTORS
IN THE
ENVIRONMENT**



Environmental Policy Template

Garden Veterinary Group

2024



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Garden Veterinary Group is a veterinary practice which specialises in small animals. At Garden Veterinary Group, we take pride in offering a compassionate, dedicated, and high-quality service to our clients and their pets. We acknowledge that our operations have an effect on the environment and have identified our key environmental aspects that contribute our environmental and carbon footprint:

- Consumption of electricity, gas, water, and other fuels
- Use of anaesthetic gases
- Waste generation
- Transport emissions
- Use of raw materials, including prescribed drugs and medicines
- Procured goods and services with their own environmental impact.

Garden Veterinary Group is committed to reducing its environmental impact through a journey of continual improvement by working through the Investors in the Environment accreditation scheme

Our environmental commitment can be demonstrated in our established objectives and goals below:

- Commitment to net zero carbon emissions target by 2040 in alignment with corporate sustainability policies
- Compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and public/customer expectations
- Monitoring our key resource usage and implementing conservation techniques to achieve our environmental targets.
- Implement a waste/recycling policy and sustainable procurement policy.
- Minimising unsustainable transport
- Take part in [1] One Health sustainability project with our staff.
- Working with suppliers to ensure they acknowledge and decrease the environmental impact of their products and transportation.
- Publishing and distribution of an annual organisational sustainability report
- Engaging with colleagues and clients to encourage clients to action sustainable animal care.
- Practicing responsible medicine usage and disposal

We will continue to improve our environmental management system by working to the Investors in the Environment (IiE) criteria, considering any changes in legislation, our organisation, and other factors. We will convey this policy to all our employees, ensuring that they are provided with training to increase awareness of environmental matters.

Rebecca Brown is our Sustainability Champion and has designated responsibility for the day-to-day implementation of this policy.

Garden Veterinary Group will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public, including making a copy available on the Practice's website.

Signed: R.Brown

Date: 9.9.24

Position: Practice Manager

