**St David Veterinary Centre Environmental Sustainability Policy 2025**



*St David Veterinary Centre provides a small animal veterinary service in Cardiff and comprises of two RCVS- accredited sites. At St David Veterinary Centre we take pride in offering a compassionate, dedicated, and high-quality service to our clients. 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

● Paper usage

● Transport of personnel and animals

● Medicines usage and disposal

● Procurement of goods and services contributing to emissions and pollution

***St David Veterinary Centre* is committed to enhancing our environmental performance through a journey of continual improvement by working through the Practice Standards Scheme. Our environmental commitment can be demonstrated in our established objectives and goals below:**

* Compliance with all applicable environmental regulations and societal expectation
* Monitoring our key resource usage and implement conservation techniques to achieve our environmental targets
* Support the environment, community and local wildlife with initiatives such as a Bee friendly garden and taking part in a sustainability project with the practice team becoming a litter picking hub
* Implementing a waste management policy with a focus on reducing, re-using and recycling. Working with Cardiff Council, Biffa, Reconomy Connect and TerraCycle to achieve this
* Publishing and distribution of an annual organisational sustainability report
* Engaging with colleagues and clients to encourage climate action and sustainable animal care
* Minimising unsustainable transport use including a cycle to work scheme
* Practising responsible medicines usage and disposal with a focus on antibiotics and antiparasitics
* Working with suppliers to ensure they acknowledge and decrease the environmental impact of their products and transportation

St David Veterinary Centre 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](https://vetpartners.co.uk/app/uploads/2021/02/VetPartners-Sustainability-Strategy.pdf) and include using renewable energy, diverting waste from landfill, undertaking charitable fundraising and ensuring a kind and inclusive workplace culture.

St David Veterinary Centre will continue to improve our environmental management system through annual reviews and updates, considering 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.

Charlotte Bowling is our Green Champion and has designated responsibility for the day-to-day implementation of this policy. Please contact info@st-davidvetcentre.co.uk if you have any queries.

St David Veterinary Centre 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.

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Position: Clinical Director

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Next Review Date: January 2026

