

Woodward Veterinary Practice Environmental Policy

At Woodward Veterinary Practice, our team works hard to provide friendly, knowledgeable support to pet owners, while maintaining the very highest levels of patient care and client service. We acknowledge that our operations have an effect on the environment and have identified key areas that contribute to our environmental and carbon footprint.

Our core environmental impacts are climate change, waste management and responsible pharmaceutical and chemical stewardship. We acknowledge that our operations have an effect on the environment and our ambition is to continually improve by:

- Accessing sustainability-focused forums and training
- Monitoring key resources such as electricity, gas, water, anaesthetic gases and transport. We will then set reduction targets.
- Calculating a scope 1, 2 and partial scope 3 carbon footprint, and setting an annual reduction target.
- Using sustainability performance metrics to drive change.
- Supporting sustainable transport options and healthy lifestyles for our Associates
- Carrying out One Health projects
- Improved resource management including sustainable procurement choices and waste management plans
- Providing our clients support on responsible preventative care strategies
- Accepting returns of unused or out-of-date veterinary medicines to our practice
- Being compliant with applicable environmental regulations and meeting our clients' expectations.

Woodward Veterinary Practice are committed to reducing their environmental impact through a journey of continual improvement by working through the Investors in the Environment accreditation scheme. Our practice is registered on the [iiE Green Directory](#). Ben Witcomb and Laura Nixon are our designated nominees for the day-to-day implementation of this policy.

We communicate this policy to our associates, ensuring that they are provided with training to increase awareness of environmental matters and opportunities to make changes. We make this policy available to our clients through our practice website and we welcome ideas or questions from clients via our Client Care teams.

For further questions on Linnaeus Sustainability, please contact sustainability@linnaeusgroup.co.uk or go to the website at <https://www.linnaeusgroup.co.uk/about-us/sustainability> for more information.

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