

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Scott Mitchell Veterinary Care acknowledges that our veterinary activities, services, and operations have an impact on the environment and have identified key impacts related to our business that contribute to our environmental and carbon footprint. Through the implementation of this sustainability policy, we will encourage wide reaching participation, working to reduce these impacts, whilst upholding the highest standards of animal health, welfare, and clinical care for our patients.

We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint through a journey of continual improvement through the following actions:

1. Practicing responsible resource use:
 - a. Reducing our consumption of energy, water, fuel, anaesthetic gases, paper, and other resources.
 - b. Promoting and supporting sustainable travel where possible.
 - c. Improving waste management by reducing overall waste produced, recycling where possible.
 - d. Making sustainable choices when purchasing equipment/ consumables.
2. Being sustainable in our operation:
 - a. Reducing our use of single use plastics, disposable items and ecotoxic chemicals.
 - b. Encourage the responsible use and disposal of medicines.
 - c. Working with suppliers/contractors with sustainable goals.
 - d. Reduce emissions associated with commute to work as well as clients.
3. Using medicines responsibly:
 - a. Promoting health plans and the responsible use of antimicrobials and parasiticides.
 - b. Avoiding drug wastage with stock control
 - c. Ensuring the safe disposal of drugs both by employees and clients.

We will continue to strive for further improvement by regularly reviewing our progress and setting targets and by making the environmental impact of any decision a leading consideration in our decision-making processes.