

**INVESTORS
IN THE
ENVIRONMENT**



Environmental Policy

Oakhill Veterinary Centre

2023



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Oakhill Veterinary Centre is a **veterinary practice** which cares for **small animal, farm and equine patients**. At Oakhill Veterinary Centre we strive to provide friendly and knowledgeable care to all patients we see from initial consultation to end of treatment, and an outstanding service to our pet owners. 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

Oakhill Veterinary Centre is committed to reducing its environmental impact through a journey of continual improvement by working through the Investors in the Environment accreditation scheme. **We aim to reduce our environmental impact in both our day-to-day operations, and we have also secured a state-of-the-art practice facility providing safe and pleasant working environment for our staff, while guaranteeing quality service that will improve the health and wellbeing of our patients.**

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

We will continue to improve our environmental management system by working to the Investors in the Environment (iE) 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.

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

Oakhill Veterinary Centre will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public, including making a copy available on the Oakhill Veterinary Centre website.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Position: Clinical Director / Managing Director/Senior Manager